

Lexington-Fayette County Code Enforcement is out in force around Lexington and focusing on C properties -- older buildings in older neighborhoods. I don't know why after a dozen years and in the middle of a tough time for multi-family owners they suddenly think it is time to correct so many non-conformities, but they do.

I am writing a letter to the mayor on behalf of our clients complaining about the timing and depth of these code sweeps (their terminology). They say you can't fight City Hall but we can protest.

If you receive a Code Enforcement notice, please PDF, Fax or snail mail the notices to Mike Welch in our office. Sometimes, we receive a copy of the notice, depending on which code officer is involved, but we cannot rely on that. If you send us a copy of what you receive, we will know we are on top of the issues. They are required to inform the property owner of record. Mike is our primary liaison with Code Enforcement.

We are successfully negotiating longer compliance intervals which will spread repair expenses over several months rather than all repair expenses hitting in one month. Prolonging the remedy results in numerous threatening letters from the automatic letter generator at the code enforcement office, but as long as we show effort and comply within 2-4 months, we can ease the financial blow. The progressively threatening letters may be alarming, but they are part of the process. Just send us a copy when they arrive. We need to be sure we don't have "Code creep" occurring, where the original findings are augmented over the months to include items not originally identified -- this is not suppose to happen.

If you have any questions about the code sweeps, please contact me or Mike Welch. I may not be able to answer "why" but can explain "how."

Best regards,  
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