

WILMERDING BOROUGH FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY ORDINANCES ENFORCEMENT  
ACTIVITY FOR AUGUST 2021 FIRE MARSHAL / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AL VINCENT HUSSEY

(OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS FOR AUGUST 2021)

PASSED INSPECTIONS = 10

FAILED INSPECTIONS = 1

RESCEDULED FAILED INSPECTIONS = 1

FEES COLLECTED = \$ 0.00 SEE OFFICE REPORT

(ORDINANCE AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMPLAINTS)

ISSUE.	TOTAL.
Origin and Cause Fire Investigation. 210 Marguerite avenue	1
138-2 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR OCCUPANCY.	11
138.3 OCCUPANCY INSPECTION REQUIRED FOR SALE OR TRANSFER	7
145-9 STANDARDS ADOPTED.	0
192-1 LITTERING PROHIBITED.	13
210-2 HEALTH HAZARDS AND NUISANCES PROHIBITED.	5
238-14 WRITTEN RENTAL AGREEMENT.	5
238-30 LICENSE REQUIERMENTS.	0
255-11 STANDARDS FOR STORAGE OF SOLID WASTE.	0
255-13 CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE.	3
285-36 PARKING OF TRUCKS, BUSES AND CERTAIN OTHER VEHICLES.	2
301.2 RESPONSIBILITY.	0
301.3 VACANT STRUCTURES AND LAND.	6
302.4 WEEDS	15
302.8 MOTOR VEHICLES	3
304.10 STAIRWAYS, DECKS, PORCHES AND BALCONIES.	0
110.1.1 UNSAFE BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES.	3
304.2 PROTECTIVE TREATMENT.	0
307.1 HANDRAILS AND GUARDRAILS.	0
308.1 ACCUMULATION OR RUBBISH OR GARBAGE.	16

308.2 DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH.	16
308.3 DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE.	16
108.1.3 STRUCTURE UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY.	0
1027 Quality of Life ticket / Ordinance issued	7

OCCUPANCY INSPECTION TOTALS FOR WILMERDING BOROUGH FOR THE MONTH OF AUGUST 2021

Total passed occupancy inspections = 10            Failed = 1            Total Temp Occupancy Insp = 0

334 Station Street single family row Town house owned by Craig Edwards 8/26/2021 at 07:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

916 Airbrake Avenue single family dwelling owned by Mary S. Comunale 8/26/2021 at 11:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

106 Herman Avenue Commercial apartment building Apt # 26 owned by Admiral Place LLC 8/20/2021 at 17:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

211 Welsh row house apartment commercial building Apt (A) owned by Dynasty Homes 8/12/2021 at 15:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

219 5<sup>th</sup> street tri-plex commercial apartment building Apt # 2 owned by Ted Flora 8/17/2021 at 11:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

660 Middle Avenue duplex row house Apt (B) owned by Bonnie Alexander 8/17/2021 at 14:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

100 St. Joseph drive Commercial Apartment Building Apt # 307 owned by CIAC 8/19/2021 at 08:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

510 Station Street Commercial Apartment Building Apt #306 owned by CIAC 8/19/2021 8:45 am 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

636 Middle Avenue duplex row house Apt (A) owned by Heather Wise 8/31/2021 at 08:10 am 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

610 Middle Avenue single family dwelling owned by Reach Tall LLC 8/20/2021 at 15:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> inspection failed on this date and time.

MONTHLY EVENTS & CODE COMPLAINTS FOR AUGUST 2021 WILMERDING BOROUGH PA

Magistrate court hearings: THREE 8/18/2021

Common Pleas court hearings: Nothing this Month

Guilty verdict on issued summary citations = 2, PA Judicial records.

Received a small building permit application for an existing structure small porch project 8/17/2021 at 08:00 am was found to be in compliance with applicable building codes and zoning codes, permit was issued, Cleared the call without incident.

Received a dumpster permit for 105 Herman Avenue fire escape project, 8/31/2021 at 7:00 am carefully reviewed dumpster placement and found to be in compliance with fire codes and building codes, permit was issued, Cleared the call without incident.

Received a demolition permit for 105 Herman Avenue fire escape project, 8/31/2021 at 7:30 am carefully reviewed the project with company engineer and hired fire escape contractor and found this project to be in compliance with local adopted fire codes and building code standards, found this project to be in compliance, Demolition permit was issued.

Self-witnessed trash and garbage set out after regular scheduled trash collection 8/27/2021 at 07:38 am attempted contact with occupant of 107 wall street single-family dwelling on this date and time. No contact was made during this attempt. An orange curtesy notice was placed on the front door. Trash was removed from the sidewalk later this same date, violation abated and cleared call without incident.

Self-witnessed tall grass and weeds at 107 wall street single family dwelling 8/27/2021 at 8:00 am attempted contact with occupant on this date and time. No contact was made during this attempt. I placed an orange curtesy notice on the front door. Cleared the call without incident. I will follow up with occupants to ensure grass and weed violation is abated.

Self-witnessed a blue dumpster on wheels set out on the public sidewalk in front of 750 Airbrake Avenue 8/18/2021 at 07:33 am attempted contact with current renter of this Commercial space by way of cell phone this date and time. Contact was made with renter. Blue dumpster was placed back into the garage and violation was abated. Cleared call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed a dirty, filthy old mattress set out on the public sidewalk in front of 746 Airbrake Avenue on 8/17/2021 at 08:05 am attempted contact with the apartment resident who I had probable cause to believe put the mattress on the sidewalk. Contact was made during this attempt with this resident. I politely asked the resident to take the mattress off the sidewalk until regular schedule trash collection. Tenant complied and I cleared the call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed two tires, one flat-screen TV and some general household trash set out early on 8/17/2021 at 08:38 am attempted contact with occupant of single-family dwelling. No contact was made during this attempt. I issued an orange curtesy notice and a quality-of-life ticket on this date and time. Later this date the aforementioned was removed without incident and I cleared this call for a later report.

Self-Witnessed hedges at 730 Airbrake Avenue that were an obstruction onto public sidewalk and tenants' access to commercial autobody shop. 8/03/2021 at 07:38 am I attempted contact with single family dwelling homeowner by cell phone. Contact was made during this date and time. I explained the situation to the registered property owner. Hedges were cut and violation was abated. Cleared this call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed tall grass at 652 Airbrake Avenue. 8/03/2021 at 08:00 am I attempted contact with tenant of tenant of row house. Contact was made during this attempt. I politely asked if they would be so kind to cut the grass. Tenant agreed and said they would cut the grass. The next day the grass was cut. Violation abated, cleared this call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed a small refrigerator and a large throw rug placed on sidewalk prior to regular scheduled trash collection at 610 Middle Avenue 8/30/2021 at 07:30 am. Attempted contact with tenant of this single-family dwelling by cell phone on this date and time. No contact was made during this attempt. I left a voicemail, and I was expecting a return call. I also placed an orange curtesy notice on the front door. Eventually the aforementioned was removed from the sidewalk. Cleared this call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed construction wooden material set out on the public sidewalk in front of 736 Middle Avenue single family dwelling on 08/31/2021 at 08:00 am attempted contact on this date and time. No contact was made during this attempt. I placed an orange curtesy notice on the front door of this property. Eventually the construction material was removed. Code violation abated. Cleared the call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed trash set out early on the public sidewalk in front of 638 Airbrake Avenue on 8/07/2021 at 9:30 am I attempted contact with current resident. Contact was made during this attempt. I politely asked the tenant to please place the trash and garbage back on her porch of side of the house until the regular schedule trash collection date listed here as 8/11/2021 after 6:00 pm I explained to the tenant all the reasons why if the trash and garbage was left on the curb for 4 days. Animals would get into the bags and knock over the trash cans a garbage would be everywhere. Tenant thanked me for the education and removed the trash and garbage from the public sidewalk. Cleared this call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed trash set out early on the public sidewalk in front of 630 Airbrake Avenue on 8/7/2021 at 10:00 am I attempted contact with current resident. Contact was made during this attempt. I politely asked the tenant to please place the trash and garbage back up on the side of the house or side porch until regular schedule trash collection on 8/11/2021. Occupant said that they seen the other person set their trash out, so they also thought that trash collection was soon approaching so they set their trash out. I replied ok I understand. I thanked the tenant for their cooperation and understanding for this situation. I also advised of the regular scheduled trash collection date to proactively avoid this from happening again. Cleared this call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed a Flatscreen TV and two tires set out on the public sidewalk in front of 606 / 608 Airbrake Avenue on 8/8/2021 at 11:30 am. I attempted contact with both addresses contact was made with both occupants of both addresses. Neither wanted to admit to who put the aforementioned listed items on the public sidewalk. I explained that I was not looking to learn who put the items there, rather the exact opposite in reference to just getting them removed and asked if the two addresses could help me do that. They both agreed and the items were removed. Cleared this call without incident for a later report. Violation abated.

Received a complaint about 706 Middle Avenue possible sewer leek coming out of a large stone wall in front of this address on 8/4/2021 at 7:45 am I attempted contact with current resident of this single-family dwelling. Contact was not made during this attempt. I posted an orange curtesy notice and wrote please give me a call when you receive this notice. Later this date and at 8:30 pm in the evening I received a return phone call from current resident. I explained the reason for my stop to the caller. I also asked if they could give this some attention and follow up with me in a few days to see what is going on. Work was started on this wall on 8/24/2021 and the project is still ongoing. Cleared this call

without incident for a later report. I will follow back up with this address to see the progress of the work.

Received a request from Allegheny County Police on 8/4/2021 at 14:38 pm to help the officers with a dangerous dog at 162 Brown Avenue. Assistance was rendered by Fire Marshal Hussey, two state citations were issued to the dog's owner. All officers Cleared this call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed a Large Flat Screen TV being set out on the public sidewalk on 8/17/2021 at 7:35 am I politely educated the tenant that Bigs Sanitation will not take e-waste and requested that the TV be removed from the sidewalk and placed back to wherever it came from. Tenant complied and will make other arrangements to dispose of the TV. Cleared this call without incident for a later report.

On 8/17/2021 at 7:08 am followed up on an abandoned automobile in the alley behind 246 Welsh avenue. Vehicle was removed upon written notice served to registered owner. Cleared this call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed an old-style TV set illegally dumped on the rear sidewalk on Middle Avenue on 8/3/2021 at 08:15 am. After some further investigation into who may have set this TV on the sidewalk, I was able to uncover that the TV came out of 1014 Airbrake. I attempted contact with the current tenant of this Single-Family dwelling on this date and this time. Contact was made during this attempt with occupant. I politely asked if the occupant knew who placed the TV in the rear of this address. Occupant did admit to setting the TV their because they figured that someone would just pick it up for scrap. I explained to the occupant that scarpers do not take TV'S and that the TV would need to be removed and put back to wherever it came from. Later that week the TV was removed, and code violation was abated. Cleared this call without incident for a later report.

Received a request form Allegheny County Police to assist their agency with a specific tenant of Wilmerding of a sensitive matter on 8/5/2021 at 6:30 pm. Fire Marshal Hussey rendered assistance and all officers cleared this call without incident for a later report.

Received a complaint about 652 Airbrake avenue on 8/20/2021 at 11:45 am attempted contact with current occupants of this structure. Contact was made during this attempt on this date and time. I advised tenant that they had to clean up the yard and exterior of this structure. Tenant replied that they were already going to do that and that I should stop picking on them and bothering their family. I advised the tenant that I am just doing my duty in servicing the Communities Code Enforcement needs and I also apologized that they feel that I am picking on this address, and I asked how I could make them not feel that way or how could I do a better job better with keeping the violations in mind. Tenant did not offer any constructive criticism to Fire Marshal Hussey and returned back into the residence. I will follow up on this to trust but verify that the exterior has been cleaned. Cleared this call without incident for a later report.

Received a request for assistance from Allegheny County police on 8/2/2021 at 06:30 am to follow up on 616 Middle Avenue to see if there was a squatter living in this property. Property was checked and no squatter was living in this address. Unfounded, Property was resecured and cleared the vacant house without incident for a later report.

Received several complaints about 220 Card Avenue on 8/5/2021 11:30 am. This is a vacant triplex rental property owned by Red-not life properties. Owner does not live in the United States. Triplex has

been posted dangerous and not habitable by this Affiant Fire Marshal Hussey, Option #1 Borough can cut the weeds and grass and then I Fire Marshal Hussey and Wilmerding Borough Solicitor can work together to file a municipal lien for the cost of the grass cut and the state code violation citations. Option #2. Borough can hire a grass cutting landscape company to cut the grass and file a municipal lien on the property for the cost associated with the landscaping companies invoices and I will also again file state citations for the code violations.

Received a Complaint about 502 Middle Avenue mice and rodents on 8/2/2021 at 9:45 am I attempted contact with registered owner of this property. I explained the situation and the property owner did get the house treated for mice and small rodents and bugs. I also reached out to Allegheny County Human Services to help the tenants with their sanitary issues, Bathing, Washing clothes and general hygiene. These types of cases take a long time to resolve and are not an overnight fix. Furthermore, they require allot of follow up and keeping the lines of communication open with Allegheny County Human Services and the property owner. I will follow up on this case throughout the process. Cleared the call without incident for a later report.

Self-Witnessed a Flat Screen TV set out on the curb in front of 534 Airbrake Avenue on 8/10/2021 at 08:22 am attempted contact with current occupant of this rental property. Contact was made during this attempt. I advised the occupant that Bigs sanitation does not take TV'S and that the TV would need to be removed from the sidewalk. Tenant removed the TV while I was still onsite, and violation was abated this date and time. Cleared the call without incident for a later report.

Received a phone call about a school bus that was parking on Westinghouse Avenue 8/9/2021 at 9:45 am. After further investigation this Affiant Fire Marshal Al Hussey was able to uncover who was parking the school bus on Westinghouse Avenue. I had a very nice conversation with the School Bus Driver. Bus was moved and violation was abated. Cleared this call without incident for a later report.

This Concludes Fire Marshal Hussey monthly code enforcement activity to date as of 08/31/2021