

## CODE ENFORCEMENT INFORMATION

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The Lake Forest Park Municipal Code (LFPMC) lays out the rules for conduct within the city. Violations of the LFPMC require code enforcement follow-up as described below.

*\*The following information is meant to provide general information and guidance into code enforcement requirements and procedures in accordance with the Lake Forest Park Municipal Code and is not intended to be all inclusive. Interested parties should always verify current requirements with the City Planning & Building Department.*

### In what situations should you contact the Lake Forest Park Planning & Building Department regarding Code Violations?

Contact the Planning & Building Department to report a code violation if you witness an ongoing or completed action that violates the LFPMC. Examples of situations that warrant a call to the Planning & Building Department include:

- Work without a permit, such as:
  - Building, grading, or use of roadway/right-of-way without a permit
  - Unpermitted tree removal without a permit
  - Unpermitted work in an environmentally sensitive area or buffer without a permit
- Public Nuisances that create unsafe or unhealthy conditions, such as:
  - Open accumulations of garbage
  - Unruly or noxious vegetation
  - Ponds or pools of stagnant water
  - Unlicensed gambling or liquor establishments
  - Unpermitted signs
  - Obstructions blocking views at intersections or public access.

The City cannot, by law, involve itself in the resolution of private nuisances, defined as nuisances that affect only one property owner rather than the community at large. For resolution of private nuisances, civil legal action between two homeowners is the appropriate course of action.

**Report any criminal activity to Lake Forest Park Police.**

**What is the City's process for Code Enforcement actions?**

When a code violation is brought to the City's attention, the code enforcement officer undertakes an investigation into the alleged violation. If the violation is confirmed, the offending property owner receives a notice of violation and/or stop work order, depending on the situation. If the code violation is not rectified in a timely manner, the code enforcement officer may issue a notice of infraction, which could result in civil or criminal penalties.

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