

For the Month of
May 2008

Overview of May Code Enforcement Activity



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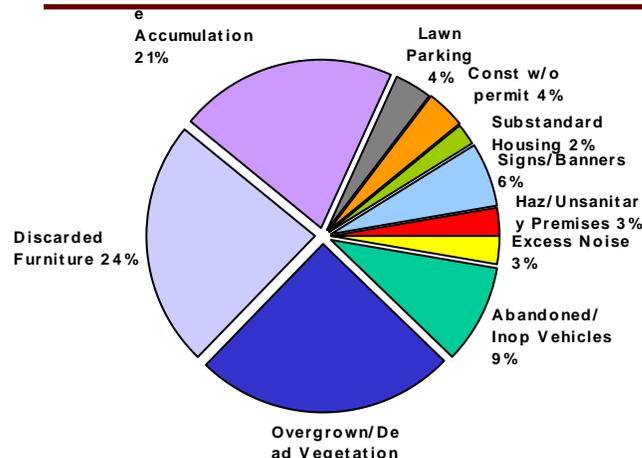
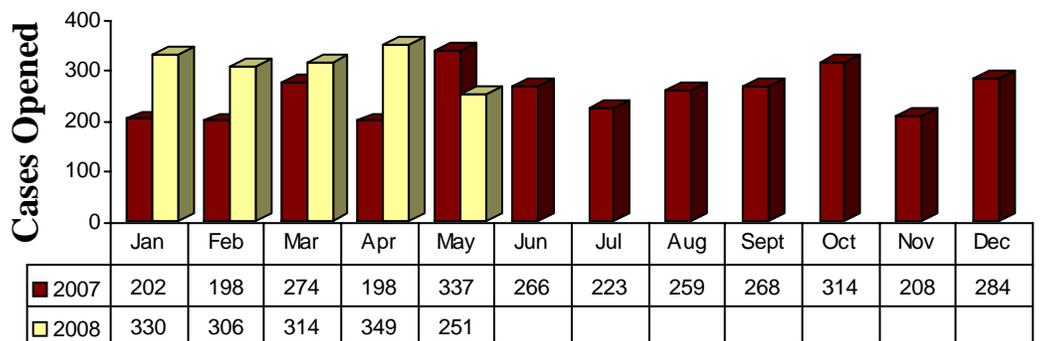
Code Enforcement Activity Report

In May 2008, the Code Enforcement/ Neighborhood Preservation Division opened 251 new cases, conducted 592 inspections, and successfully resolved 393 cases.

Other achievements included:

- Issued 48 notices of violation and 11 civil citations
- On average, gained compliance within 35.28 days from the date of the initial complaint
- Completed 20 on-site visits with property owners or responsible parties to educate them on code enforcement violations and resources available to bring their properties into compliance.
- Posted new Code Enforcement Complaint/Investigation Request Form on City website.
- Participated in a joint inspection with Police, Fire, Building & Safety, and the Orange County Health Department for alleged overcrowding/occupancy issues.
- Initiated 171 proactive cases
- Responded to 74% of all complaints in 1 day or less
- Inspected 80% of all complaints within 48 hours
- Averaged 2.08 days from initial call to first inspection
- Observed 285 violations and abated 272 violations

Twelve Month Code Enforcement Case History



Top Ten Violations by Type

- Discarded Furniture 24%
- Rubbish Accumulation 21%
- Overgrown/Dead Vegetation 11%
- Abandoned/Inop Vehicles 9%
- Signs/Banners 6%
- Lawn Parking 4%
- Construction w/o Permit 4%
- Hazardous/Unsanitary Premises 3%
- Excessive Noise 3%
- Substandard Housing 2%



Code Enforcement

Maintaining Your Homes & Neighborhoods

Summer Time Outdoors - Being a Good Neighbor

To report a Code Violation:

- ✓ Call the Code Enforcement reporting line at:
714-375-5155
or email:
jdemers@surfcity-hb.org
- ✓ State the nature of your complaint.
- ✓ Provide the address where the violation exists.
- ✓ Leave your first name and contact information. This is important, as it allows the officer to ask additional questions and provide you with updates if requested.

For the status of an existing complaint:

- ✓ Call the City's Automated Inspection Line at:
(714) 536-5241
and press "22".
- Or
- ✓ Contact the Code Enforcement Officer assigned to your case.

Summertime is the time for, barbecues, neighborhood walks or just enjoying the great Huntington Beach outdoors. Summertime in Huntington Beach, there is no better place to live. You have chosen to live in Huntington Beach for its climate and strong property values.

Maintaining the quality of life in your neighborhood is one of Code Enforcements main goals. You can do your part by observing community standard and neighbor friendly items.

It is well known first impressions are very important; maintaining your property in good condition will improve its curbside appeal and maintain its value. Maintaining

your landscaping is one important aspect of community preservation. This includes all yards must be fully landscaped with live plant materials, irrigated and maintained in good condition.

Another important requirement is that property must be free of peeling or flaking exterior paint, broken windows junk and debris. Junk, litter and debris must not be left in the yard areas: this includes auto parts, appliances, discarded furniture, landscape trimmings or any other discarded items.

Vehicles must be parked on a driveway or garage areas only, and never on landscaped areas. Parking on landscaped areas is NEVER

permitted, even on street sweeping days; this creates a visual blight and constitutes a public nuisance. Storing inoperable, dismantled or wrecked vehicles in public view is also not permitted, (placing an auto cover over the vehicle does not remove it from public view). These are just a few of the codes that are the fundamentals of maintaining and preserving your neighborhood. With a little effort you can enjoy everything that summertime in Surf City has to offer.

If you have any questions regarding these regulations or any other regulation please contact Huntington Beach Code Enforcement Division at 714-375-5155



not only create visual blight but also a nuisance to the adjacent property. These vehicles constitute a fire and safety hazard. Because of this storing inoperable vehicles on a driveway,

carport or side yard area is not permitted in Huntington Beach. If you would like to report an inoperable vehicle please call Code Enforcement at (714) 375-5155.