

Roles & Responsibilities

Property Owners: They are responsible for maintaining their property. If you receive a Notice of Violation, you must bring your property into timely compliance. Please contact the Property Code Enforcement and Demolition Office at the number listed below.

City: It has the legal responsibility to gain a property owner's compliance with city codes, to abate nuisances, to take necessary enforcement actions, and to recover relevant costs.

Community members: As a neighborhood's "eyes and ears," community members are responsible for informing the City about problem properties and sharing information about code enforcement with their neighborhood.

Everyone is responsible for the future of Youngstown's neighborhoods. If there is a property that requires attention, please contact:



<http://www.youngstownohio.gov/>



(330)742-8888

A neighborhood is only as safe and healthy as the worst property on the block!

City of Youngstown

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CODE ENFORCEMENT



Overview of Youngstown's Housing and Property Enforcement Program.

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What is Housing Code Enforcement? Who is Responsible?

Housing Code Enforcement are the administrative and legal procedures to gain compliance with relevant city codes and abate property conditions that create public nuisances. Code enforcement's mission is to protect public health and safety and to facilitate neighborhood stabilization and revitalization. The City's Property Code and Demolition Office has the legal authority to take the most appropriate and effective compliance and enforcement action. Compliance with the City's Housing and Property Maintenance Codes is the responsibility of owners, businesses, and banks.

What are the Codes & Programs?

The Property Code and Demolition Office administers the following programs and enforce relevant city codes.

- Weed [Chapter 1749]
- Rubbish, and Litter Abatement [Chapter 521]
- Demolition of Vacant Structures [§ 546.08 & Chapter 1309]
- Vacant Property Registry [§ 546.13]
- Foreclosure Bond [§ 546.13 (6)(d)]
- Licensing of Rental Properties [§ 546.11]
- Property Code Enforcement [Chapter 546]

Code Enforcement Three-Phase Process

1. Initiation of Complaint

In this step, a complaint on a specific property is received by a Housing Code Inspector, citizen, Mayor, City Council member, or other member of the public. The complaint is properly assigned to a Housing Code Inspector for investigation and inspection.



2. Inspection/Investigation & Case Management

- **If NO violation is found:** Case is closed.
- **If violation is found:** A Notice of Violation with a compliance deadline is sent to the property owner. If property has other violations, case is sent to other city departments.

After the compliance deadline, the City reinspects the property.

- **If in compliance:** Case is closed.
- **If NOT in compliance:** The City will select and enforce one of the actions and procedures listed in Step 3.

3. Enforcement Actions & Procedures

When it cannot obtain compliance through the Notice of Violation procedure, the City can take one or more of the following enforcement actions:

- Administrative Penalties
- Property Maintenance Appeals Board Hearings
- Nuisance abatement actions (demolition, grass cutting, clean and secure, etc.)
- Prosecutor hearings
- Criminal citation or criminal prosecution
- Civil receiverships