

12/10/24 CRCRC AND P&Z RECOMMENDATIONS ON ENFORCEMENT

The CRCRC considered including a question on ordinance enforcement in its late 2023 public survey but collectively decided that enforcement was outside of CRCRC scope even though “Ordinance Enforcement” is one of the items for address listed in the CRCRC charter. Still, various derivations of the word “enforcement” are mentioned unprompted 67 times in the 2023 survey comments spread among 46 of the survey’s 274 respondents. Of those, 14 enforcement comments are in response to the general survey question #2 “Do you think Rollingwood should consider changes to its building codes?”. Here respondents mostly commented on the need to better enforce current ordinances rather than change them or create new ones. Another 14 comments are directed at the common nuisances of construction: working outside of allowable hours; long standing empty houses; contractor parking; etc. Concerns about tree ordinance enforcement are mentioned 6 times. The remaining “enforcement” occurrences are scattered.

Given the number of unprompted comments identifying ordinance enforcement as a potential issue, the CRCRC makes these recommendations:

- 1) Review current resources to ensure that staff is being provided what’s needed to effectively enforce codes and ordinances and if not, take corrective action.
- 2) Ensure that the city contractor/consultants performance meets the requirements for effective and timely code enforcement and if not, take corrective action.
- 3) Set the penalties for ordinance violations to the maximum allowable and enforce them effectively.

We leave it to the mayor and City Staff in conjunction with recommendations from City Council to consider these recommendations and act on them as they see fit.