

City of Columbus, MS
Code Enforcement Division

It is the responsibility of the Code Enforcement Division to regulate (abandoned and occupied dwellings, overgrown lots, to include unkempt properties), the existing codes and ordinances that govern the maintenance and aesthetic value of residential and commercial properties. An important factor in a city's ability to consistently thrive and experience growth is the maintenance of existing developed properties.

**To Report a Complaint, call the
Action Center at 662.329.5147**

Mission statement

The mission of the Code Enforcement Division is to enforce the codes of the city in order to protect the health, safety and welfare of the community. When violations occur, we work with our citizens to achieve compliance through an efficient and fair process.

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This publication is an effort to enhance the understanding and cooperation between the Code Enforcement Division and the citizens of the City of Columbus, MS.

Code compliance process

The following steps are taken to resolve code violations:

1. **Complaint review** – When a complaint is reviewed by a code enforcement officer to determine if it is a violation of city code.
2. **Investigation**- If the issue is a violation of city code, a code enforcement officer will visit the property to verify the problem.
3. **Property owner notification** – If a violation is found, the property owners will receive a notice of violation letter detailing the necessary corrective actions, and a deadline to make corrections.

4. **Re-inspection**- The officer re-inspects the property at the end of the given time frame. If violations still exist, further enforcement will be taken.

5. **Legal action**- When compliance cannot be reached, the case is forwarded to the city attorney for legal action and hearing before mayor and the city councils.

Examples of Code Violations



Excessive growth of grass & weeds (6" or higher)



Accumulation of trash, junk & debris

Unsafe structure

An unsafe structure is one that is found to be dangerous to the life, health, property or safety of the public or occupants of the structure. Such structure may be damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe, etc.



International Property Maintenance Code

Property owners must ensure that buildings and structures are maintained in a safe and sanitary condition. The code has standards pertaining to cooking facilities, structural soundness, plumbing, electrical systems, fire hazards, ventilation, heating & sleeping facilities.

