

TOWN OF BLADENSBURG

CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT

SUMMER 2026 HIGHLIGHTS & ACTIVITY REPORT

During Summer 2026, the Town of Bladensburg Code Enforcement Department continued promoting a clean, safe, attractive, and code-compliant community. Staff conducted routine inspections, responded to resident concerns, addressed property maintenance issues, supported community events, and collaborated with Town departments and outside agencies.

BULK TRASH & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Code Enforcement issued **9 Bulk Trash Reminder Notices** to residents for heavy or bulk trash placed at the curb. These reminders were intended to educate residents on proper disposal procedures and encourage voluntary compliance with Town requirements.

Code Enforcement also issued **14 Grass Violation Notices** for properties with high grass, weeds, or other vegetation-related maintenance concerns. Staff continued follow-up inspections to determine compliance and initiate additional enforcement action when necessary.

ILLEGAL SIGNS

Code Enforcement continued proactive enforcement involving unauthorized signs placed on utility poles and within public rights-of-way.

During the reporting period:

- **65 signs** were removed from utility poles.
- **23 signs** were removed from public rights-of-way.
- **88 signs** were removed during this reporting period.
- **301 signs** have been removed **year-to-date**.

Removing unauthorized signs helps maintain the appearance of the Town, protects public spaces, and reduces visual clutter throughout the community.

ABANDONED VEHICLES

Code Enforcement continued monitoring and enforcement of abandoned and potentially inoperable vehicles throughout residential, commercial, and multifamily areas.

During the reporting period:

- **20 abandoned vehicles** were identified in residential areas.
- **5 abandoned vehicles** were identified in business areas.
- **4 abandoned vehicles** were identified in apartment/multifamily areas.
- **1 vehicle was impounded.**

This represents **29 abandoned vehicle cases** during the reporting period. **Year-to-date, Code Enforcement has addressed 114 abandoned vehicles, with 4 vehicles impounded.**

Staff continues to conduct follow-up inspections and coordinate enforcement actions to address vehicles that remain in violation.

GRAFFITI COMPLAINTS

Code Enforcement received **10 graffiti complaints** during the reporting period. Staff documented reported locations, conducted inspections, and coordinated appropriate corrective action to help maintain the appearance and quality of Town properties and public areas.

GOVPILOT / CITIZEN CONCERNS

Code Enforcement received **6 citizen concerns through the GovPilot reporting system.**

The **average case closure time was approximately 3 days**, demonstrating the Department's continued commitment to timely investigation, communication, and resolution of community concerns.

APARTMENT & PROPERTY INSPECTIONS

Code Enforcement continued conducting **apartment inspections** as part of the Town's ongoing effort to promote safe and sanitary housing conditions.

Inspections focused on identifying property maintenance, health, safety, and other potential code violations. Staff continued communicating with property owners and management representatives regarding corrective actions and conducting follow-up inspections when necessary

COMMUNITY & INTERDEPARTMENTAL SUPPORT

In addition to regular enforcement responsibilities, Code Enforcement assisted with several Town events and operational activities during the summer, including:

- **Town Fireworks Celebration**
- **National Night Out (NNO)**
- **Back-to-School Jam**
- Public Works **line-painting activities**
- **First Day of School** opening-day activities

These activities provided Code Enforcement staff with additional opportunities to support other Town departments, interact with residents, and contribute to community safety and engagement.

QUINCY STREET CLEANUP

Code Enforcement assisted the **Maryland State Highway Administration and the Town's Public Works Department** with cleanup activities along Quincy Street.

The collaborative effort supported the Town's ongoing commitment to maintaining clean public areas and addressing conditions affecting neighborhood appearance and quality of life.

MEETINGS, TRAINING & PROFESSIONAL DEVELOPMENT

Code Enforcement staff participated in several meetings, training opportunities, and professional activities during the reporting period, including:

- **Maryland Municipal League / CEZOA Meeting – Greenbelt, Maryland**
- Meeting with the **Town Administrator** regarding the abatement process and ongoing Code Enforcement projects
- **Senior Staff Meeting**
- **Ice Cream with a Cop** activity throughout the Town

Participation in these meetings and activities supports professional development, strengthens interdepartmental communication, improves enforcement procedures, and promotes positive engagement between Code Enforcement, Town leadership, partner agencies, and the community.

SUMMER 2026 ACTIVITY AT A GLANCE

Activity

Summer 2026 Year-to-Date

Bulk Trash Reminder Notices	9	—
Signs Removed	88	301
Abandoned Vehicles	29	114
Vehicles Impounded	1	4
Grass Violation Notices	14	—
Graffiti Complaints	10	—
GovPilot Citizen Concerns	6	—
Average Case Closure Time	3 Days	—

CONTINUING PRIORITIES

The Code Enforcement Department will continue focusing on proactive property inspections, abandoned vehicle enforcement, high grass and vegetation violations, bulk trash compliance, graffiti concerns, apartment inspections, citizen complaints, and public education.

The Department remains committed to working collaboratively with residents, property owners, businesses, Town departments, and partner agencies to maintain a **clean, safe, attractive, and welcoming Bladensburg community**.

CONTACT CODE ENFORCEMENT

Residents and property owners who have questions, concerns, or wish to report a potential code violation are encouraged to contact the Town of Bladensburg Code Enforcement Department.

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Working together to keep Bladensburg clean, safe, and beautiful.