



City of Canton
Town Hall Meeting
Nuisance Properties
July 14, 2021



Town Hall Meeting Format

Background presentation

Public comments/questions

Next steps



What is a public nuisance?

“A condition which unreasonably annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of any considerable number of members of the public.”

Code of Ordinances §92.15

What public nuisances apply to property owners?

**NUISANCE
PARKING &
STORAGE**

Code of Ordinances §92.15

**INOPERABLE
MOTOR VEHICLES**

Code of Ordinances §92.20

**BUILDING
MAINTENANCE &
APPERANCE**

Code of Ordinances §92.21

WEEDS

Code of Ordinances §92.35

**PUBLIC
NUISANCES
AFFECTING PEACE
& SAFETY**

Code of Ordinances §92.18

When were these ordinances enacted by the city council?

2006

2014

2020

How are these ordinances enforced?

Public education

Annual property inspections

Legal action

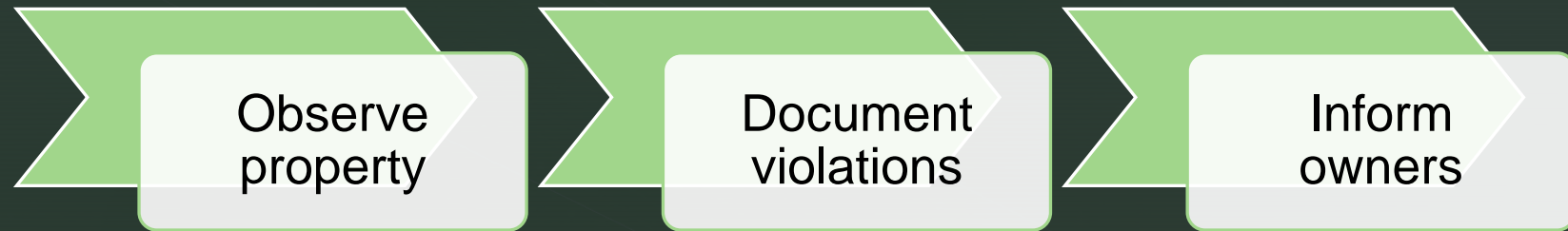
Current public education efforts seeking voluntary compliance

Monthly newsletter

Facebook

Written notice

Annual property inspections performed by city clerk and sheriff's deputy



Notices mailed on June 24, 2021

Voluntary compliance by August 6, 2021

City-issued notices for nuisance
property violations by year

2017-2021

| | |
|----------------|----|
| ❖ 2017 | 14 |
| ❖ 2018 | 5 |
| ❖ 2019 | 26 |
| ❖ 2020 | 26 |
| ❖ 2021 to-date | 17 |

Ordinance violations documented

2021 to-date

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|--|----|
| ❖ Public Nuisances Affecting Peace & Safety (Accumulation of discarded machinery, household appliances, etc.) | 7 |
| ❖ Nuisance Parking & Storage | 4 |
| ❖ Inoperable Motor Vehicles | 10 |
| ❖ Building Maintenance & Appearance | 2 |
| ❖ Weeds | 6 |

Repeat nuisance property ordinance violators

2020 to 2021

70%

Citations issued for nuisance property ordinance violations

2017-2021

| | |
|----------------|---|
| ❖ 2017 | 0 |
| ❖ 2018 | 1 |
| ❖ 2019 | 1 |
| ❖ 2020 | 3 |
| ❖ 2021 to-date | 0 |

▸ Prosecution-related costs incurred for nuisance property ordinance violations

❖ 2020 \$3,400

❖ 2021 to-date \$637

*Figures do not include staff time or city attorney fees

What is the punishment
for a public nuisance
ordinance violation
conviction?

Misdemeanor Offense

“...sentence of not more than
90 days or a fine of not more
than \$1,000, or both.”

Code of Ordinances §10.99



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