

Turning it Around

Cleaning up our neighborhoods will not only provide aesthetic and financial benefits, it will also greatly improve our overall quality of life. Users of the NOTICE Program have seen improvement in the condition of homes, yards and overall cleanliness of the neighborhood.



Also noted was the increase in engagement by neighbors in the process of cleaning of their neighborhoods together. It has been said that citizens working on behalf of government have the capacity to ameliorate the conditions of their neighborhoods. We can do it, one neighborhood at a time!

**Working together,
NEIGHBORS can help
NEIGHBORS clean up
their neighborhood.**



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"Building Safer Neighborhoods"

NOTICE

*Neighbors Organized To
Initiate Code Enforcement*

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NOTICE Program:

The NOTICE Program allows citizens to be a direct participant in the process that helps improve and maintain their own neighborhood. This collaboration between citizens and the Property Standards Division helps the department to increase the identification and resolve of blighted properties that affect the value of surrounding property.

How it works:

Utilizing the three-part Inspection Worksheet, Volunteer Inspection Teams (VIT) submit observed violations to the Property Standards Division within 24 - 48 hours of identifying the violation. The staff of Property Standards enters the information in to the KIVA tracking system. The inspection worksheet is then mailed to the property owner of the address of violation. The VIT goes back to reinspect the violation property within 10-30 days depending on the type of violation (note structural violations receive a reinspection after 30 days). If after reinspection, the VIT reports the violation is not abated, the staff of the DCBS Flex Team will process the case.

Mission

The mission of the Department of Codes & Building Safety is to provide permitting, inspection, enforcement, and information products to the Nashville community, so they can experience safer buildings and improved quality of life.

Strategic Goals

Citizens of Davidson County will experience cleaner, safer neighborhoods, as evidenced by:

- A reduction in substandard housing
- A reduction in number of abandoned or inoperable or unlicensed motor vehicles
- A reduction of visual clutter (signs, debris, trash, graffiti)

Program Objectives

Often times, our neighbors simply do not realize a violation exists on their property. The goal of this program is not to exercise police-like powers, but rather to use sound judgment and work cooperatively towards assisting the public. Objectives of the program include:

- Clean up the exterior of residential or commercial buildings, grounds and vacant lots;
- Instill a sense of community;
- Help stem further blight; and
- Foster community involvement in the upkeep of the community.

Get Involved

Once your neighborhood group has decided it wants to be a part of the NOTICE program, please identify five to ten group members who will make up the Volunteer Inspection Team (VIT). The group should submit their application (found on our website) to the Property Standards division. After review of the application, one of the NOTICE Program Coordinator's will make arrangements for the VIT to receive training.

Training

Training is provided in an effort to acquaint the VIT with NOTICE Program procedures. The training also teaches the team what constitutes a violation and how to utilize the program to report those violations utilizing the Inspection Worksheet.

