



Yeadon Borough Committee Report

Committee Name: Code Enforcement
Committee Chair(s): Councilwoman Clara Johnson and Liana Roadcloud
Meeting Date(s): 1/8/19
Attendees: L. Roadcloud, C. Johnson, A. Jacobs, D. Wright, N. Barnwell, Rufus Stokes, Code Dir.

Summary Narrative

On 1/8/19 the above-named individuals attended the Code Committee Meeting. Rufus Stokes, Code Director was in attendance. These meetings are held on the first Tuesday of each month beginning at 6 p.m. The next meeting is on 2/5/19 at 6 p.m.

I. Old Business:

- Television on porch on Yeadon Avenue – **Removed**
- Makeshift patio on Chester Avenue (eyesore)– **Dir. Stokes working with owner. Committee inquired as to whether makeshift patio violates any codes and ordinances. Dir. Stokes indicated that it violates the “eyesore” code; however, a citation was not issued. After further research, Committee believes that the makeshift patio also violates Yeadon Code §304.10 of Yeadon Code (structurally sound, in good repair, etc.). Therefore, it is suggested that Code expedites rectification.**
- Broken fencing between Yeadon Ave. and Bullock – **Still outstanding. It was advised that the property owners were responsible to rectify this public safety hazard; however, enforcement of same appears to be at a standstill.**
- Issuance of citations simultaneously with violations – **Now in effect**
- Enforcement of ordinance related to the boarding of properties. The owners of boarded properties will be identified and cited accordingly - **Outstanding**
- Limiting time to rectify easily rectifiable citations, i.e., trash, illegal parking on lawns, graffiti, etc. – **Now in effect**
- Responsibility of replacement of concrete after Shade Tree is removed from selected residents’ properties. – **Outstanding**
- Inconsistency of Code Department reports: The committee has verified several inconsistencies within the Code Department reports within the last couple of months as it relates to violations and/or citations issued. – **Dir. Stokes advised that reports**

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have been inconsistent due to receiving information in a tardy manner due to schedules.

- Requiring Code Officers to exit their cars and walk the community to perform job duties – **Dir. Stokes will make this a requirement effective immediately**

II. New Business:

- Code Department expressed that they do not have access to complaints lodged by residents, via Borough website. Borough administrators are the only ones with access. As a result, complaints are not reaching the Code Officers in a timely fashion which causes residents to make duplicate complaints. It is recommended that Code Department be given access to obtain the complaints from the website or alternatively when complaints are lodged through the Borough's website, there be a way a box can be marked as a "Code" complaint and it is automatically directed to the Code Department.
- Code Department will immediately begin enforcing §106.4 of the Yeadon Borough Code relating to defects for which a property has been cited, fines shall be not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$1,000.00.
- Committee inquired about ordinances and codes relating to parking of commercial vehicles in the Borough. Committee research revealed the following: *Pursuant to §302.8.3, commercial vehicles are prohibited from parking in residential areas unless said vehicle is owned by the property owner and it is incidental to an approved use of the property. §302.8.4 states that in non-residentially zoned areas, overnight parking or storing of vehicles requiring a commercial operator's license unless vehicle is incidental to the legally conforming use of the property is prohibited.*
- Committee inquired about residents parking their respective employer's commercial vehicles overnight, i.e., Verizon, A&B Construction, etc. Research will be performed.
- Committee requested that Code Department create a procedure to supervise contractors performing renovations in the Borough to ensure that codes and ordinances are not violated.
- Committee requested that Code Department closely monitor dumpster applicants to ensure compliance, i.e., time period, over-filling, etc.
- Code Department hired 2 part-time employees; however, there is still a need for 1 full time employee

Action Items from Previous Meeting(s)

- None at this time.

Current Action Items

Research neighboring Boroughs' ordinances relating to bank owned properties being registered with the Borough.

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Formal Motions to the Council

- A recommendation of a motion proposing an ordinance directing banks to register with Yeadon Borough properties under its ownership located within Yeadon Borough.

Next Meeting Date: 2/5/19 at 6:00 p.m.

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