

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The City of Wilmington Building and Zoning Department accepts complaints regarding violations of the City's Property Maintenance Code. The police department helps assist with the documenting of violations and servicing of notices. The majority of complaints were regarding grass cutting, litter, and junk cars. We handled 79 grass complaints this season. Just fewer than 80% of those were resolved by the property owners. Assessments for grass cutting for properties not brought into compliance were charged to properties owners in August. Here is a breakdown of all property maintenance complaints received:

Type of Violation Reported and/or Found:

Unsafe Structures and Equipment.....	2
General (Exterior & Interior Property Areas, Exterm.)	18
Mechanical & Electrical Requirements	5
Plumbing Facilities & Fixture Requirements.....	4
Light, Ventilation, & Occupancy	1
Fire Safety Requirements	2
Weeds & Grass	112
Litter	54
Codified Ordinances (Tree Lawn Upkeep, Recreational Vehicle Parking, etc.)....	5
Zoning Ordinances (Permitted Use, Accessory Structures, etc.).....	3
Sign Regulations.....	3

Violations of the zoning and property maintenance codes are addressed by issuing a formal violation notice and working with the property owner to bring their property into compliance within a specified time frame. If needed, property owners can be brought before the Court.

There were no properties in the city demolished using funds from grant monies this year but there is one in process.

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