How are code violations resolved?

Letter or Notice of Civil Infraction: For most cases, the Code Compliance Program first provides the person responsible for the code violation with the opportunity to voluntarily correct the problem. We notify the person of the violation by phone or by letter to make them aware of the problem and ask them to address the issue.

Citation: When the person responsible does not voluntarily correct the code violation, a civil infraction citation may be issued either by Code Compliance Program or by the Police. However, civil infractions are not crimes -- the only penalty for a civil infraction is a monetary fine. The fines amounts are:

- $250 per day for a Class 1 civil infraction
- $150 per day for a Class 2 civil infraction
- $50 per day for a Class 3 civil infraction

For continuing code violations, the fine applies for each day the violation exists.

Nuisance Abatement: If the nuisance is not corrected, either before or after a citation, the City may begin abatement procedures. Abatement consists of entering onto the property to correct the problem. Abatement begins with a notice that is posted on the premises or the site of the nuisance. The notice directs the property owner or person responsible to correct or abate the nuisance. If the property owner or responsible party does not correct the problem within the time specified on the notice, the City will correct it and bill the property owner or responsible party for the costs. Liens may be placed upon real property to secure repayment to the taxpayers of the costs expended by the City to abate the nuisance.