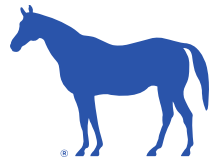


DIVISION OF CODE ENFORCEMENT 2026 ANNUAL UPDATE

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Certification

Maintained Accredited status by the International Accreditation Service.

Implemented internal programs to help staff achieve full State certification on all residential inspectors.

All Field Staff are enrolled in the Kentucky State Housing Building Construction (KYHBC) certified building inspector program and the Code Administrators Association of Kentucky (CAAK). Annual CEUs are required.

All Field staff are enrolled with the International Code Council (ICC).

Training

Maintained the formal staff exam preparation and training program for all new employees.

Enhanced on-site training through a partnership with the College for Technical Education (CTE).

Continued our cross-training efforts with LexCall and Code Enforcement staff.

Code Enforcement Programs

- Housing Repair Assistance Program (HRAP)
 - FY25: Provided \$198,000 in assistance to 42 owner-occupied recipients
 - FY26 through April 17th, 2026: Provided \$141,000 in assistance to 29 owner-occupied recipients.
- Sidewalk Cost Share Program
 - Assisted 1,252 owner-occupied households, providing \$245,000 in matching fund assistance.
 - 32 owner-occupied households assisted with \$42,000 of 100% assistance.
 - January 2025 implementation of the sidewalk abatement program has abated 75 sidewalk cases at a cost of \$61,000.

Community Outreach

Participated in all HOA and Neighborhood Association speaking requests.

Panel member at Community and Resident Services Tenant Rights Workshops.

New homeowner classes with Lexington Habitat for Humanity.

Regular exhibitor at the Lexington Minority Business Expo.

Housing Fair at the Lexington Senior Center.

Ongoing Efforts

Coordination and joint inspections with the Lexington Fire Marshal on multi-family buildings.

Worked with Coastal Cloud on needed enhancements to Salesforce.

Started an internal review committee of the division's standard operating procedures.

Code Enforcement by the Numbers

Cases opened 6,884.

Cases closed 6,903.

Code is responding to 83% of initial complaints within 3 days and achieving a 78% re-inspection rate within 5 days.

1547 citations issued, with a principal amount of \$575,000.

1228 liens filed for a principal amount of \$487,000.

Goals for 2026

- Increase our Housing inspectors' certifications beyond the State Residential Building Inspector level.
- Increase promotional opportunities within the Division of Code Enforcement aimed at employee retention.
- Data-Driven Enforcement
 - Implement or improve tracking dashboards for complaints, response times, and outcomes
 - Use data to identify hotspots and proactively inspect, rather than only reacting.

Questions?



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