

Neighborhood Services Team

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History

- The concept for the Neighborhood Services Team started when Code Enforcement was moved from the Housing and Community Development Department to the Police Department. This occurred in August 2016.
- The Neighborhood Services Team was formally created when a Manager was assigned to the Division and Code Enforcement was combined with Parking Enforcement. This occurred in March 2017.

Current Operations

Division Purpose:

Provide for the inspection of residential, commercial and institutional properties, and vacant parcels; provide technical and inspection services required for various home repair and anti-littering initiatives. Provide education on and enforcement of the City Code, including parking and environmental laws. This division combines work that until about two years ago fell under the purview of various City departments.

Management Objectives:

- *Provide effective, timely, and proactive education and enforcement of the Property Maintenance Code, and abatement of identified code violations.*
- *Provide effective enforcement and management of City parking resources.*
- *Provide education and outreach for City environmental laws, including Safe Grow and the polystyrene, plastic bag, and plastic straw bans.*



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Neighborhood
Services Team**

2020 Statistics

- 245 Courtesy Notices
- 74 Notices of Violation
- 27 Citation Cases
- 4 Trial Cases
- 12 Environmental Cases
- 1013 Signs and Flyers Removed
- 61 Monthly Litter Inspections
- 19 Monthly Vacant Inspections
- 60 Current Cases (2021)
- 8 Trial Cases Pending

Code Enforcement Process

- Courtesy Notice (5-10 days)
- Notice Of Violation (10-20 days)
- Failure To Abate (10-20 days)
- Citation (20-30 days)
- Violations are subject to receive an extension if the property owner(s) have demonstrated an actual effort to abate the violation.

Courtesy Notice



City of Takoma Park
Neighborhood Services Team
a division of the Takoma Park Police Department

We would like to help you
Avoid a Violation

During a general survey of the neighborhood, we noted the following item(s) that are potentially a violation of the Takoma Park Property Maintenance Code:

Date of issue: _____ / _____ / _____
Address: _____

To avoid a Notice of Violation, please address the issue written above by this date:

_____ / _____ / _____

For questions, please call the
Neighborhood Services Team at:

Phone: _____

For complete information regarding the Takoma Park Property Maintenance Code, please visit:
<https://takomactd.org/government/police/neighborhood-services/property-maintenance-code/>

Thank you!
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Questions?