



City of Spring lake Park
Code Enforcement Division
1301 Eighty First Avenue Northeast
Spring Lake Park, Minnesota 55432
(763) 784-6491 Fax: (763) 792-7257

REPORT

TO: Spring Lake Park City Council
FROM: Jeff Baker, Code Enforcement Director/Building Official
RE: Code Enforcement Monthly Report for August 2026
DATE: September 1, 2026

The Spring Lake Park Code Enforcement department is the authority having jurisdiction for all fire, rental, property, nuisance, and zoning codes within Spring Lake Park.

In August, a total of 42 permits were issued, compared to 54 permits issued in August 2025. The breakdown of permits issued is as follows:

- Building: 17
- Fire Suppression & Alarm: 1
- Mechanical: 5
- Plumbing: 8
- Electrical: 5
- Zoning: 6

Code Enforcement conducted a total of 130 inspections during the month of August, consisting of:

- Building: 49
- Rental: 11
- Zoning: 0
- Nuisance: 63
- Electrical: 7

Additionally, 11 administrative citations were issued for non-compliance.

Code Enforcement has been working diligently to address the complaints coming into the City. As you can see on tonight's agenda, a destruction order has been brought forward for the property at 8280 Taylor Street. This is the first time during Building Official Baker's tenure with the City of Spring Lake Park that Code Enforcement has had to pursue this type of action.

Since the original complaint was received, Jeff and Ethan have inspected the property a total of 12 times. The initial complaint involved long grass and a mattress being stored outside. It took seven inspections and multiple administrative citations before the mattress was finally removed. Unfortunately, the long grass issues have still not been brought into compliance.

A destruction order is not the action Code Enforcement was hoping to pursue. However, after repeated inspections, notices, and opportunities to correct the violations, additional enforcement has become necessary. The goal is to bring the property into compliance and address the ongoing blight that has negatively affected the surrounding neighborhood and neighboring property owners.

Inspector Wirtz has done an outstanding job managing the nuisance tree removal process. We anticipated significant resistance from property owners due to the substantial cost associated with tree removal. However, Inspector Wirtz has approached each situation with professionalism, empathy, and an understanding of the financial burden these requirements may place on residents.

Of the approximately 50 nuisance tree removal notices that were sent in August, many property owners have contacted Inspector Wirtz to discuss their options. As a result, most have either established a reasonable timeline for compliance, already removed the trees, or scheduled a contractor to complete the work. His ability to communicate effectively and work collaboratively with residents has contributed to a positive response and a high level of voluntary compliance.

Construction Update:

1313 Osborne Rd #120 – The Grey Area (Cannabis Cultivation) the building permit has been issued. No inspections yet.

8299 University Ave – Nashmi Restaurant. Plan review was completed and the building permit has been issued. No inspections yet.

7777 Highway 65 #C – Event Center. Still working on their CUP paperwork. Plan review for the building and fire suppression has been completed. All underground and Rough-In plumbing has been completed.

In July of 2026, I also attended the following appointments:

- City Council meeting on August 3rd and 17th.
- Department head meeting August 4th.
- Terrace Park Meeting August 24th.
- Planning Commission August 24th.

This concludes the Code Enforcement monthly report for August 2026. If anyone has any questions or concerns regarding my report, I would be happy to answer them at this time.