
CODE ENFORCEMENT



AGENDA

- Overview of duties and philosophy
- Discuss the process outlined in code
- Review complaints 2025
- Discuss repeat violations and possible options for reducing

CODE ENFORCEMENT OVERVIEW

Enforce the Stayton Municipal Code, with the exception of:

- 10 (Vehicles and Traffic)
- 12 (Streets, sidewalks and public places)
- Not just complaint based!

What I proactively look for:

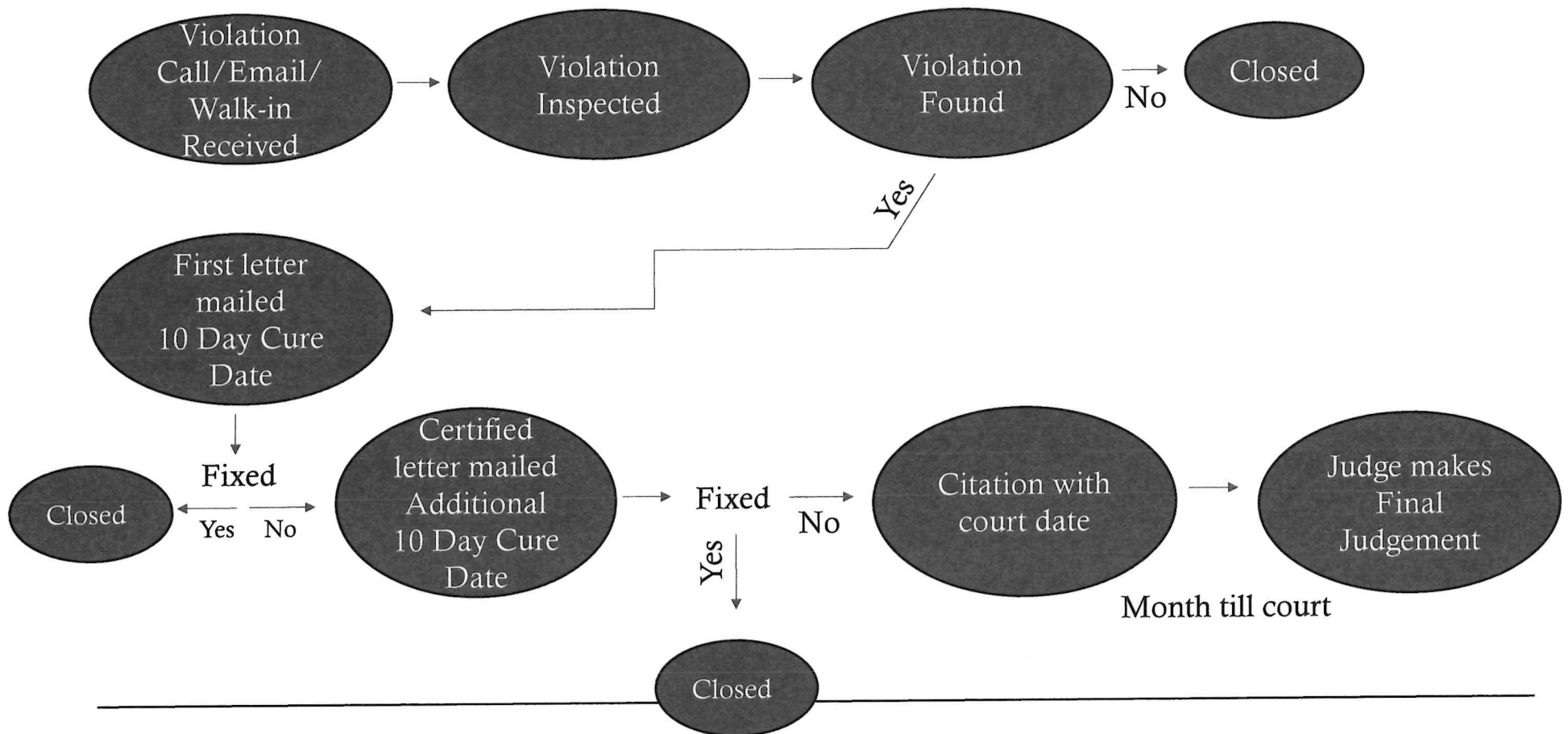
- Overgrown Vegetation
- Junk Accumulation
- Sidewalk & Street Clearance
- Trailer & RV Storage (courtesy assistance for PD)
- Signs

Philosophy:

- look at the bigger picture.
- Focus on compliance not enforcement.
- Work with people to get compliance rather than just jumping to the citation route.
- As a focus we want allow the opportunity to fix the said violation instead of pushing for fines when times are already hard for some.
- Better outcomes and better long-term relationships.

** Maximizing my time out in the field – I look at everything; I may focus on trees for that day but if see another violation I will write it down and send it out as well.

HOW THE CODE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS WORKS



NOTICE/COMPLAINTS 2025 YEAR

- I started Full-time on Sep. 8th.
- The calls I typically receive are updates on where they are at with their compliance letter.

Violations	Jan	Feb.	March	April	May	June	July	August	Sep.	Oct.
Violation Letter Sent	8	10	8	45	27	49	33	53	21	24
All Complaints Received	5*	4*	18*	19*	10*	7*	8*	46	27	2
Valid Complaints from public	2	1	4	5	3	4	4	5	6	2
Cases resolved	8	10	7	39	34	43	34	50	22	2
Court	0	0	1	1	0	0	1	0	0	1
Cases unresolved/in progress	0	0	1	7	1	8	2	4	4	3

*Estimates – did not start tracking all calls/complaints until August

EXAMPLES OF WHAT I PROACTIVELY LOOK FOR



OVERGROWN VEGETATION

8.04.130 -

Definition:

1. No owner or person in charge of property shall allow noxious vegetation to be on the property or in the public right-of-way abutting on the property. An owner or person in charge of property shall cut down or destroy grass, shrubbery, brush, bushes, weeds, or other noxious vegetation as often as needed to prevent them from becoming noxious vegetation.

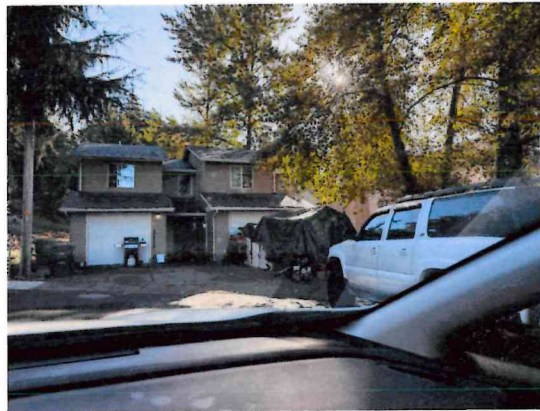
Noxious Vegetation - a. Weeds more than 10 inches high; b. Grass more than 10 inches



JUNK ACCUMULATION

8.04.200 -

Definition: 1. No person shall keep any junk outdoors on any street, lot, or premises, or in a building that is not wholly or entirely enclosed, except doors used for ingress and egress.



SIDEWALK & STREET CLEARANCE

8.04.060 -

Definition: 1. No owner or person in charge of property that abuts a street or public sidewalk shall permit trees or vegetation on the property to interfere with street or sidewalk traffic. 2. The owner or person in charge of property shall keep all trees and vegetation on the property, including the adjoining parking strip, trimmed to a height of not less than 8 feet above the sidewalk and not less than 10 feet above the roadway



Proactive Priorities:

- August, focus around the schools in town to make sure the walking paths are clear for the new school year.
- April, Tree notices went out for Street Tree Clearance to get ahead of Street Sweeper Season and the July Parade.



SIGNS IN THE RIGHT-A-WAY

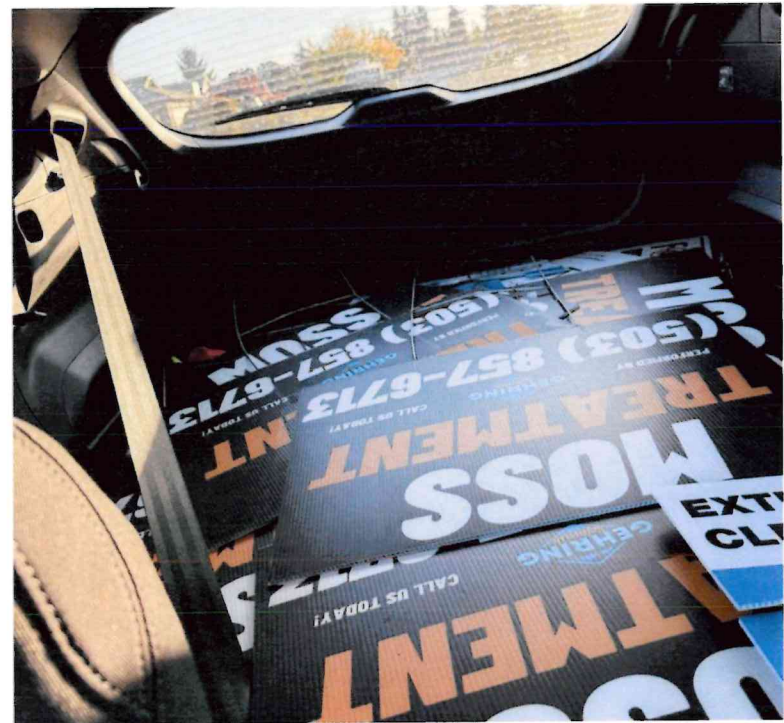
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*Simple answer – It's simply not allowed. There are signs that are permitted but those are for A-Frames and/or business signs.

- Proactively look for signs and remove as located
20 signs in October alone removed
- Seasonal fluctuations on type, but never-ending supply of violators



TRAILER & RV STORAGE

* Living in a Trailer/RV is 14 day out of 60 day period on private property.



Warning

Please consider this a friendly warning and educational reminder.

Section 10.12.060.2— No person shall store or permit to be stored on a street or other public property, a motor vehicle or other personal property for a period in excess of 72 hours.

Section 10.12.120.2— The Stayton Police Department, may have a vehicle towed to a safe location at the owner's expense if the owner cannot in a timely manner for a violation of SMC 10.12.040 subsections C through E. The vehicle would be towed under the provisions of ORS 819.120 "Hazardous Vehicle."

If vehicle is not moved, it may be subject to citation and tow.

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ISSUES AND RECOMMENDATIONS

- Repeat violations for long grass/vegetation – Approaching initial letter as the warning and will let owner know next violation in same season will go straight to citation.
- Repeat Violators for all other– Recommend code modifications to make it easier to cite into court faster
- Storage on streets or RVs on street – Better definitions needed and more clarity on where the “road” or right of way is located

REPEAT VIOLATIONS

562 E Marion – Discarded Vehicles

Issue: Expired tags and not moving vehicle every 72hrs.



July 17th, 2024

Year 2025



June 2nd



June 16th



July 22nd



August 12th



September 19th



September 30th



October 15th

REPEAT VIOLATIONS

675 7th Ave – junk and parking in yard



July 5th, 2023



July 19th, 2023 –
Cured by due date



July 31st, 2024 –
Cured by due date



September 18th, 2025



September 30th, 2025
Cured by due date



October 3rd, 2023



October 24th, 2023 –
Cured by due date



November 12th, 2024 Cured
by due date



September 18th, 2025
Cured by due date

* Another two violations went out on August 7th and August 26th, 2025—regarding parking in yard *no photo as this is a theme with them.

REPEAT VIOLATIONS

676 E Virginia St – Trailer Storage/Junk



August 2nd, 2023
Cured by due date



March 17, 2025



March 31st, 2025
Cured by due date



March 17, 2025



April 1st, 2025
Cured by due date



September 30th, 2025 –
Currently working on.

THANK YOU

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