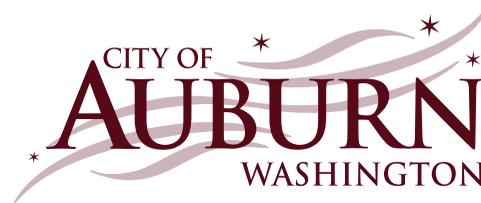




In some cases, our Code Compliance Officers must initiate enforcement action in order to achieve compliance. Taking enforcement action may be in the form of fines, penalties, and challenges in obtaining permits or licenses in the future. Some situations have built over months if not years, and they are much more difficult to resolve. Unresolved compliance issues not only impact the property with violations, they also detract from the overall appeal of our community.

Our staff conducts routine inspections throughout the city to note the condition of residences and businesses. We thank you in advance for your cooperation in ensuring your property remains in compliance. We take pride in knowing that by working together, we can help maintain property values, improve the quality of our neighborhoods, and preserve Auburn as a city we are proud to call home.



Your Mayor and City Council value your community pride and dedication to Auburn!

FOR MORE INFORMATION:

Visit AuburnWa.gov/CodeCompliance or call 253-931-3020, select option #4

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UNDERSTANDING CODE COMPLIANCE IN AUBURN

The City of Auburn has adopted a number of City codes and ordinances; rules and regulations that help our city run smoothly. They set the minimum standards that keep our community safe, and make it a desirable place to live and do business. Your Code Compliance Officers are here to answer your questions, help you understand the City codes and how they apply to your property, home or business and will investigate concerns to determine if a violation of Auburn City code exists. Our Code Compliance Officers work in partnership with community members and law enforcement to promote and maintain the minimum standards established.

In order to keep our city safe and a desirable place to live, work and play we need your help. Compliance issues are brought to our attention in one of two ways. Issues may be identified when our compliance officers are out in the community or they may come to our attention in the form of a complaint from neighbors or residents.

When a violation is identified our approach is to first work collaboratively with the resident, property owner or business to find solutions and gain voluntary code compliance. We encourage our residents to be familiar with City codes to ensure that your property is in compliance with our codes and to help us identify possible violations.

Some of the common violations are:

- Overgrown grass and weeds
- Junk accumulation
- Vegetation encroachment
- Trash, litter and debris
- Inoperable vehicles
- Illegal parking
- Illegal dumping
- Graffiti
- Nuisance animals
- Operating a business without a license



Often times when a violation is identified, a courtesy phone call or letter from our office identifying the areas needing correction is all that is necessary to gain compliance. It is important to identify issues early on and allow our staff to connect with the resident in an effort to resolve the issue quickly. Most people are happy to comply if they know the rules and the reason they exist.

Abandoned properties can create a multitude of violations. Our officers work hard to minimize the impact these properties have on the community. Many of these homes now belong to mortgage holders who are out of state, and can be slow to respond to our requests and inquiries.

If you have questions, concerns, or would like to report an abandoned property in your neighborhood please contact the City of Auburn Permit Center at 253-931-3090.

If you are observing suspicious activity or someone entering an abandoned home, be sure to report that to 9-1-1.

HOW TO REPORT CONCERNS:

ONLINE: www.auburnwa.gov/reporting

MOBILE: Download the YourGOV app for Apple and Android devices

EMAIL: codeenforcement@auburnwa.gov

PHONE: 253-931-3020 option # 4

IN PERSON: Customer Service Center,
1 East Main St., 2nd Floor

