

In May 2017 the City of Tomah created a new part-time Code Enforcement Officer position. The purpose of this position is to promote the health, safety, prosperity, aesthetics and general welfare of our community by enforcing and remediating violations of the City of Tomah Code of Ordinances by being proactive and achieving voluntary compliance.

Code enforcement is done both proactively and by citizen complaints. When the Code Enforcement Officer becomes aware of a violation either by proactively doing inspections or by receiving a complaint she will do a review and field inspection to determine if there is actually a violation. If it is determined that there is a violation, a case is opened and a notice is sent to the property owner with up to 15 days to correct the violation.

To encourage voluntary compliance sufficient time, notice, information, and opportunity is given to residents, business operators, property owners, and tenant's to correct the violations. If voluntary compliance is not achieved a Municipal Citation can be issued and if the violation is deemed a nuisance the City has established abatement procedures to correct the nuisance at the property owner's expense.

Some examples of violations are nuisance violations, such as, public nuisances affecting health, peace, and safety, outdoor storage of junk, and inoperable and unregistered motor vehicles and recreational vehicles. Other Code violations include not displaying building numbers, front yard parking, and housing chickens and other farm animals.

For more information on code enforcement, Tomah Code of Ordinances, or to submit a complaint, visit the Tomah Police Department web page at <http://tomahpolice.com/faqs> or visit the City of Tomah web page at <http://tomahonline.com/index.php/dept/building-zoning-planning>. You may also contact Code Enforcement Officer Corliss Tischer directly at 608-374-7506.