

What Does Code Enforcement Do?

- Enforces Land Use Violations on private property within Spokane City Limits.
- Seeks voluntary compliance to remove or alleviate the condition.
- Assures that the minimum level of acceptance is met or exceeded.

Types of Violations

- Land Use Violations
- Animals
- Auto Storage
- Junk Vehicles
- Public Right of Way
- Accessory Structures & Uses
- Home Occupation
- Yard Sales
- Signs
- Vacant & Dangerous Buildings
- Refuse
- Fire Hazards
- Nuisance

Questions?

Feel free to call or contact us:

CITY OF SPOKANE
OFFICE OF NEIGHBORHOOD SERVICES
& CODE ENFORCEMENT
www.beautifyspokane.org

Phone: 509-625-6083
Fax: 509-625-6802



Code Enforcement Complaint Forms

Responsibilities of Complainant

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Beginning the Process

Complaint Forms Available At:

- City Hall, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd.
- www.beautifyspokane.org
- www.spokaneneighborhoods.org
- Neighborhood COPS Shops



Submitting the Form

- By fax: (509) 625.6802
- At your local COPS Shop
- By Mail: Code Enforcement, 6th floor Municipal Building, 808 W. Spokane Falls Blvd. Spokane, WA 99201-3333
- Online: www.beautifyspokane.org
- Remember: FORMS MUST BE SIGNED-anonymous complaints not accepted, nondisclosure is available.

Types of Citations

Civil Citation

- Similar to a speeding ticket.
- Provide a legal record of illegal actions.
- Holds a monetary fine that is required to be paid by the violator.
- Cases are usually proceed in court without any required participation from the complainant.
- Always a possibility that you may be called upon as a witness.



Criminal Citation

- More serious than civil citation.
- May include not only monetary fines, but also jail time, probation and other actions that the courts may deem necessary to levy against violators.
- Holds a monetary fine that is required to be paid by the violator.
- As the complainant you will likely be called upon to provide testimony against the violator.



Information For Complainants

A Complaint Is A Legal Action

Code complaints are vital to ensuring our communities are clean and safe, but remember that filling out a code complaint is a legal matter that should not be taken lightly.



Complaint Forms Must Be Signed!

If you choose to not disclose your identity, you will most likely remain so. If the case goes to court, the defendant may be able to petition the court for a release of the complainants name. The City of Spokane will only release your name if you choose disclosure or by order of a court of law.



There Are Two Types Of Citations

- Civil Citation
- Criminal Citation