



HOW TO FILE A CODE COMPLAINT WITH LEON COUNTY



CODE VIOLATIONS CONSIST OF A WIDE RANGE OF INFRACTIONS, INCLUDING BUT NOT LIMITED TO:

- ✓ *Building without a permit*
- ✓ *Dilapidated structures*
- ✓ *Overgrown grasses, weeds and shrubbery*
- ✓ *Accumulation of miscellaneous junk and debris*
- ✓ *Inoperable vehicles*
- ✓ *Illegal signs on County right of way*

Leon County Code Compliance Services

promote, protect, and improve the health, safety, and welfare of all citizens by enforcing adopted ordinances and policies for the unincorporated area of the county, ranging from land development and land use regulations to codes governing such things as junk, debris, unpermitted structures, and more. Our goal is to educate residents about the codes and ordinances of Leon County while striving to achieve voluntary compliance on all issues.



TO FILE A COMPLAINT:

Visit LeonCountyFL.gov/CitizensConnect, or use your phone to scan the QR code to submit a Code Complaint Form. Pursuant to Florida Statutes 162.06 (1)(b), complainants generally cannot remain anonymous.

WHAT HAPPENS AFTER A CODE COMPLAINT IS FILED:

- ✓ Once a complaint is received, an initial inspection is conducted within 48-72 hours.
- ✓ If the complaint is valid, efforts are made to contact the property owner as the responsible party to remedy the alleged violation.
- ✓ The property owner is given a timeframe to come into compliance. Since the severity of the violations may vary, the time to bring the property into compliance may differ.
- ✓ Failure to timely comply means the case can be referred to the County's Code Enforcement Board for Resolution.

CREATING COVENANTS:

Some neighborhoods have covenants to establish and uphold community standards, promote community, and preserve appeal.

Creating neighborhood covenants involves several steps that require careful planning and legal considerations. If your neighborhood is interested in implementing and managing covenants, we advise seeking guidance from a private attorney. Please note that the County does not enforce private restrictions or covenants.



For more information, contact the Leon County Department of Development Support and Environmental Management (DSEM) / Code Compliance Program at CodeCompliance@LeonCountyFL.gov or call 850-606-1300.