

# Frequently Asked Questions

## Can I file an anonymous complaint?

Yes, through the portal.

## Does the City Regulate the height of grass and weeds on private property?

Yes, per AMC 8.08. 030 (E, F)

The existence of accumulations of materials, objects or vegetation in a location or in a manner which constitutes a fire hazard;

The existence of grasses or weeds which exceed eighteen (18) inches in height in a nonagricultural use;

## Can I have chickens inside city limits?

Yes, per code : 17.56.070 (3)

a. The penned animals are kept in the rear yard at least ten feet from a residence.

b. The pens are located no closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any other residence; and

c. Roosters are not allowed within city limits.

## What if a property owner refuses to take care of a violation?

If a property owner fails to comply after two written notices, they may be fined Civilly. Civil fines are non-criminal and are appealable to the Municipal Court. If an owner continues to refuse to comply, the City may seek a warrant to enter the property and abate the nuisance at the owners expense.

## How do I report garbage/debris/ junk/ left in the street or City right-of-way?

Leave a detailed message with code enforcement and it will be routed to the appropriate crew for clean up as their schedule permits.



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# City of Aberdeen Code Enforcement

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<b>Police Non Emergency Dispatch Center</b>	Emergency	<b>911</b>
	Parking, on street parking and abandoned vehicles	<b>360-538-4426</b>
	Animal Control	<b>360-533-8765</b>
	Drug Task Force Tip Line	<b>360-500-4141</b>
<b>Parks Department</b>	Parks concerns or issues	<b>360-537-3248</b>
	Issues with trees in City rights of way or street	<b>360-537-3248</b>
	Tree cutting permits inside City limits	<b>360-537-3248</b>
<b>City</b>	City of Aberdeen Rental Program	<b>360-537-3214</b>
<b>City</b>	City of Aberdeen Building Official	<b>360-537-3221</b>
<b>County</b>	Grays Harbor County Code Enforcement	<b>360-249-4222</b>
<b>How to File a Complaint</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Call 360-538-4436 or 360-537-3250 Leave a detailed message.</li> <li>Online portal at ABERDEENWA.GOV. Anonymous reporting option. Create an account to receive updates.</li> </ul>		
<b>Our Response</b>		
<p>The Code Compliance Process is focused on working with our community to gain compliance, not to punish violators. Our goal is to discover the underlying conditions that lead to the code violation and work towards lasting solutions. This process is not always a quick one. Severe cases often require multiple departments working together towards abating a nuisance property. Please be sure you are reporting issues to all departments involved.</p> <p>The Code compliance process builds a case that may lead to fines, citations, or other legal action. This requires documentation as well as legally required time to comply. Cases can take months or even years to abate following the required time line.</p>		
<b>Codes We Enforce</b>		
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>Nuisance Violations AMC 8.08</li> <li>Zoning Violations AMC Title 17</li> <li>Building Code Violations AMC Title 15</li> </ul>		
<b>Inadequate property maintenance</b> including dilapidated buildings. <b>Garbage</b> trash, junk, appliances, scrap metal, debris on private property. <b>Graffiti</b> on private and commercial property. <b>Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles</b> on private property. <b>Vegetation encroaching into the public right of way</b> including trees shrub and fallen leaves. <b>Work without permits</b> including fences, roofs, siding, signs, and general construction on commercial and residential properties. <b>Farm animals</b> including roosters, goats and fowl in non permitted areas. <b>Driveway improvement</b> requiring permits. <b>Accessory structures</b> requiring permits and engineering even if "temporary". <b>Garage sale signs</b> illegal postings on City signs and power poles. <b>Grass and vegetation</b> over 18" <b>No Utilities</b> including water, power and garbage services.		