

WILMERDING BOROUGH FIRE CODE ENFORCEMENT & PUBLIC SAFETY ORDINANCES ENFORCEMENT  
ACTIVITY FOR SEPTEMBER 2020 FIRE MARSHAL / CODE ENFORCEMENT OFFICER AL VINCENT HUSSEY

(OCCUPANCY INSPECTIONS FOR SEPTEMBER 2020)

PASSED INSPECTIONS = 4

FAILED INSPECTIONS = 3

RESCEDULED FAILED INSPECTIONS = 2

FEEES COLLECTED = \$ 0.00 SEE OFFICE REPORT

(ORDINANCE AND QUALITY OF LIFE COMPLAINTS)

ISSUE.	TOTAL.
Origin and Cause Fire Investigation.	0
138-2 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR OCCUPANCY.	7
138.3 OCCUPANCY INSPECTION REQUIRED FOR SALE OR TRANSFER	5
145-9 STANDARDS ADOPTED.	0
192-1 LITTERING PROHIBITED.	30
210-2 HEALTH HAZARDS AND NUISANCES PROHIBITED.	3
238-14 WRITTEN RENTAL AGREEMENT.	4
238-30 LICENSE REQUIERMENTS.	2
255-11 STANDARDS FOR STORAGE OF SOLID WASTE.	0
255-13 CONSTRUCTION AND DEMOLITION WASTE.	0
285-36 PARKING OF TRUCKS, BUSES AND CERTAIN OTHER VEHICLES.	2
301.2 RESPONSIBILITY.	0
301.3 VACANT STRUCTURES AND LAND.	21
302.4 WEEDS	30
302.8 MOTOR VEHICLES	4
304.10 STAIRWAYS, DECKS, PORCHES AND BALCONIES.	2
110.1.1 UNSAFE BUILDINGS OR STRUCTURES.	35
304.2 PROTECTIVE TREATMENT.	1
307.1 HANDRAILS AND GUARDRAILS.	0
308.1 ACCUMULATION OR RUBBISH OR GARBAGE.	0

308.2 DISPOSAL OF RUBBISH.	15
308.3 DISPOSAL OF GARBAGE.	15
108.1.3 STRUCTURE UNFIT FOR HUMAN OCCUPANCY.	0
1027 Quality of Life ticket / Ordinance issued	12

OCCUPANCY INSPECTION TOTALS FOR WILMERDING BOROUGH FOR THE MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020

Total passed occupancy inspections = 4          Failed = 3          Total Temp Occupancy Insp = 0

334 Station Street owned by Arthur Sciuolo 9/25/2020 at 16:00 pm 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time. For Sale Or transfer of a structure.

502 Airbrake Avenue owned by John Nalevanko 9/5/2020 at 11:30 am 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time. For Sale Or transfer of a structure.

532 Airbrake Avenue owned by Alan Comanici 9/9/2020 at 08:00 am 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

426 Middle Avenue owned by Seth ASPS one LLC 9/1/2020 at 13:40 pm 1<sup>st</sup> inspection passed on this date and time.

401 – 403 Commerce Street (AKA) Park House Building owned by Frank Pelly 9/1/2020 2nd inspection at 16:00 pm walk through for sale or transfer to give full disclosure to buyer of repairs listed on for sale or transfer listed on 1<sup>st</sup> borough inspection report. Buy wanted to actually see the inside of the building.

539 Westinghouse Avenue owned by John Liscio 9/30/2020 at 15:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> inspection failed on this date and time.

538 Airbrake Avenue owned by David Osborne 9/8/2020 at 14:30 pm 1<sup>st</sup> inspection failed on this date and time. For Sale or transfer of this property.

EVENTS AND CODE VIOLATIONS FOR MONTH OF SEPTEMBER 2020 WILMERDING BOROUGH.

Magistrate court hearings 9/30/2020

Magistrate court hearings 9/23/2020

Common pleas court hearing 9/24/2020 as a Commonwealth fact witness for Assistant District Attorney office in a case from last year.

900 Middle Avenue, Owned by Bob Coddington, Ongoing Building project inspections and guidance 9/28/2020 at 8:30 am

318 Middle Avenue, Owned by Amit and Mario Constable, Ongoing remodeling project inspections and guidance 9/28/2020 at 9:30 am

254 / 256 Welsh avenue received a second complaint about a refrigerator on a front porch 9/25/2020 at 13:30 pm attempted contact with tenant on this date and time. Contact was made with occupant of this unit. I spoke with tenant about the refrigerator to get a better understanding of the condition of the refrigerator was in (usable or Non-usable) (Hazard or Non-Hazard) and to also get a better

understanding of the tenants intent of usage of the refrigerator on the porch, accurate comparison to the (IPMC) International Property Maintenance Code Section # 302.13 and Section # 302.10 has to be made to meet the legal challenge of this code and also the Wilmerding Borough Local ordinance code # 210.2 to ensure no violation of a person's civil rights to their own usable property has occurred. My investigation uncovered that the refrigerator was still in good working condition and the owner of this refrigerators intent was giving it to a family member who was going to be picking it up sometime soon. No Violation of any local ordinance or adopted IPMC ordinance has occurred with this complaint. Tenant asked me if there was a problem and I politely replied no not at all, I was simply curious if you needed help with the disposal of the refrigerator. I thanked the tenant for her kind conversation, and I cleared the call without incident.

336 Welsh avenue received an application for a dumpster permit 9/22/2020 at 13:00 pm I reviewed the area of placement to trust but verify that it was in compliance with local ordinances, Subsequently the permit was issued on this date and time.

Received a small projects building permit for 201 Caldwell avenue 9/22/2020 at 12:30 pm (Holy Angels Church) for a replacement of a retaining wall that is located on Westinghouse Avenue with 12 inch Split block and a footer to match, also listed was a park bench replacement. Inspected job site for compliance with (IBC) International Building Code and local adopted zoning codes. Subsequently project complies and building permit was issued on this date and time.

318 Middle avenue received a question about if a dumpster permit was obtained for this project. 9/18/2020 at 15:30 pm my investigation revealed that a dumpster permit was obtained and paid for at the same time as the building permit. This was not a second dumpster but rather the 1<sup>st</sup> dumpster from the original permit.

Received a complaint about the 2<sup>nd</sup> or 3<sup>rd</sup> house inn on Patton street there was a metal garbage can on the sidewalk with no garbage in it. 9/18/2020 at 15:45 pm upon my arrival the garbage can was not there. Cleared the call without incident.

Received a complaint about 349 Marguerite avenue high grass and tall weeds 9/17/2020 at 15:22 pm attempted contact with occupant of the structure, no contact was made on this date and time. Issued an orange curtesy notice and will wait to see if I get a response from occupant or owner. I will follow up in 10 days. Cleared the call without incident.

Received a complaint about tall grass and weeds and trash and garbage on the property at 120 Middle avenue 9/8/2020 at 14:30 pm attempted contact on this date and time, Contact was made with the owner of this property and the tenant. Education of the local code and exterior property maintenance was issued to the tenant and property owner. Subsequently the grass was cut, and all the garbage was removed. Cleared the call without incident.

Received a complaint about 512 Middle avenue trash and garbage on the porch of this vacant apartment 9/2/2020 at 16:05 pm attempted contact with property owner who is out of state by phone call and email, No return correspondence has been received as of this date and time. I will try and attempt contact in a few days.

Received a complaint about 412 Westinghouse avenue tall grass and weeds 9/29/2020 at 15:38 pm attempted contact with owner by phone call, Contact was made during this attempt. Owner committed

to getting the grass cut. I thanked the owner and told the owner I would follow up with him after the grass was cut. Cleared the call without incident.

Received a complaint about 107 Pat Mews drive large tree in front yard blocking a streetlight 9/24/2020 at 15:08 attempted contact with owner of the structure on this date and time, no contact was made during this attempt. I left an orange curtesy notice and I am expecting return correspondence. Home appears to be vacant.

Received a complaint about tall grass and weeds at 124 Middle avenue vacant and abandoned property for many years, 9/23/2020 at 16:00 pm attempted contact with the owner by a phone number that I had and the number was no longer in service, I will try and track down the owner. Cleared the call without incident.

Received a complaint about 2 garbage bags full of leaves and grass clippings next to some small bush branches on the public sidewalk around the 600 block of middle avenue 9/9/2020 at 15:23 tried to locate the owner of these grass clippings and tree branches but no one that I made contact with would claim ownership or if they see anyone putting the aforementioned on the sidewalk. Cleared the call without incident.

Received a vacant property recover program inspection for 560 Middle avenue 9/16/2020 at 14:22 pm performed the inspection assessment per required paperwork documentation and turned in the inspection report to the Borough Secretary for processing on this date and time. Cleared the call without incident.

Received a community service worker from one of my district court cases held at 05-02-11 Roxanne Eichler magistrate court 9/1/2020 at 07:00 am directed volunteer to pull weeds on the sidewalks of Middle avenue and Airbrake avenue, Pick up trash and garbage on Airbrake and Middle avenue, Worked was performed in compliance with local court and borough ordinances. 8 hours of community services was performed on this date and time.

I self-witnessed at 211 and 300 Westinghouse avenue blue dumpster overflowing 9/16/2020 at 16:45 pm attempted contact with the property owner / manager on this date and time. Contact was made during this attempt. Educated property owner what the purpose of my call was for. Property owner quickly had their grounds maintenance crew clean everything up. Hazard abated. I cleared the call without incident.

I received a complaint by Joe Pirillo that Big's Sanitation did not pick up his trash bags that were set out for regular collection on 9/03/2020 at 07:00 am on the curb, with Monday being labor day the trash would have sat there for long 4 days and been all over the street. I was able to successfully get someone to pick up the trash bags and bring them over to our borough dumpsters and get rid of them to avoid the aforementioned. Cleared the call without incident.

Self-witnessed tall grass and weeds at 402 Middle avenue. 9/2/2020 at 08:30 am. I attempted contact with the tenant or occupant on this date and time. Contact was made and the tenant cut the grass. Code violation was abated. Cleared the call without incident.

Self-witnessed tall grass and weeds at 604, 610 and 608 middle avenue, 9/2/2020 at 10:30 am. I attempted contact with the tenant or occupant on this date and time. No contact was made during this

attempt. Orange curtesy notices were issued, and a quality of life ticket was issued to all three addresses. The grass and weeds were cut abating the code violation. Cleared the call without incident.

662 Middle avenue apartment #1 self-witnessed tall grass and weeds, 9/2/2020 at 11:00 attempted contact on this date and time. Contact was made during this attempt. Grass and weeds were cut and removed. Code violation was abated, and I cleared the call without incident.

Self-witnessed missing soffit-facia board and gutter with hanging downspout in the rear of 729 and 731 property. 9/2/2020 at 14:30 pm. I attempted contact with the property owner on this date and time. Contact was made and the above aforementioned was corrected within 5 days of this notification. Cleared the call without incident.

I received a complaint about 612-614 Airbrake avenue sidewalk and weeds and overgrown trees encroaching the public walkway. 9/2/2020 at 13:30 pm. I attempted contact with property owner on this date and time. Contact was made at another address on airbrake avenue in Wilmerding. The above aforementioned was removed and code violation was abated. Cleared the call without incident

Received a complaint about cars parking the wrong way on Morningside avenue blocking the fire hydrant 9/2/2020 at 09:00 am attempted contact with the owners of the vehicles on this date and time. No contact was made during this attempt. Through future attempts of notifying the vehicle owners were successful and the vehicles were being parked in the driveway instead of on the street. Cleared the call with out incident.

Received a complaint about 530 airbrake avenue trash and garbage with high grass and weeds. In front yard 9/8/2020 at 08:35 am attempted contact with tenant on this date and time. Contact was made and tenant was advised. Subsequently 8 days later the above aforementioned was abated and grass was cut, and garbage was removed. Cleared the call without incident.

Received a second complaint about the Herman avenue wall that is along the parking lot, 9/1/2020 at 08:00 am attempted contact with owner of the wall. Contact was not made during this attempt. I left a phone voice mail for the owner of this property. I would also like to mention that prior phone contact was made with the property owner at the time of the complaint and he was advised of the issue surround the complaint during a virtual council meeting. I did receive a return call from the property owner responding to my voice message, and he is working on getting the wall corrected. Cleared the call without incident.

Received a question about failure to pay rental licenses 9/1/2020 and what the borough was doing about it. As of this date and time four of the delinquent licenses have been collected through diligent work practices and numerous phone calls to get collections for the borough.

Self-witnessed trash and construction material set out early at 510 Westinghouse avenue 9/8/2020 at 09:30 am attempted contact on this date and time, no contact was made during this attempt. Posted an orange curtesy notice and a quality of life ticket. I did receive return correspondence and the trash and construction material was cleaned up. Cleared the call without incident.

Received a complaint about 30 Sprauge street a large piece of furniture was on the sidewalk. 9/28/2020 at 11:50 am attempted contact with the owner of the furniture. Contact was made during this attempt.

Owner was advised and furniture will be removed and placed out in the proper place for regular trash collection day across the road. Cleared the call without incident.

Self-witnessed trash set out early at 506 Airbrake avenue 9/28/2020 at 08:30 am. Attempted contact with tenant on this date and time. Contact was made and tenant was advised. Trash was removed and will be set out for regular scheduled trash collection in compliance with local rule. Cleared the call without incident.

318 Middle avenue received a complaint about a large pile of branches and tires and other vegetation set on the road in front of the dumpster. 9/21/2020 at 11:30 am I attempted contact with the property owner on this date and time. Contact was made during this attempt. The above aforementioned was removed on 10/2/2020 at 11:38 am cleared the call without incident. Code violation abated.

224 4<sup>th</sup> street self-witnessed a refrigerator being set out on the sidewalk of this property 9/4/2020 at 07:30 am attempted contact with tenant on this date and time contact was made. Educated tenant on local ordinance and state codes. Refrigerator was placed on tenant's property until safe pick-up could be performed. Code violation was abated, and I cleared the call without incident.

208 Morningside avenue self-witnessed three 40-gallon hot water tanks set out on public sidewalk for storage and scrap. 9/14/2020 at 08:00 am attempted contact with the property owner on this date and time. Contact was made and property owner was advised. Follow up on this issue the next day and the tanks were removed. Cleared the call with out incident.

206 Morningside avenue self-witnessed tall grass and weeds at this property. 9/14/2020 at 09:00 am attempted contact with property owner or tenant. No contact was made during this attempt. I posted an orange curtesy notice and a quality of life ticket. Three days later the property owner called me and explained his position in this matter. Subsequently the grass was cut, and the weeds were removed.

652 Airbrake avenue received a request for assistance from ACPD to help with a dangerous dog bit form and tenant information, 9/1/2020 at 11:00 am assistance was rendered by Fire Marshal Hussey and I cleared the call without incident.

This Concludes Fire Marshal Hussey monthly code enforcement activity to date as of 9/30/2020