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Code Enforcement Tracking Report

Case Status	Case No.	Complaint Date	Description of Complaint	Location/Address	Date of Initial Inspection	Date of Written Notice	Current Status	Next Follow-up Date	Final Compliance Date
Open	CE: 02-2020	1/9/2020	Trailer park needs to be cleaned up. Junk and junk vehicles.	307 West 2nd	1/10/2020	1/10/2020	Handing over to attorney to set hearing for municipal infraction. Inspected entire property 11/16/2020 and took photos throughout to show the state of deterioration the park is currently in. Took more photos March 8th, 2021. Spoke with attorney and we will be citing the owners of the park but may have to go after each individual lot.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 57-2020	7/6/2020	Vehicles without current registration	1105 E Salem	7/7/2020	N/A	Will get in touch with property owner and ask them to provide proof of current licensure for mini van and camper. Will close case upon confirmation.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 103-2020	10/19/2020	Unsafe accessory structure, junk debris, tree branches throughout property.	1001 North B Street	10/19/2020	10/21/2020	Sent dangerous building letter for accessory structure allowing 60 days for demolition (30 days for demo permit) also sent nuisance letter allowing 7 days for compliance. No response received. House appears abandoned. Will give to attorney for next steps. Will speak with attorney today. In contact with maintenance company regarding the outside portion of the structure. Waiting for guidance from attorney to determine what kind of approach to take. Seems as though the property is somewhat being taken care of with the exception of the garage. Property is going to Sheriffs sale.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 106-2020	11/30/2020	Junk Property	604 North Howard Street	12/1/2020	12/1/2020	Sent letter ordering property to be cleaned up within 30 days. Tenant is still making progress. Holding off on abatement for now. Will make contact with tenant about the amount of vehicles parked in front of garage.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 06-2021	2/24/2021	Defective Sidewalk	307 North B Street	2/24/2021	2/24/2021	Took pictures and sent letter. 30 Days for compliance. Need to find concrete abatement contractor. Issued Municipal Infraction.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 14-2021	3/15/2021	Political Sign	2000 Hillcrest	3/17/2021	3/19/2021	Sent Letter. Owner called and said they will take care of the sign within the next week or two. Issued Municipal Infraction.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 16-2021	3/23/2021	Junk piled up and strewn throughout property	208 South 4th Street	3/23/2021	3/25/2021	Abated 4/7/2021. File will stay open until squatters have permanently vacated the property. Camper has been removed but there are now tents set up in place of the camper. Will continue to abate property until owner has squatters evicted.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE:19-2021	3/29/2021	Junk vehicles, junk and debris scattered throughout property.	107 North Kenwood Blvd	3/30/2021		This property owner is a habitual violator. The property has become an even bigger nuisance than before and is a menace to the neighborhood. Owners have 7 days from the date they receive the letter to clean property up and make it presentable. Owner has made attempt to clean property. Will leave open and continue to check property.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 17-2021	3/30/2021	Roof on garage falling in, excessive yard waste and defective trampoline.	909 North Buxton	3/30/2021		Spoke with owner. He said he will have branches cleaned up and trampoline taken down by the time spring clean up gets here. As for the garage, he plans on tearing it down as soon as his financial situation is a little more stable.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 22-2021	3/31/2021	People living in camper and using alley as a bathroom. Junk scattered throughout property	406/410 W 2nd, 206 S D Street	4/1/2021		In contact with estate regarding multiple issues and violations.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 23-2021	4/2/2021	Overgrowth of trees and shrubs. Tree branches and bundles of brush everywhere. Junk vehicle in back yard.	207 North F Street	4/2/2021	4/2/2021	It appears as though someone is attempting to clean the property up but still have a little ways to go. Sent letter giving 30 days to clean property up.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 27-2021	4/19/2021	Sump discharge less than 5' from the property line	1007 N 1st Street.	4/21/2021	4/22/2021	Property owners have 7 days to bring the property use into compliance. Owners asked for 2 week extension.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 26-2021	4/19/2021	Non conforming driveway	1010 N Buxton	4/20/2021	4/21/2021	Owner has until May 20th to bring the properties use (driveway) into compliance. Going to BOA May 11th, 2021	5/13/2021	



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Open	CE: 28-2021	4/27/2021	Massive amount of scrap metal and bicycles next to garage	608 S G Street	4/27/2021	4/28/2021	Property owner has 7 days to clean up property. Requested hearing before council.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 29-2021	4/27/2021	Tall grass & weeds	1009 E Salem	4/27/2021	4/28/2021	Will abate in 7 days.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 30-2021	4/28/2021	Junk and debris piled up in the rear yard of property.	407 S 4th Street	4/28/2021	4/28/2021	Property must be cleaned up no later than May 6th, 2021.	5/13/2021	
Open			Unsafe Building	401 W Salem	6/25/2019	6/26/2019	Notice of unsafe building issued. Property owner obtained a building permit for work. Substantial progress made. Still needs to finish roof and siding. Owner continues to make progress. Ownership has changed hands. Will update asap! New owners beginning to make progress.	5/13/2021	
Open	CE: 51-2020	6/16/2020	Defective Sidewalk	1209 E 2nd Ave	6/16/2020	6/18/2020	Property owner claims they are having a hard time finding concrete contractor to complete the work. Sidewalk still not repaired. Waiting for bids from contractor's. May have to give extension until next spring. Postponed until next spring. Issued Municipal Infraction.	Spring 2021	
Open	CE: 88-2020	9/8/2020	Defective sidewalk	701 S R ST	9/9/2020	9/11/2020	Letter sent. Waiting for bids from contractor's. May have to give extension until next spring. Postponed until Spring 2021. Issued Municipal Infraction.	Spring 2021	
Open	CE: 97-2020	9/21/2020	Defective Sidewalk	126 North Howard Street	9/21/2020	9/21/2020	Letter sent. Waiting for bids from contractor's. May have to give extension until next spring. Postponed until Spring 2021	Spring 2021	
Open	CE: 07-2020	1/9/2020	Abandoned/Dangerous/Unsafe Building	2110 West 2nd	1/9/2020	1/10/2020	Sent letter of Abandoned, Dangerous, & Unsafe Building on 1/10/2020 and established a date of April 9th for completion. Owner called and asked for an extension until Labor day to complete gutters and paint. Still moving forward with court date and infraction to insure that work will be completed. Attorney is setting case for hearing.	TBD	
Open	CE: 17-2020	3/3/2020	Abandoned, unsafe & dangerous building	1009 E Salem		3/4/2020	Sent letter of Unsafe/Dangerous Building on 3/4/2020. Has until April 3rd to secure building permit and June 2nd to complete the work. No permit pulled for demolition. Moving forward with Municipal Infraction. Working towards D&D.	TBD	
Open	CE: 20-2021	3/30/2021	Structure Fire	409 4th Ave			Condemned Structure	TBD	
Open	CE: 21-2021	3/30/2021	Structure Fire	206 W Iowa Ave			Condemned Structure	TBD	
Open			Abandon/Unsafe Building	911 N C Street	3/28/2019	4/5/2019	Notice of unsafe building issued. Property owner has applied or a building permit. Default judgement issued by court on December 6. Property owner had until January 5 to have all work completed. Will continue to issue Municipal Infractions. Judge ruled for extension until May 1st to have all items completed from the original letter sent in April 2019 to which if they're not, then the property owner will be held in contempt. Property owner has contract through certa pro painters.	TBD	
Open			Abandon/Unsafe Building	310 E Boston	3/28/2019	4/5/2019	Property posted as unsafe. Building has been ordered to be vacated and was posted to prevent further occupancy until the work is completed. Met with owner to discuss timing for making improvements. Deadline set for November 1. Work has commenced on west side of house. Will check regularly. Owner continues to make progress on west side of structure. Will send letter to property owner stating requirements for completion of next phase. Moving forward with Municipal Infraction. Municipal Infraction issued. Property owner denied/contested the infraction. Owner failed to show up to court date. Entered default judgement. Attorney is setting for hearing.	TBD	
Open			Unsafe Building	407 West 1st Ave	12/11/2019	12/11/2019	House caught fire over thanksgiving weekend 11/28/2019. Inspected house on 12/11/2019 to determine extent of damage and see if the structure can be saved. Unfortunately the structure cannot be saved and must be torn down. Sent letter to property owner on 12/11/2019 ordering the house to be demolished by January 20th, 2020. Person in charge of the estate called in on 2/3/2020; Insurance claim has been filed, and adjuster will evaluate. Still waiting on insurance adjuster and mortgage company. Moving to schedule hearing before judge.	TBD	



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Closed	CE: 24-2021	4/7/2021	Junk camper without current registration	208 South 4th Street	4/7/2021	4/7/2021	Owner has 7 days to remove camper from property. Another pile of garbage has been set out behind the camper and must be picked up before camper can be removed. Trying to coordinate another abatement for next week. Status same as CE: 16-2021. City removed camper 4/27/2021	4/27/2021
Closed	CE: 18-2021	3/30/2021	Dangerous/Unsafe Building	307 North Howard	3/30/2021		Left door hanger 3/30/2021. Owner will be demolishing shed within the next couple weeks.	4/27/2021
Closed	CE: 12-2021	2/25/2021	Trash all over yard, spilling into street	707 E Salem	3/1/2021	3/1/2021	Left door hanger on 3/1/2021. Owner called to inform us that yard will be cleaned up by Friday 3/5/2021. Sent letter 3/19/2021. Owner called and said he will clean it up and asked for a two week extension which was granted. Tenants are being evicted but property has been cleaned up. Owner asked for us to keep an eye on the property until the tenants have moved out. Yard has been cleaned up. Keeping this on the tracker though until the tenant has moved out. No additional complaints have come in related to this property.	5/6/2021
Closed	CE: 85-2020	9/9/2020	Non conforming shed	1708 W Euclid	9/9/2020	9/9/2020	November 9th, 2020. Going before the Board of Adjustment. Board denied variance. Will get in contact with owner to set a timeframe for removal. Owner will be attaching it to primary structure (garage) this coming spring. Owner called and said he is in the process of moving the shed and asked for an additional two weeks. Owner called once again and asked for another extension. He has until May 7th or we will move it for him. Shed has been moved and attached to garage.	5/6/2021
Closed	CE: 89-2020	8/27/2020	Wall finish is deteriorating, cracking and breaking away from structure.	114 West Ashland	8/27/2020	8/27/2020	May 7th, 2021. New owners repaired wall.	4/27/2021
Closed	CE: 108-2020	11/30/2020	Defective Sidewalk	201 West 1st Ave	11/30/2020	11/30/2020	Sent Letter. Timeframe all depends on weather. Postponed until Spring 2021	5/4/2021
Closed	CE: 11-2021	3/1/2021	Posts to close to alleyway condition of primary structure.	404 E Salem	3/1/2021	3/5/2021	Complaint of steel posts and concrete blocks placed to close to alleyway. Also for the condition of the primary structure. The foundation on the north west corner of the house appears to failing, however, since we cannot gain access to primary structure, it is difficult to determine a solid approach as to the extent of what is in need of repair.	4/12/2021
Closed	CE: 25-2021	4/12/2021	Door at building entrance pulled off hinges	107 West Salem Ave	4/12/2021	4/12/2021	Door at main entrance to stairs leading to dwelling units on 2nd story has been pulled off its hinges. Owner has 14 days to make repair.	4/12/2021
Closed	CE: 13-2021	3/15/2021	Political Sign	807 S Jefferson	3/15/2021	3/15/2021	Sent letter. Applied for permit.	4/5/2021
Closed	CE: 15-2021	3/19/2021	Defective Sidewalk	806 W Clinton 805 W Detroit	3/19/2021	3/19/2021	Sidewalk was removed in front of 806 W Clinton for the purpose of installing a new waterline to 805 W Detroit. Project is complete, however, the sidewalk has yet to be replaced. Sent letter 3/19/2021. They have 30 days to replace the sidewalk.	4/5/2021
Closed	CE: 07-2021	3/1/2021	Trash piling up on NE corner of property	210 West Iowa	3/1/2021	3/2/2021	Took two pictures and sent letter. Trash must be removed by Monday March 8th, 2021. They now have a 5yd dumpster.	4/1/2021