CODE ENFORCEMENT 101

Violations are either reported.....



I'D LIKE TO FILE A CODE COMPLAINT ON MY NEIGHBOR NEXT DOOR.

Observed by a highly trained code officer or building inspector



A Code Officer pays a visit to the property or calls the owner to discuss the violation





A timeframe is established and agreed upon that the violation will be abated by............If no contact is made with the owner then a "NOTICE OF VIOLATION" is issued to the property owner



By certified mail.

Once the notice is received, the owner must be given a reasonable amount of time to repair or abate the violation by law. The amount of time is determined by the code enforcement officer at his/her professional discretion. The allotted timeframe may NOT exceed 30 days.



If the owner does nothing to abate the violation after the agreed upon compliance date A hearing before the Special Magistrate is set and the Code Officer issues the owner a "NOTICE OF HEARING".



At the hearing ... the Magistrate hears all the evidence from both the code officer and owner. The Magistrate may then order the abatement. Usually the owner is given another reasonable period of time to abate the violation and the Magistrate sets another hearing date; to verify compliance. If the owner has not abated the violation as agreed upon by the date set by the Magistrate, then the owner



At this hearing fines and costs are assessed and a lien is recorded against the owner's property.



The lien is good for 20 years. The Village may foreclose on the property if collection of fines and incurred costs merit doing so.





