

What is Fairfield County Code Enforcement?

Code Enforcement is a service provided by Fairfield County to ensure compliance with the County's Ordinances in an effort to maintain community standards. Code Enforcement's mission statement is to **"Provide for overall health, safety and welfare of the community"**.

What is Enforced?

- Abandoned and Dangerous Buildings
- Abandoned Manufactured Homes/Mobile Homes
- Abandoned/ Junk Vehicles
- Upkeep of Lots and Public Nuisances
- Litter
- Premises identification **(display of 911 addresses)**.

How are Complaints Received?

Code Enforcement responds to complaints from citizens, community groups, and other agencies. Systematic inspections are also performed throughout the unincorporated area of the County in an effort to prevent developing situations from becoming worse. An individual may register a complaint by calling the Fairfield County Code Enforcement Officer at **803-712-6596**. You are not required to give your name or provide any other personal information.

How are Complaints Handled?

After receiving the complaint, the Code Enforcement Officer will determine the validity of the complaint. Once this is established, a violation notice is posted on the property owner's door if no one is home. If the notice cannot be posted on the property owner's door, a certified letter containing the specific violation and orders for abatement will be mailed or delivered in person if applicable.

What happens when Non-Compliance Occurs?

Non compliance will result in a citation being issued, requiring a court appearance. A guilty plea or judgment shall be punishable by a fine of no more than two hundred dollars (\$200.00) unless otherwise noted in the ordinance. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.