

# BMSD Code Compliance Semi-Annual Report

July 2022

# SEMI-ANNUAL PERIOD STATISTICS (JANUARY - JUNE 2022)

# Our BMSD Code Compliance Section:

- Conducted 1,179 field inspections
  - Performed 1,177 community standards inspections
  - o Performed 102 land clearance inspections
- Opened **648** code enforcement cases
- Initiated **573** proactive enforcement cases
- Responded to **75** cases due to citizen complaints
- Issued 42 administrative citations
- Achieved compliance on 595 cases



# Public Nuisance Abatement Activities:

- Declared 136 Land Clearing Public Nuisances
- Ordered 6 public nuisance lots abated by vendor
- Cited 6 violations for unsecured vacant property
- Opened 87 cases for improper vehicle storage
- Issued 35 violations for prohibited open air storage

## Property Maintenance and Minimum Housing:

- Issued 108 violations for property grounds maintenance
- Cited **59** locations for improper bulk trash placement
- Inspected 89 cases for building maintenance violations
- Opened 3 substandard housing cases

## Activities to improve property maintenance:

- Issued **I56** landlord registration violations
- Performed 400 annual rental property inspections
- Brought 65 cases into compliance before abatement required
- Complied 46 violations before notice necessary

The Code Compliance Section does not enforce municipal ordinances within other jurisdictions. Our area of routine patrol and complaint response is limited to the following neighborhoods located in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) formally known as Unincorporated Broward County:

**Boulevard Gardens Broadview Park** Franklin Park

Hillsboro Pines Hillsboro Ranches Roosevelt Gardens

Washington Park

## **BMSD CODE COMPLIANCE HIGHLIGHTS:**

#### A LITTLE TLC GOES A LONG WAY FOR ABANDONED AND VACANT HOMES

Some residential properties can be left abandoned and unmaintained for a variety of reasons. When a property becomes vacant and has an unmaintained appearance, there are several steps that can be taken by the Community's Code Compliance Inspector to help. The first step will be to try to locate the property owners that are responsible for the property maintenance and routine upkeeping. This is done through research and investigation of property records. If a responsible party is unable to be located, there are several tools at the inspector's disposal to encourage corrective action be taken or the County can step in to try to address unsafe conditions. Neighbors can easily report any concerns to the BMSD Code Compliance Section by calling 311. Service requests can also be submitted by downloading and using the MyBroward App designed for iPhones. A total of 339 cases related to property grounds and building maintenance violations were opened during the previous six-month period.

#### **BEFORE**



#### **AFTER**



#### NEW CHANGES FOR REPORTING ANONYMOUS COMPLAINTS

As of July I, 2021, changes in Florida laws that govern code enforcement now prohibit code enforcement inspectors from investigating complaints that are anonymous, unless the inspector determines that the violation being reported is an immediate threat to public health, safety, or welfare. A proper name and address must be provided before a case can begin. Inspectors depends upon the reporting of concerns from members of the community so that problems can be quickly addressed, especially if conditions could cause destruction of habitat or sensitive resources.



#### IMPORTANT REMINDER - TIPS FOR REPORTING ILLEGAL DUMPING!

Unlawful or improper dumping has negative impacts on communities that extends far beyond the eyesore that is left behind. Whenever it appears that illegal dumping is actively occurring, it is recommended to call 911 report it so that Deputies can respond as soon as possible. If you can safely get license plate information or note any distinguishing information such as business signs, this can be very helpful. Photos are even better, but it is not recommended to interact with persons who are doing the dumping, which should be left to law enforcement. However, if the dumping has already occurred and there is no evidence of who was responsible, then it should be reported to BMSD Code Compliance for investigation by calling 311.



Report a complaint:

