CHATTANOOGA 311

ONE CALL TO CITY HALL

What happens after I report a code violation?

HOUSING

- A Notice of Violation letter is sent to the property owner allowing 30 days to bring structure into compliance.
- After 30 days the property is re-inspected. If it is not in compliance, the owner is cited to appear in Environmental Court at the next available hearing, generally in two to three weeks.
- If the structure needs to be demolished, a Notice of Demolition hearing will be sent to the owner and posted on the property. These hearings are held bi-monthly.
- If the Hearing Officer orders demolition, the property is posted for demolition and the property owner has 30 days to file an appeal in Chancery Court. If there is no appeal, it may require up to 60 days to complete the demolition.

ABANDONED OR INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Private Property

- Vehicle is observed for possible violation for 10 day period.
- If still in violation, a Notice of Violation letter is sent to the owner stating they have 10 days to show that it is operable or remove vehicle.
- If still in violation, the owner is cited to appear at next available Environmental Court hearing, usually in two to three weeks.
- If still in violation, City will request a court order to remove the vehicle.

Street Vehicle (Parked Along Road)

- A violation sticker is attached to the vehicle and a Notice of Violation letter is sent to the adjacent property owner stating they have 10 days upon receipt to remove vehicle or file an appeal.
- If no appeal is filed, the City will tow the vehicle.

LITTER OR OVERGROWTH

- A Notice of Violation letter is sent to the property owner allowing 10 days to abate and bring property into compliance.
- The property is re-inspected after 10 days. If still in violation, the owner is sent a citation to appear at next available Environmental Court hearing, generally in two to three weeks.
- If still in violation, a judge may order the City to abate. A Public Nuisance Notice is sent to the property owner and posted on the property. Scheduling a contractor to abate the nuisance may take up to 30 days.

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