



Metro Codes

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Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County

CODES ONLINE CUSTOMER SERVICE DESK

The Metro Codes Department is responsible for enforcement of the Metro Building Code, Property Standards Code and Zoning Code for the purpose of ensuring the health and safety of Nashville's citizens.

Citizens can report codes violations in a number of ways. While many requests are received by phone, Metro Codes can accept Requests for Service via the internet. From the Metro Government home page, www.nashville.gov, click on the Building Code section at the **WORK** tab on the left side of the page. Then select the heading entitled Report a Codes Violation under the "I Want To..." section on the right side of the page to access the Codes On-Line screen. When completing the form, the two most important pieces of information are the address of the violation and a description of the violation. Especially important are items like when the violation occurs (i.e.: at night or on the weekend) or where on the property the violations are located, etc.

Requests for Service, once received by Codes' Property Standards Division, are entered into the request tracking system which schedules an initial inspection.

Some examples of code violations include: high grass (as long as there are other violations), debris on a property; an abandoned and/or inoperable vehicle; dilapidated house; graffiti on a building; sign violations; operating a business in residential zoning; farm animals; lack of premises identification (address numbers); yard/garage sales; rooming and boarding houses.

Once the request is submitted, an email message is sent to the citizen with the Request for Service (RFS) number indicating that a request has been initiated and an inspection will follow. After a reasonable amount of time, if the citizen would like to follow-up on the status of the inspection, they may call the Property Standards Division at 862-6590 for an update, referencing the RFS number.

To the right is a screen shot of Codes On-Line Web Page.

COMING SOON!

The Codes Department continues to implement additional components of the **ACCELA KIVA** system first brought on-line in June of last year. Earlier this year the **KIVA NET** and **Citizen** modules were added which now give us the ability to process contractor permit applications on-line. Later this year the **KIVA CITIZEN** module will allow the public to query the Request For Service (RFS) database in **KIVA** to view service request information.

On June 26th the Building and Property Standards divisions will be issued their laptop/tablet PC computers as part of the ACCELA Wireless program. This will give our field inspectors the ability to document their inspections in the field. Work for the day is downloaded to their laptop and the inspection results are annotated and uploaded at the end of the day, completely automating the inspection tracking process. The trades' inspectors will have the added ability to print an Inspection tag in the field with a Bluetooth enabled printer. The results of their inspections will also be emailed to the contractor. Look for our feature article on the Wireless program in the June edition of this Newsletter.

METRO AND CSX RAILROAD ANNOUNCE NEW PROPERTY MAINTENANCE AGREEMENT

Vacant overgrown lots littered with trash and debris are a common summertime sight for Nashville residents who live next door to railroad tracks, but a new agreement between Metro and CSX Transportation should bring a welcome change of scenery.

Under the new property maintenance agreement announced today, all CSX-owned properties in Metro will be cut and cleaned three times a year instead of once. The affected properties include [24 locations](#) Metro officials identified as complaint “hot spots” due to repeated reports of high grass, dumping and litter from residents.

“The impact this will have on neighborhoods in Metro Nashville is significant because it will help enhance their quality of life,” said Veronica Frazier, executive director of Metro Beautification and Environment (MBEC). “We applaud CSX for their willingness to be responsive to the needs of Nashville residents, and for their commitment to helping us keep Nashville clean and beautiful.”

“We hope this new agreement will assure Metro Nashville Government and members of the entire community that we want to be good neighbors, not absentee land owners,” said Jim Cain, regional coordinator in Tennessee for CSX, whose main offices are in Jacksonville, Fla.



For more than a year, Metro Beautification, along with Metro departments of Codes, Health and Public Works, have been working with CSX officials to improve communication and streamline the coordination of processes so that resident complaints about railroad properties in Nashville can be addressed more quickly and efficiently.

“CSX and area CSX officials are to be commended for voluntarily providing additional maintenance services in our residential neighborhoods, beyond the level which is required of them by Federal, state and local laws,” said Terry Cobb, Director of Metro Codes & Building Safety.

“CSX’s effort to maintain 24 of the company’s properties will help address public health issues in Nashville,” added Brent Hager, Director of Environmental Health for Metro Public Health. “The Health Department has found uncontrolled high grass and weeds serve as a breeding ground and cover for a wide range of potentially disease carrying mosquitoes, insects, rodents, as well as poisonous snakes.”

CSX recently signed a new contract with Interstate Property Remediation, a Kentucky-based property maintenance company that will cut and clean the Nashville properties in April, June and August each year.

CSX Transportation Inc. is a principal operating company of CSX Corporation, one of the leading transportation companies, providing rail, intermodal and rail-to-truck transload services. The company’s transportation network spans 21,000 miles with service to 23 eastern states and the District of Columbia, and connects to more than 70 ocean, river and lake ports. More information about CSX Corporation and its subsidiaries is available at the company’s web site, www.csx.com.

For more information on Metro Beautification and Environment, visit www.nashville.gov/beautification, or call 862-8418.

CSX Railroad Residential Property Locations

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| 1. Lyle Court | 2. Sadler Avenue | 3. Carter Avenue & Porter Road |
| 4. McKennie Avenue | 5. Chester Avenue & 16th Street | 6. Curdwood Boulevard |
| 7. McMahan Avenue | 8. Bronte Avenue (West side) | 9. 10th Avenue & Gay Street |
| 10. Next to 800 West Greenwood | 11. McGavock Pike (East Nashville) | 12. Regent Drive |
| 13. Scott Avenue (on North side) | 14. Harding & Davidson | 15. Virginia Avenue (both sides) |
| 16. Delmas Avenue | 17. Glenrose Avenue & Thompson Ln. | 18. Cahal & Railroad Sts (both sides) |
| 19. McAdoo Ave. | 20. Kirkland Ave. & Gallatin Rd. | 21. South of Harding (Radnor Yards) |
| 22. Division Street (South of Fogg) | 23. West Sharpe Ave.- Street dead ends | 24. Under bridge on Due West Ave. - S. Gallatin Rd & Gibson Dr. |

ZONING "101" HISTORICAL COMMISSION

The Metro Historic Zoning Commission reviews applications to create new historic overlay districts and makes recommendations regarding overlays to the Metro Planning Commission. MHZC adopts historic overlay design guidelines, and reviews and approves preservation permits in historic and conservation districts for new construction, alterations, additions and relocation and demolition of structures. The commission is composed of nine members who serve without compensation for a five-year term. Members are appointed by the Mayor and are confirmed by a majority vote of the Metro Council. The commission meets at 1:30 p.m. on the third Wednesday of the month at the MHZC offices at 3000 Granny White Pike.



There are three types of overlay districts: historic preservation, neighborhood conservation, and historic landmark. It is important to note that these types of zoning are overlay districts and do not affect land use within a district.

Historic Preservation Overlay District

This applies to sites, buildings, structures, or objects of local, state, or national significance, including structures associated with important individuals. It also applies to structures built with distinctive architectural character or style (e.g. Queen Anne, Italianate, Craftsman, Bungalow, Tudor Revival, and Colonial Revival). Properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register may qualify as a district. There are three districts designated as historic preservation districts within Davidson County: Edgefield, Second Avenue, and Woodland-in-Waverly.

Neighborhood Conservation Overlay District

This applies to structures and sites that as a collection represent a distinctive architectural character or style, reflect a period of Davidson County's development, or hold significance for local history. Properties listed or eligible for listing in the National Register may qualify for inclusion in a conservation zoning district, as well as those determined to be locally "worthy of conservation" by the Historical Commission staff. Conservation Zoning districts include (as of Summer 2005): Lockeland Springs-East End, Richland-West End, South Music Row, Woodlawn West, Cherokee Park, Blakemore, Belle Meade Links Triangle, Belmont-Hillsboro, Eastwood and Elmington Place.

Join us in the next newsletter for the next installment, "Historic Landmark District". In that article, we will take you to the places that are in the Landmark Districts.



SPECIAL POPULATIONS

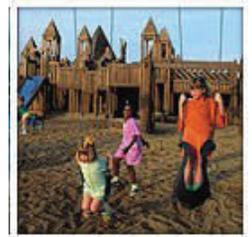
**Fannie Mae Dee's Park
Lily's Garden - A Playground for All Children
2400 Blakemore Avenue
Nashville, TN 37212**

Special Programs for People with Disabilities serves children and adults with physical and mental challenges. A wide range of daily recreational activities are available, including sports, music, art, bowling, swimming, and other activities. Metro Parks Disabilities Staff also trains Special Olympics athletes to participate, and trains volunteers to assist in training athletes. Call the Disabilities Office at (615) 883-1730 for more information.



Metro Parks and Recreation is committed to providing safe, clean and well-maintained facilities for your enjoyment. In addition to Park Police patrols, there are several steps Metro Parks has taken towards providing a safe and positive recreation and/or leisure experience:

- ◆ All Metro Parks staff, and volunteers working directly with children in Metro Parks programs, must undergo an extensive background check process, prior to employment or service.
- ◆ Metro Parks is an Authorized Provider of Water Safety Training through the American Red Cross (ARC). Metro Parks Aquatics Program teaches the entire water safety curriculum certifying lifeguards and swimming instructors for Parks facilities as well as various aquatics facilities throughout middle Tennessee. The curriculum includes: Infant to Adult Learn to Swim, Lifeguard Training, Lifeguard Instructor, Water Safety Instructor, CPR, and AED (Automated External Defibrillation).
- ◆ Park Watch is a new service offered by Metro Park Police which relies on community involvement to report suspicious activities and crime. Using existing resources, the program which works in conjunction with Neighborhood Watch, Park Watch teaches people how to properly spot and report criminal activity in their neighborhood parks. Many neighborhood groups are currently participating in the program with great success. A Park Police Officer can be reached by calling 880-3429. Other park user safety tips include:
 - ◆ Please be aware of your surroundings.
 - ◆ Enjoy our greenways & trails with a companion.
 - ◆ Stay on trails to avoid poison ivy!
 - ◆ Children should be supervised by an adult at all times.
 - ◆ Only use park equipment and/or facilities for the intended purposes.
 - ◆ Report safety problems to the risk management coordinator.
 - ◆ If possible, always carry a cell phone
 - ◆ Call 880-3429 for non-emergency - **911 for emergencies.**



EMPLOYEE HIGHLIGHTS

Mark Smith is a member of our Property Standards “Blue Team” which is under the direct supervision of Jeff Castleberry.



Mark has been employed by Metro Property Standards Division since July 2002. He is currently certified by the International Code Council as a Residential Building Inspector, Property Maintenance and Housing Inspector and Zoning Inspector.

His territory currently covers parts of East Nashville, Hermitage, and Old Hickory.

Mark brings several years of residential as well as commercial construction experience with him and he says this experience has helped him greatly in the performance of his duties here at Codes.

Mark and his wife Corinne celebrated their 25th wedding anniversary in 2007. They have two sons and one daughter and reside in Goodlettsville, TN.

Mark’s interests include spending time with his grandchildren, golf and gospel music. He is currently a member with a very popular regional southern gospel quartet, “Mercy Road” He is also their web-site administrator.

GETTING TO KNOW YOUR GOVERNMENT

Government Access TV



The Government Access channel is located on Comcast cable channel 3. Many of Metro’s meetings, including those of the Metropolitan Council are shown on this channel. WNPT—Channel 8 also broadcasts regular meetings tape-delayed at 10:30 p.m. For a complete list of programs and air dates/times, go to www.nashville.gov or call 880-3831

The channel also displays Metro Government related information on the message board on a space available basis. However, outside programming is not accepted.



STREET NUMBERS

One of the many things that are abated are street numbers. Many people are not aware that their properties are suppose to be properly identified, or what the code reads as “properly identified”. Below is the section from the Property Standards Code stating the parameters of that standard.

Section 16.24.340 (C) - All buildings and structures within Metropolitan Nashville and Davidson County shall have approved address numbers posted in accordance with following:

1. Residences are to have their numbers at least three (3) inches in size, on a contrasting background, and in a position to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property. The numbers may be attached to the residence or the mailbox, if the mailbox is next to the street.
2. Numbers posted on the outside of non residential buildings must be six (6) inches, or larger, on a contrasting background, and in a position to be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the premises. Numbers posted on interior doors or spaces (such as a lease space in a mall) must be at least three (3) inches in size.
3. Multifamily buildings shall have their numbers displayed to be plainly visible and legible, on a contrasting background, and a minimum size of six inches in height. Identifying numbers, at least three (3) inches in height shall also be posted on or at the doors of individual dwelling units.



SUMMER COMES TO NASHVILLE!

Aquatics Center

Swimming - Check out our Host Swim Club at <http://www.swimnac.com>



Welcome to swimming headquarters year-round—safely. (lifeguards are always on duty), clean (we take pride), and fun filled (have a party). In case you didn't know, your swimming headquarters is educational (we have classes), convenient (open swim times) and thrilling (diving well).

Don't forget, the aquatics Center is part of the Centennial Sportsplex. So, you'll have access to showers, changing rooms, a steam room, a sauna, and a complete fitness center. Take an exhilarating early morning swim to get your day off to an energetic start. Take a relaxing afternoon swim to wind down after a hard day at work. Too hot outside? No problem (and no bugs!) Too cold outside? Still no problem (in the middle of winter!). At the Centennial Sportsplex you'll find air and water temperatures computer controlled year-round for your perfect swimming environment. It's swimming at its best without the hassles.

So whether you're looking for a warm, cold, or any weather exhilarating or relaxing activity, the Centennial Sportsplex Aquatic Center is committed to maximizing your enjoyment. It's the place to be.

Daily Rates: Adult/\$6.00; College Students w/current ID/\$5.00; Children 12 & under/5.00; Disabled/\$5.00; Seniors 62 & over/\$5.00; Spectators/\$1.00; Military/\$5.00; Children 4 & under/FREE (with paid adult)

There are some rules for the pools that we would like to make you aware of:

1. Children under 3 must wear a swimmer's diaper.
2. Children 12 & under must be accompanied by an adult on deck or in water.
3. Only people over 18 are considered to be adults.
4. Children under 4 ft. tall must be accompanied by an adult in the water (2 per 1 adult)
5. Disabled people (unable to support themselves in the water must be accompanied by an aid in the water.

Watch upcoming issues for more Summer activities for children and adults throughout Nashville.

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Community & Recreation Centers



Metro Parks maintains 22 community and recreation centers in area parks. Informal recreational supervision, in conjunction with regularly scheduled activities and classes, is offered throughout the year. Girl Scout, Boy Scout, and REC Kids & Teens (Recreation, Environment, Community) programs are offered in some locations.

Hours: Hours vary from center to center. Call for exact hours.

Fees: There is no charge to use Centers during regular hours. Classes or special events and/or reservations may require a participation or usage fee.

Information: For general information call (615) 862-8424. Call individual centers for program information and hours of operation.

Reservations: Community Centers are available for rental on weekends and holidays for non-commercial groups. Clubrooms are available for use during normal operating hours for community use.

Please contact the community center of your choice for information relating to reservation use.



PASS IT ON!



Pass the word about our newsletter! We would be honored if you would share our newsletter with your friends, family and co-workers. If anyone would like to sign up to receive it themselves, they just need to send us their email, and we will be happy to "Pass It On" to them.

Terry Cobb and **Bill Penn** welcome your feedback on our e-newsletter. Please send your comments to Bill Penn, Assistant Director, Property Standards Div., 862-6516



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