

CODE COMPLIANCE BRIEF

NOVEMBER 7, 2022

TRANSITION

- Transition has been completed from Code **Enforcement** (Law Enforcement) under the Dalton Police Department to Code **Compliance** (Non Law Enforcement) under the Office of the City Administrator.
- Vehicles have been re-lettered from Code Enforcement that resembled local law enforcement agencies to Code Compliance resembling public utility vehicles, a more subtle approach.
- Dress code changed from black polo shirts and khaki pants, the same color scheme as local law enforcement training uniforms, to various color pants and bright royal blue polo shirts.
- Shift from reactive, complaint driven, to proactive enforcement in an attempt to reduce dangerous blight in the city.

CASE LOAD

- Currently operating without a records management system. All records are being maintained through notebook pads, steno notebooks, Microsoft Office (Word, Excel, PowerPoint etc.), standard jpeg picture files.
- Average of 4 new cases per day since May 1, 2022 that require further more in-depth investigation.
- In a 48 day span a total of 120 cases were received and assigned for further study. These cases required multiple follow ups, review and in-depth investigation.
- Above numbers do not reflect “knock and talks”/educational contacts. Approximately 682 personal public contacts have been made since April 18, 2022.

ABATEMENT

- The city's voluntary abatement program has proven to be a valuable tool in gaining voluntary compliance while improving the aesthetic values in the community.
- To date there have been 9 properties that have inquired and/or participated in the abatement program. We currently have 2 properties that have initiated the process.
- Removal of these structures vastly decreases the dangers of structural collapse, use as a place for illegal activities, disease due to pests and animal inhabitants.
- Average cost to property owner \$5,000.00 to \$8,000.00.

MOST FREQUENT VIOLATIONS

- Dilapidated and in some cases extremely poorly maintained structures.
- Overgrown Vegetation
- Rubbish and/or Garbage
- Dilapidated Accessory Structures (Fences, Storage Buildings etc.)
- Signage Violations - mostly political signage, in the Gateway District and throughout the city.

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CODE COMPLIANCE BLIGHT ABATEMENT – GLENWOOD AVE.



BLIGHT ABATEMENT – CENTRAL AVE.



CODE COMPLIANCE UPDATES – MISC.

- CSX Lot Nuisance Abatement (Overgrown Vegetation) – Former Ready Mix Lot on Glenwood Avenue **BEFORE PHOTOS**



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CODE COMPLIANCE UPDATES – MISC.

- Oddfellow Building – Spencer Street – Non-permitted porch removal



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