

CITY OF TAKOMA PARK

HOUSING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT



July 24, 2024

Code Enforcement

Presented by Rick Baravechia, Code Enforcement Manager

History

Code Enforcement was moved from the Police Department to HCD when Neighborhood Services was disbanded. This occurred in July 2022.

Mission

The Code Enforcement Division's primary mission is to protect the health and wellbeing of Takoma park residents through the preservation of its residential and commercial infrastructure.

Responsibilities

- Community-wide enforcement of the Property Maintenance Code and other nuisance ordinances
- Investigation of nuisance complaints
- Referrals to appropriate county and state agencies in situations where local codes do not apply

Enforcement

Enforcement efforts are coordinated to the greatest extent possible with other City departments and County and State officials. We also work closely with the community, maintaining positive relationships with Takoma Park business associations, neighborhood groups, property owners, and residents.



Code Enforcement Strategies

1. Education

2. Enforcement

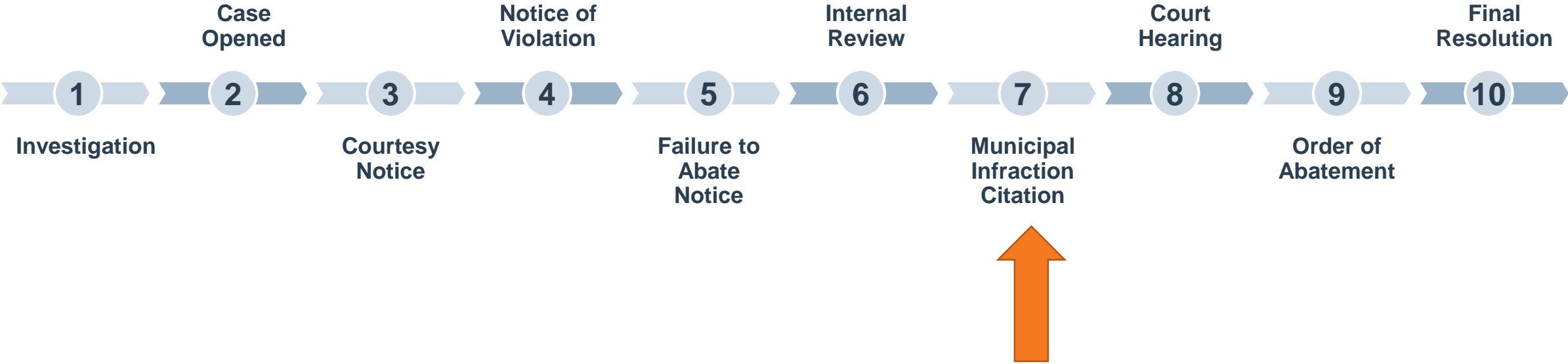
3. Assistance

Code Enforcement Process

- Case opened through officer inspection based on regular route or submitted complaint
- Courtesy Notice (15 days)
- Notice of Violation (NOV) (20 days)
- Municipal Infraction Citation (25 days)
- Violations are subject to receive an extension if the property owner(s) have demonstrated an actual effort to abate the violation

Code Enforcement Timeline

*Minimum Time
Period Between
Initial Notice and
Request for Trial:
6-12 Months*



Initiatives and Bans

Code Enforcement covers the following Initiatives and Bans:

- Anti-litter Initiative
- Multifamily/Commercial Recycling
- Noise Control
- Plastic Bag Ban
- Plastic Straws and Stirrers Ban
- Polystyrene Ban
- Safe Grow

FY24 Statistics

Total Properties in
Takoma Park

>7,000

Property Maintenance
Cases Opened

357

Notices of Violation
Issued

143

Citations Issued

43

Court Cases

3

Environmental Initiatives & Educational Activities

- Visited every commercial business in the city to promote the City Environmental Initiatives
- Presented an Organic Lawn Care presentation in April and Anti-litter event in October

Grants

Awarded

MD Department of Aging

\$26,000

Applied for

MD DHCD National Capital Strategic
Economic Development Fund (NED)

\$150,000

MD DHCD Community Health and Safety
Works, Environmental Justice Category

\$92,250

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Sample Property Maintenance Violations











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