

Code Enforcement Quarterly Report

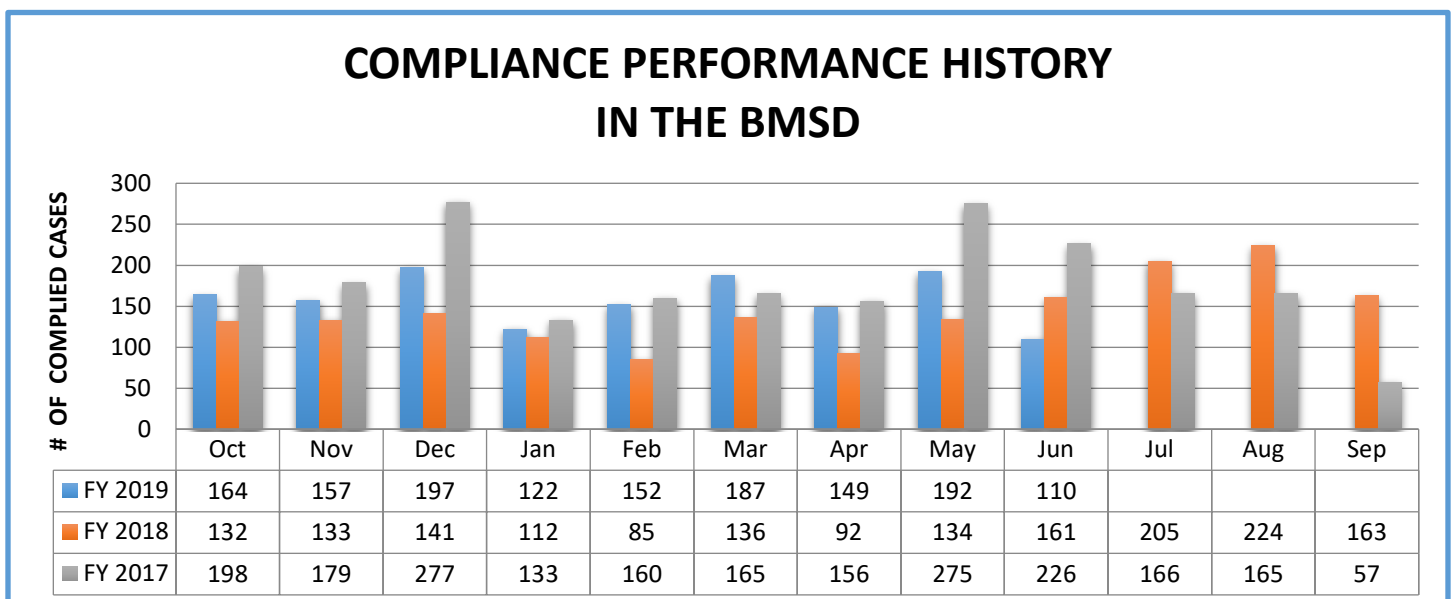
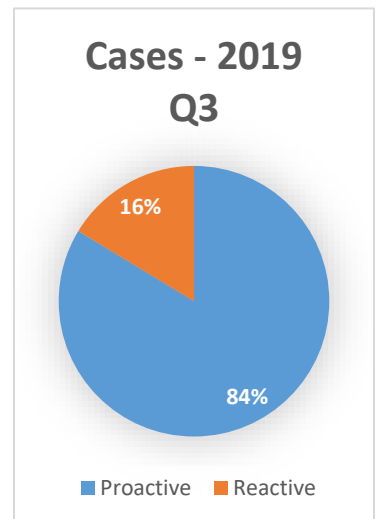
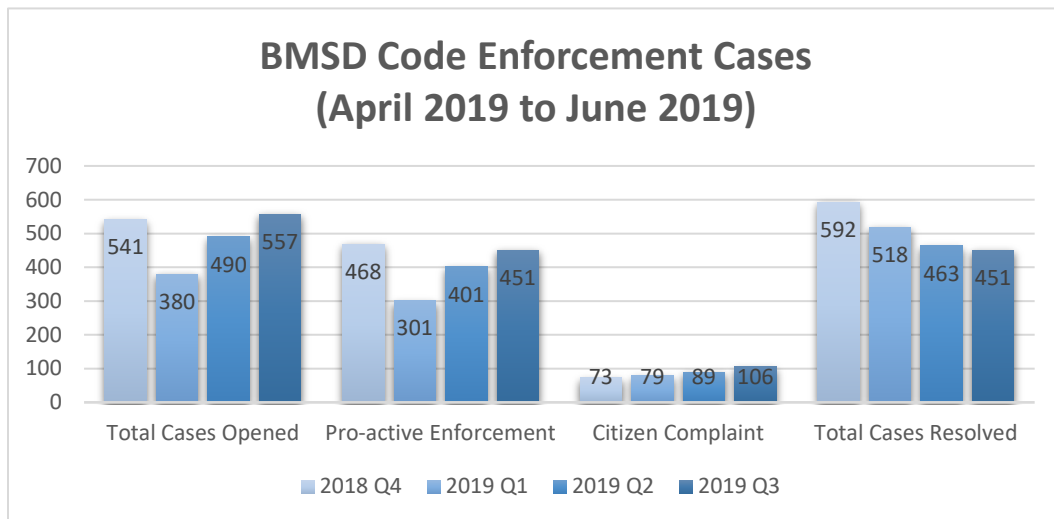
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The Code Enforcement quarterly report is an initiative of the Broward County Planning and Development Management Division to keep residents informed of various pro-active code compliance and enforcement activities in the Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD). The Code Enforcement Section is dedicated to preventing unsightly and unsafe neighborhood conditions by educating residents and investigating complaints to ensure compliance with zoning regulations and code ordinances that apply to the BMSD.

FIRST QUARTER STATISTICS (APRIL - JUNE 2019)

Enforcement activities during this quarter:

- Code enforcement cases opened - 557
- Case investigations and field inspections performed – 1,071
- Annual rental property inspections performed - 247
- Property maintenance violations issued - 166
- Improper parking or storage of vehicle violations issued - 123
- Overgrown lots and unkempt landscaping violations issued - 156
- Administrative citations issued - 78
- Code violations brought into compliance - 451



BMSD CODE ENFORCEMENT HIGHLIGHTS:

PERFORMING CONSTRUCTION WORK AND REPAIRS, WHERE'S YOUR PERMIT?

Over the past few years, there has been a significant increase in the renovation work being performed at homes that have been recently purchased by new owners. At homes that have been vacant for extended periods of time, this is usually a good thing, but without being properly inspected, can result in dangerous and improperly done work. This can also pose opportunities to cause significant financial harm to purchasers of these properties who are unaware of renovations that have not been approved by Building and Zoning Officials. Code enforcement inspectors look for signs of unpermitted construction activity while on patrol and can perform checks in the field to determine if proper permits exist. Homeowner also need to ensure that work being performed at their homes are properly permitted to ensure that additions and accessory structures are permitted to avoid having to significantly alter or even remove structures. You may call "311" to be connected to either the Building or Zoning sections staff who can advise whether work being considered requires permits.



CODE ENFORCEMENT INSPECTORS ARE HERE FOR YOU

Although **inspectors** perform proactive patrol to identify and address zoning code violations within the BMSD, their primary focus is to provide service and assistance to citizens whenever needed. In the photo to the left, a code enforcement inspector who observed a large portion of a tree that had fallen and blocking half of the street was able to use newly installed vehicle warning lights to warn oncoming traffic of unsafe situation until Broward County Highway and Bridge Maintenance Division crews could respond and clear the hazard.

TAKING AIM AT THOSE PESKY UNPERMITTED SIGNS!

Did you know that code enforcement inspectors all over Broward County often spend their time picking up temporary advertisement signs that are placed on public rights-of-way, utility poles and traffic signal cabinets? In the Broward Municipal Services District, whenever code inspectors see persons placing these prohibited signs, they can issue immediate citations with penalties ranging from \$250.00 to \$500.00 for each occurrence. Since this is also a violation of the Broward County Anti-Litter Law, law enforcement officers are also empowered to address this prohibited activity when observed.



The Broward County Code Enforcement Section does not have jurisdiction within other municipalities. Our jurisdiction is limited to the following neighborhoods located in the Unincorporated Broward Municipal Services District (BMSD) :

[Boulevard Gardens](#)

[Hillsboro Pines](#)

[Washington Park](#)

[Broadview Park](#)

[Hillsboro Ranches](#)

[Franklin Park](#)

[Roosevelt Gardens](#)