

Code Compliance

Complaints?

We are interested in your comments and suggestions for improving our services and your neighborhoods. If you would like us to look into a particular problem having to do with code compliance please read on.

The City of Syracuse enforces the regulations contained in the Syracuse City Municipal code, generally through complaints generated by residents of the City. The City Code enforcement officer will respond to complaints about junk vehicles, excessive weeds, trash, property maintenance, land use problems, nuisances, and illegal signs. By bringing violations to our attention, you are helping to protect your property values and aesthetics of your neighborhood. If you are concerned about any of the preceding, we can help. If a violation has occurred, we will try to resolve it in several ways.

How We Process Code Violations?

First is contact with person or landowner that is causing the complaint to be generated. The Code enforcement officer prefers to work together with the landowner to provide information regarding the ordinance violation and give a reasonable time frame to comply with the City ordinance. If the violation is not corrected from initial contact a formal notice is served to the landowner that provides 10 days but not more than 60 days (time varies) following the date of notice to correct the objectionable condition. If the violation is not corrected, the Code Enforcement officer may issue a Class C misdemeanor citation for each offense and a fine of up to \$750.00 for failure to comply. If the owner continues to violate the City ordinance the City will employ the necessary legal assistance to have the objectionable issue be removed or destroyed at the expense of the City. The City shall present such expenses to the landowner or persons having interest in the property demanding payment of the incurred expenses within 20 days. If the person fails to make payment of incurred expenses the City may file suit to collect costs or elect to refer the expenses to the County Assessors office for inclusion and collection in the tax notice of the property owner.

Common Code Compliance Issues

The most common code compliance issues handled by the City are:

- Junk vehicles: Inoperable vehicles on private property, un-registered, wrecked or not parked within an enclosed structure or fenced area.
- Automotive Parts: Engines, or any other parts, assemblies or components of automobiles and other motor vehicles.
- Nuisances: Trash or debris on private property constituting a nuisance as determined by the Code Enforcement Officer, including neglected machinery or junk. Any discarded, broken or disabled material including, but not limited to, furniture, appliances, discarded lumber or other items that are not in functioning condition.

How Do I Report A Code Violation?

To report violations please contact the City Community Development Department at 801-825-1477. There is also a PDF formatted complaint form available on this web page for printing and mailing or delivery to the City offices. Forms can also be picked up at the City Hall.

Please include the specific violation, the exact street address where it is occurring and your name and phone number in case the City has any questions or needs further information. You may request that this information be anonymous if you wish. Some complaints are enforced by other agencies such as Davis County Animal Control, Davis County Health, or incidents outside of City boundary limits.