CODE ENFORCEMENT

Mission statement: *"To enhance the community through the administration of a fair and unbiased compliance program."*

WHAT IS CODE ENFORCEMENT?

The purpose of the Code Enforcement Division is to protect and enhance the quality of life for the residents of Avondale through the enforcement of various property maintenance and zoning ordinances. These local laws and regulations, adopted by the Avondale City Council, protect the public health, safety, and welfare and serve as community standards. Compliance with these standards helps to reduce vandalism, deter crime, maintain property values, and prevent deterioration of neighborhoods. These codes benefit everyone by making our city a better place to live, work, and play.

Potential violations are discovered through systematic proactive inspections, citizen complaints, and referrals from other agencies or departments. Once a violation is identified, the responsible party is issued a notice providing reasonable time to correct the issue. Periodic follow-up inspections may be conducted to determine if compliance has been met. If compliance has not been achieved, additional time may be provided depending on the circumstances and severity of the violation.

A great deal of emphasis is placed on obtaining voluntary compliance. However, if a responsible party fails or refuses to voluntarily comply with city codes then a citation may be issued. The citation may be civil or criminal, depending on the circumstances. A civil citation may result in fines of no less than $250 per violation. A criminal citation is a Class 1 misdemeanor which is generally punishable by fines and probation.

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In an effort to increase public awareness of established community standards, Code Enforcement staff actively works with citizens and neighborhood groups to provide public education on city code requirements.

The city encourages citizen involvement in identifying and reporting code violations. By doing so, conditions that contribute to blight and deterioration are eliminated. The result is a cleaner, safer, and more desirable place to live.

To Report a Suspected Violation

Please contact the Code Enforcement Division with the property address or cross-street locations. Reports can be submitted via phone, email, or mobile phone app.

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Avondale AZ Neighborhood & Family Services

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