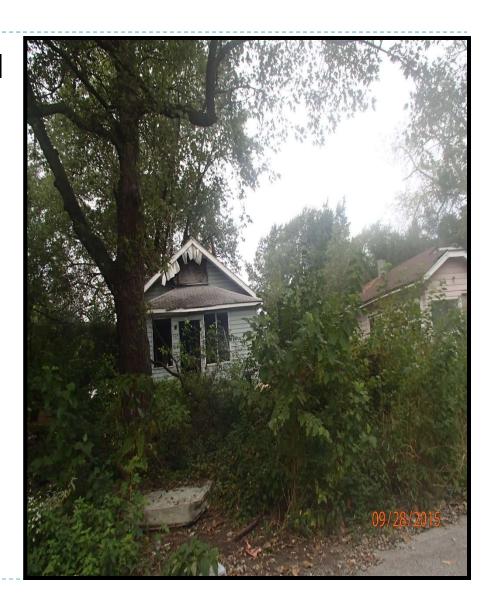# Introduction

▸ "**Code Enforcement** is the prevention, detection, investigation and **enforcement** of violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public health, safety, and welfare, public works, business activities and consumer protection, building standards, land-use, or municipal affairs.

▸ A **code enforcement officer** is responsible for evaluating private properties and public grounds against local codes, answering citizen questions about the codes, and issuing citations for code violations. The officer may or may not be a certified police or peace officer. Code enforcement officers work to maintain an attractive, safe community, which helps improves both property values and the quality of life of those in the community.

Overview

▶ Code Enforcement's Goal is to eliminate Blight by making the owners of properties like this liable.

▶ Locate the owner

▶ Cite

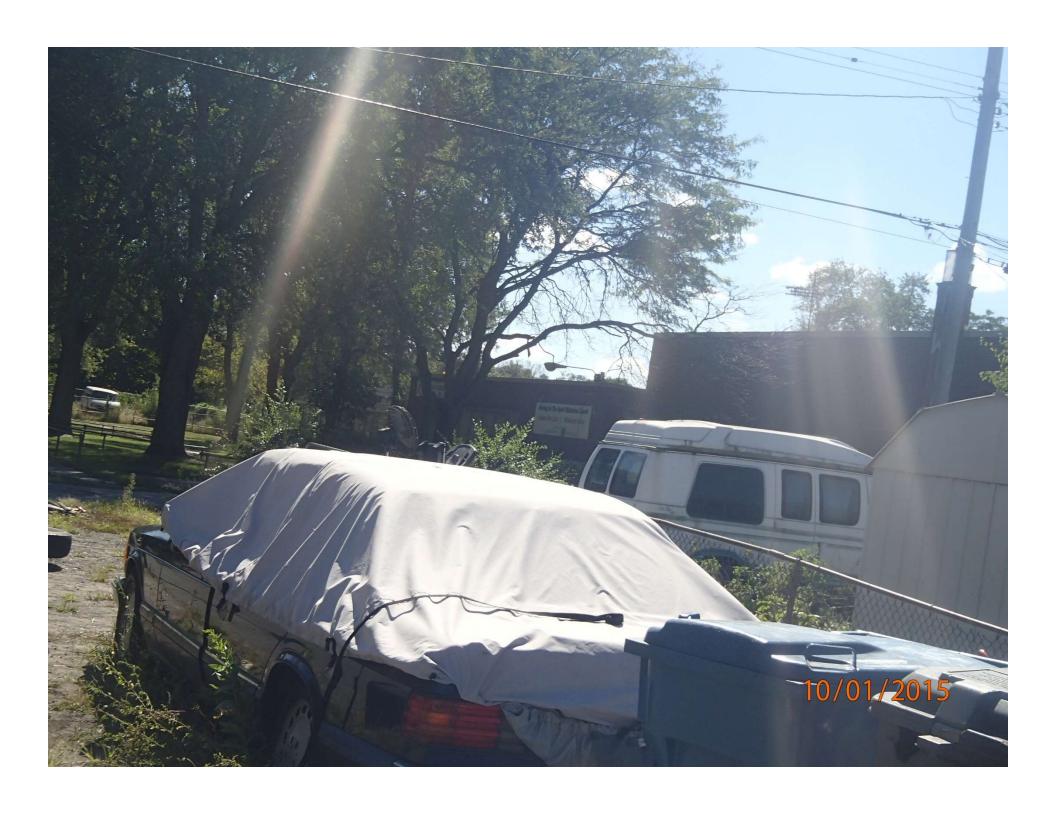▶ Bring to Court and begin the Court process.

Top Ten Reasons a Citation is issued

▸ Not maintaining lawns on front, sides or rear.

▸ Dumping on private or public property.

▸ High weeds/tree branches

▸ Abandoned vehicles on blocks or jacks, two or more flat tires, dismantled, expired plates or in operable.

▸ Parking on front or rear lawns

▸ Open burning(leaves or rubbish)

▸ Obstruction of streets/sidewalks

▸ Unnecessary storage & debris

▸ Signage- it's unlawful to erect, place, or stand, any signs temporarily or permanently between the property line and the curb.

▸ Not maintaining all fences

▸

Court Process

▸ Code goes out to Cite the owner

▸ Citation is mailed out with Court date

▸ Defendant appears before the Judge to adhere to violation

▸ Defendant either corrects the violation(s) or ask the Judge for more time to correct, defendant is usually granted thirty(30) days to correct and reappear before the Judge. At this time Defendant is assessed a fine to pay.

▸ This process can take up to sixty days(60) or more to complete.

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This type of violation may result in jail time and or fines.