

# **CODE ENFORCEMENT IMPROVEMENT WORK GROUP MINUTES**

Date: February 19, 2020

Chair: Michael D. Mallinoff

Co-Chair: Councilman Izzy Patoka

## **COMMITTEE ATTENDEES**

Valerie Schwaab

Eric Rockel

Vivian Paysour

Caitlin Klimm-Kellner

Doris Frauz-Poling

Cliff O'Connell

Justin Silberman

Lionel van Dommelen

Adam Whitlock

Robyn Clark

Various citizens from Baltimore County, MD, Executive and Council and County staff members  
(see attached sign-in sheets)

## **INTRODUCTIONS**

Councilman Patoka explained the duties of the County Council:

- Review budget
- Review contracts
- Land use authority
- Constituent services

Mike Mallinoff explained the purpose and goals of the Committee:

- Look at our service and how can we improve
- Derelict properties

- Technical equipment
- Inspections of multi-family units over 6
- Rat eradication using new methods (carbon monoxide)
- Evening and weekend inspections
- Legislation passed for clothing donation boxes that will go into effect July 1, 2020

Chief Lionel van Dommelen and Adam Whitlock gave an overview of the department and its role in the county.

Handouts were given.

### **OPEN FORUM FEEDBACK**

Greg Bauer:

Better communication between departments/agencies

ALJ decisions and the amount of fines being more stringent

Special license for landlords that own multiple properties

Increase the number of inspectors

Cliff O'Connell:

Number of inspectors in 2006 versus now

General discussion about increase of rental units (Towson University)

Eric Rockel:

Communication liaison for all resources throughout the county, including to provide written interpretations of policies and procedures

Dayna Bergman:

Education and communication to prevent violations from happening

Documents and services for non-English speaking citizens

Proactive approach to enforcement

New IT applications for Code (any available versus current Accela)

Vivian Paysour:

Night and weekend inspections

Faster turnaround time

Private parking lots not being maintained (pot holes)

Car washes and flea markets on vacant properties

Signs indicated \$300 fine for trash

Caitlin Klimm-Kellner:

Streamline communications

Increase the number of inspectors

Better ideas for derelict properties

Responsibility of paper alleys

Make absentee landlords more responsible

Improve communications and information with status on ALJ

Vacant properties

Rental Registration to send out rules and regulations

#### **GENERAL COMMENTS FROM OTHER ATTENDEES**

Enforcing temporary sign violations

Handouts of Code Enforcement's Rules and Regulations to Community Association and Council Members

Councilman Patoka recommended staff member for Spanish speaking interpretation

Generic response in Accela for submitting complaints "no violation"

## **ACTION ITEMS**

Next meeting: March 12, 2020 @ 6pm

1. Review all concerns addressed at the meeting and discuss resolutions
2. Communications between citizens and Department
3. Overall staffing levels
4. Off hour and weekend code enforcement
5. Technology
6. Improving rental inspections, including individual and multi-family units
7. Sign enforcement
8. Vacant property registry
9. ALJ staffing
10. Private property and business property maintenance code enforcement
11. Improved trash and litter
12. Pro-active inspections
13. Pro-active education and communications
14. Bonds for rental properties
15. Revolving fund from fines and liens for derelict structures, lots and code enforcement





# Code Enforcement Community Meeting

Baltimore County Historic Courthouse, Room 118

Wednesday, February 19, 2020

6:00 - 7:30 pm

Please sign in:

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