

CODE ENFORCEMENT REVIEW

Planning and Public Safety Committee

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Authority and Scope

- Code of Ordinances
- Chapter 2B The Administrative Hearing Board
- Chapter 5 Sections 5-108,110 Emergency Relocation
- Chapter 12 Sections 12-1through 12-5, 12-8.4 Housing
The Property Maintenance Code
Nuisances, Abatement of Nuisances
Authority of the Commissioner
Penalties
Accumulation of snow as a nuisance
- Chapter 14, Sections 14-10, 14-105,106 Misc. Offenses
Citation Officers, Littering, Unsolicited Materials



Authority and Scope

- Zoning Ordinance Article 17-4(g) and 17-4 (j) Signs
Signs on trees, utility poles or other structures
Signs within sight triangles, right of ways

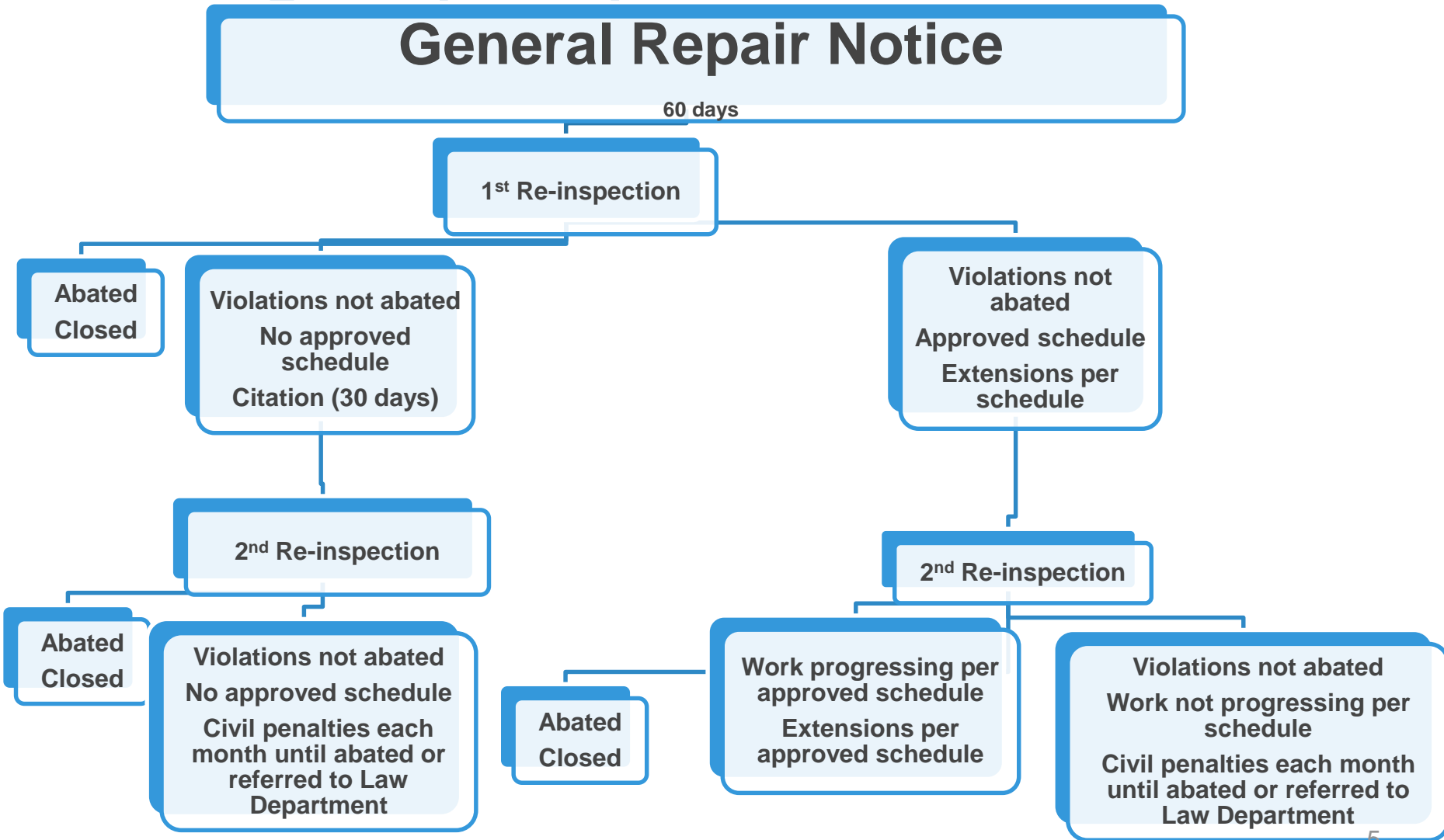


Problem Types

- Housing: Disrepair, unfit for human occupancy, IPMC, KBC, KRC, KFSS, IECC, KFPC - NFPA 101, NFPA 54, IMC, KPC, NFPA 70
- Nuisance: Tall grass and weeds, trash and debris, junk vehicles, sidewalk obstructions, signs
- Sidewalk: Displacement, holes, and other defects
- Snow: Snow event declaration and 4" accumulation min.
- Unsolicited Materials: Mailings not delivered in a proper location

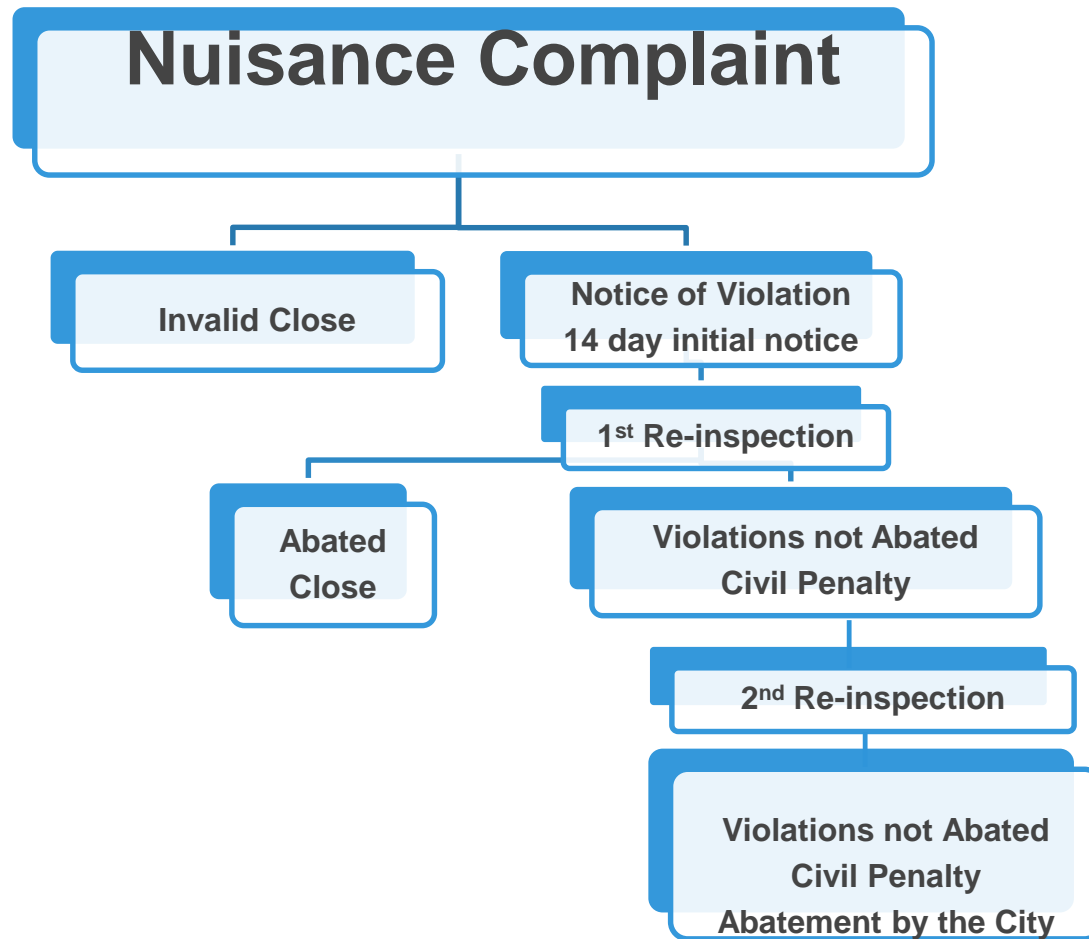


Housing complaint process



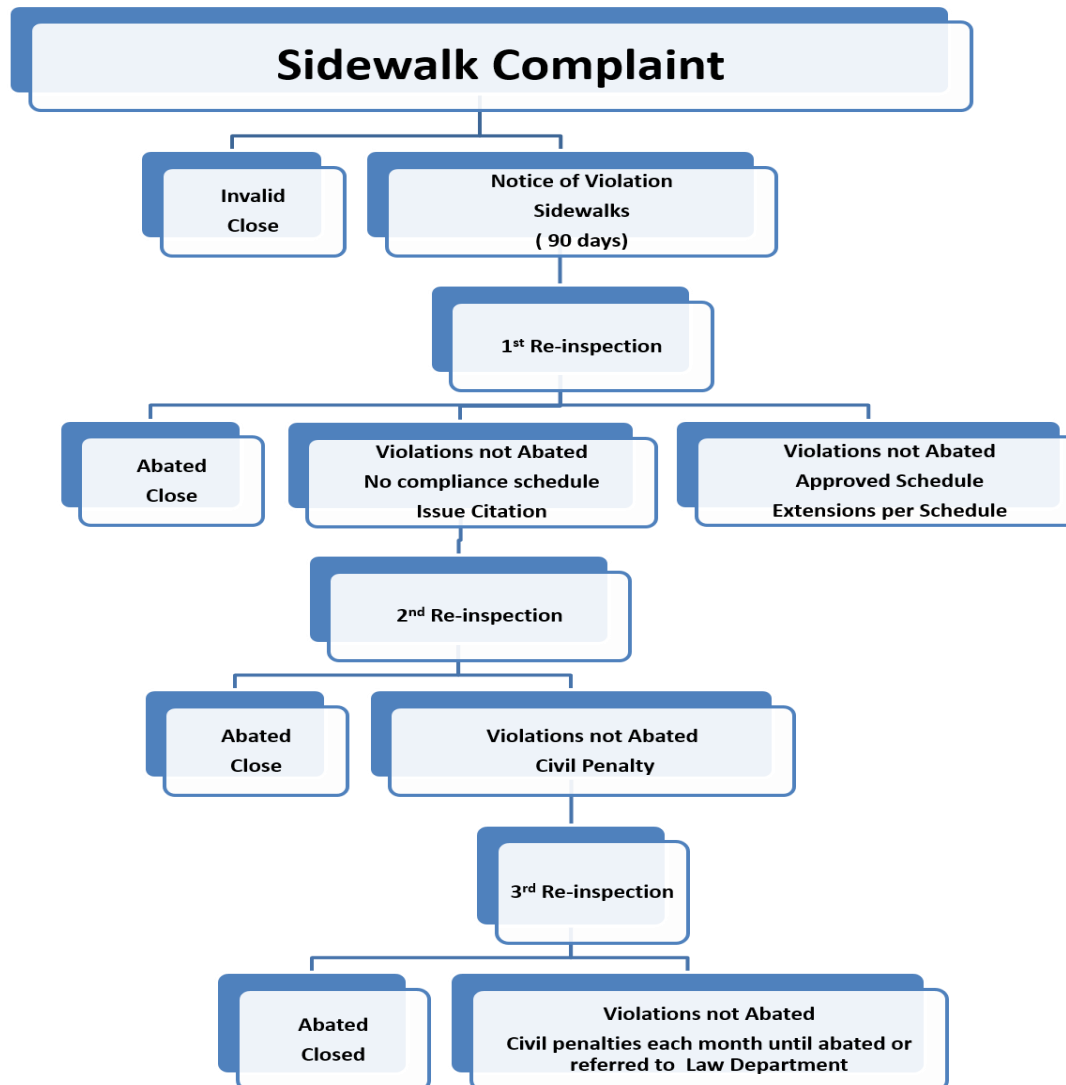


Nuisance complaint process





Sidewalk complaint process





Significant Changes

- Digital transformation to Salesforce
- New 311 Web Interface for CE cases
- Compliance letters
- Courtesy Notices/reminders
- Administrative fees for Citations
- One and Two Family General Repair Permits
- VPRC Secretariat
- Joint task force with OHPI
- Increased technical and soft skill training opportunities



Officer Qualifications and Training

- **Code Enforcement Officer:** Associate's degree, vocational technical degree, or specialized training = to 2 yrs. of college in design, building technology, or construction related subject and min. 2 yrs. experience as a foreman or other position that requires reading and interpreting building plans or 2 yrs. Experience in design or drafting for a design professional or equivalent combination. One and Two Family Inspector (NCPCCI) or Residential Inspector Certification (ICC), which also requires 12 hrs. annual continuing education to maintain per KY
- **Nuisance Control Officer:** Associates degree, vocational technical degree, or specialized training = 2 yrs. of related college and min. of 2 yrs. of gov't or public service or equivalent.



Attrition from 2016-2019

- 17 Employees have moved on
 - 3 retirements
 - 5 resignations
 - 1 terminated
 - 1 transfer within LFUCG
 - 5 took pay increases within LFUCG to other Divisions
 - 2 took pay increases with other local governments
- Currently one vacant position, unfunded for FY 19/20 with a total of 26 positions, 3 Supervisors, 11 Code Enforcement Officers, 5 Nuisance Control Officers



Cases and Citations by Council District

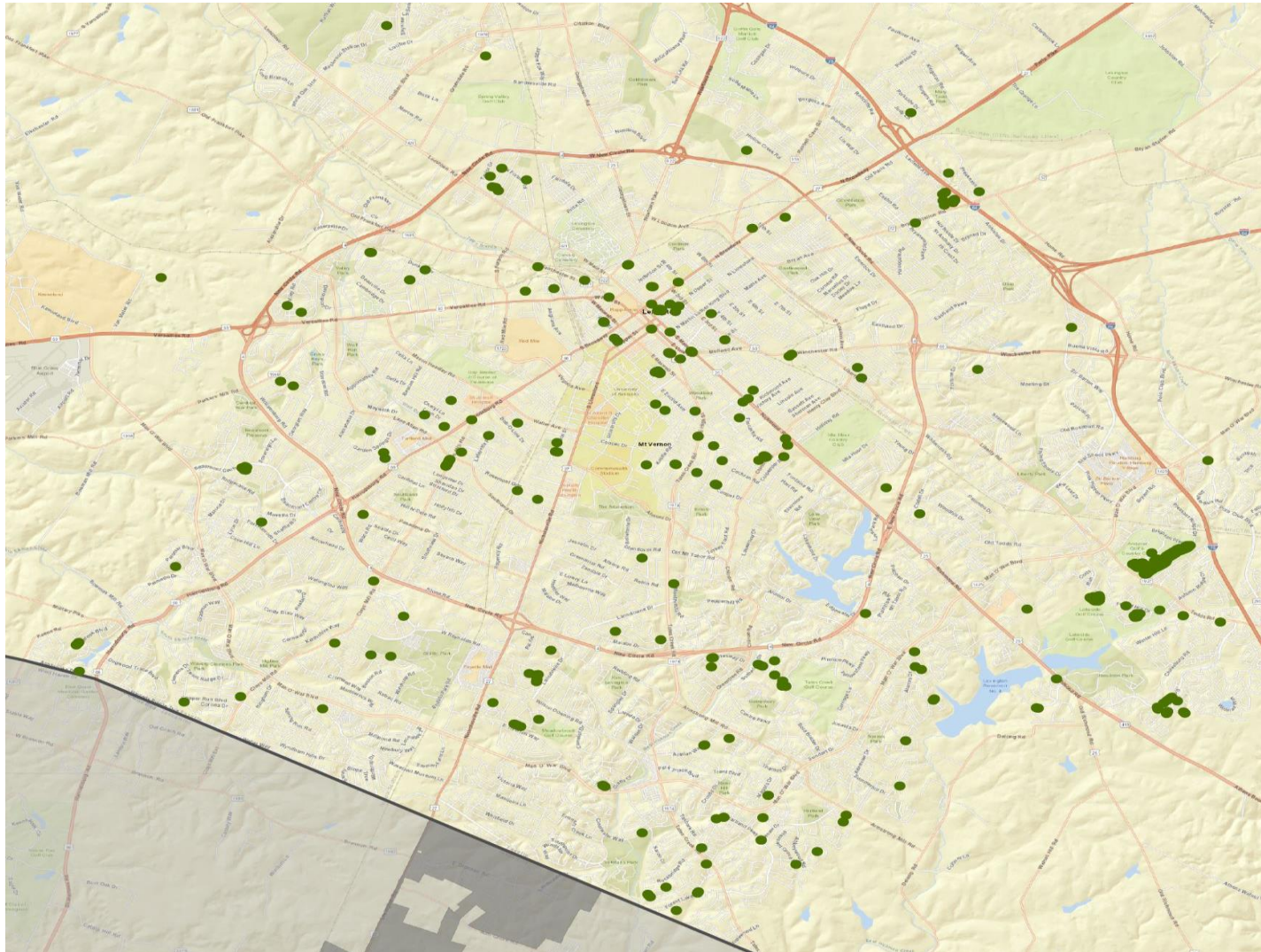
Cases and Citations by Council District Aug 2018-Dec 2019									
14,358 total cases					3,182 total citations				
	District	#	Rank	%		District	#	Rank	%
J. Brown	1	2934	1	20.43		1	992	1	31.17
McCurn	2	1315	4	9.16		2	302	3	9.49
Gibbs	3	1194	5	8.31		3	214	6	6.72
Lamb	4	947	9	6.59		4	120	9	3.77
Farmer	5	1150	6	8		5	262	4	8.23
Evans	6	1326	3	9.24		6	240	5	7.54
Worley	7	998	7	6.95		7	167	8	5.24
F. Brown	8	977	8	6.8		8	193	7	6.06
Mossotti	9	628	11	4.37		9	75	11	2.35
Bledsoe	10	702	10	4.88		10	95	10	2.98
Reynolds	11	1721	2	11.98		11	458	2	14.39
Plomin	12	424	12	2.95		12	65	12	2.04
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		14,358		99.95			3,182		99.98
						Appeals within same period	668		20.99



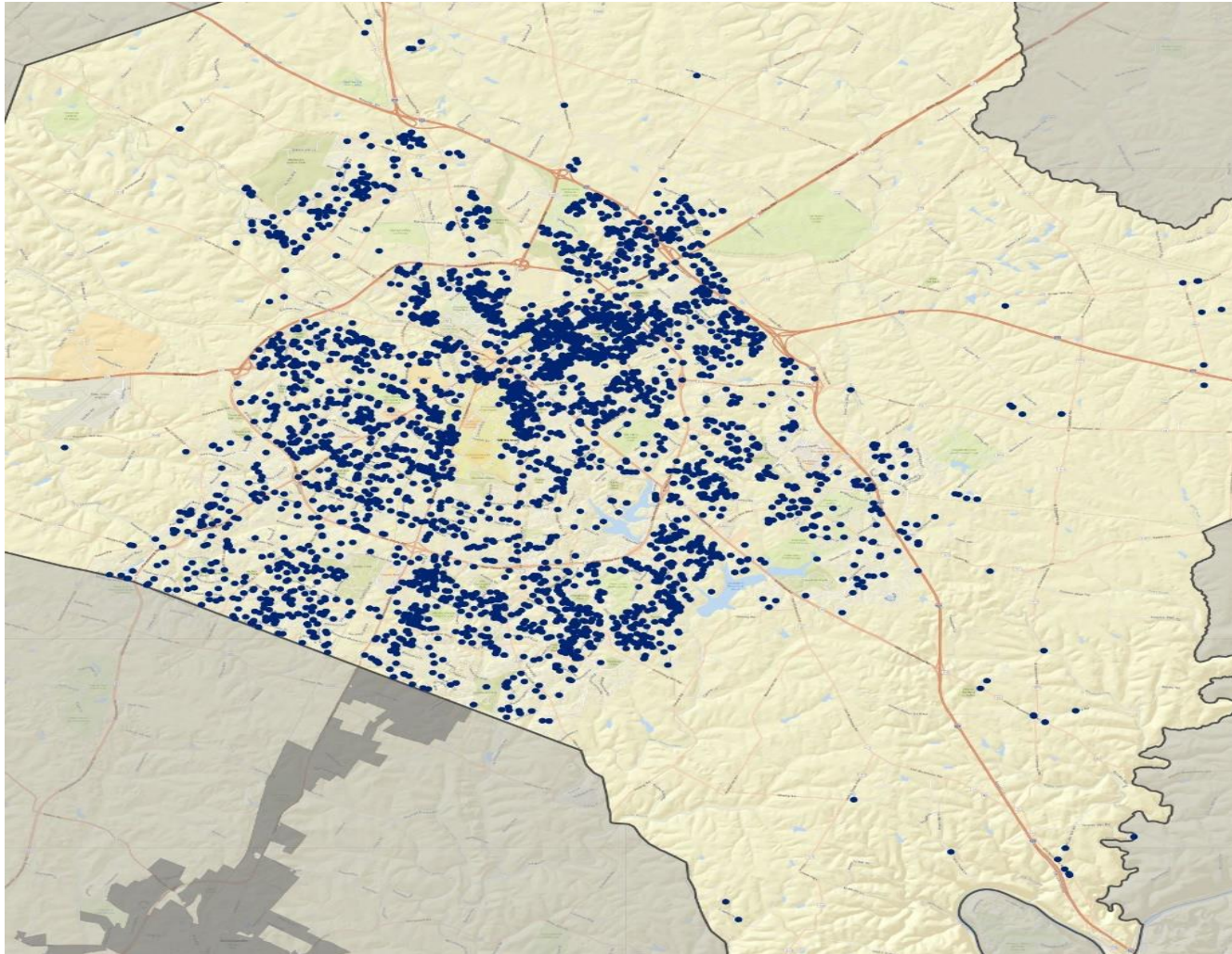
Appeals Process

- Notices of Violation: What is wrong and when it has to be abated by. No longer appealable
- Citations: Failure to comply with the notice or arrange a compliance schedule. Fines are based on tables in the ordinances. Appealable within 7 days (KRS 65.8828)
- Appeal Hearing: Hearing Officer determines final order. Appealable to District Court within 30 days. Rulings on Violations, exist or not found to exist. Penalty can be upheld, dismissed, or held in abeyance.

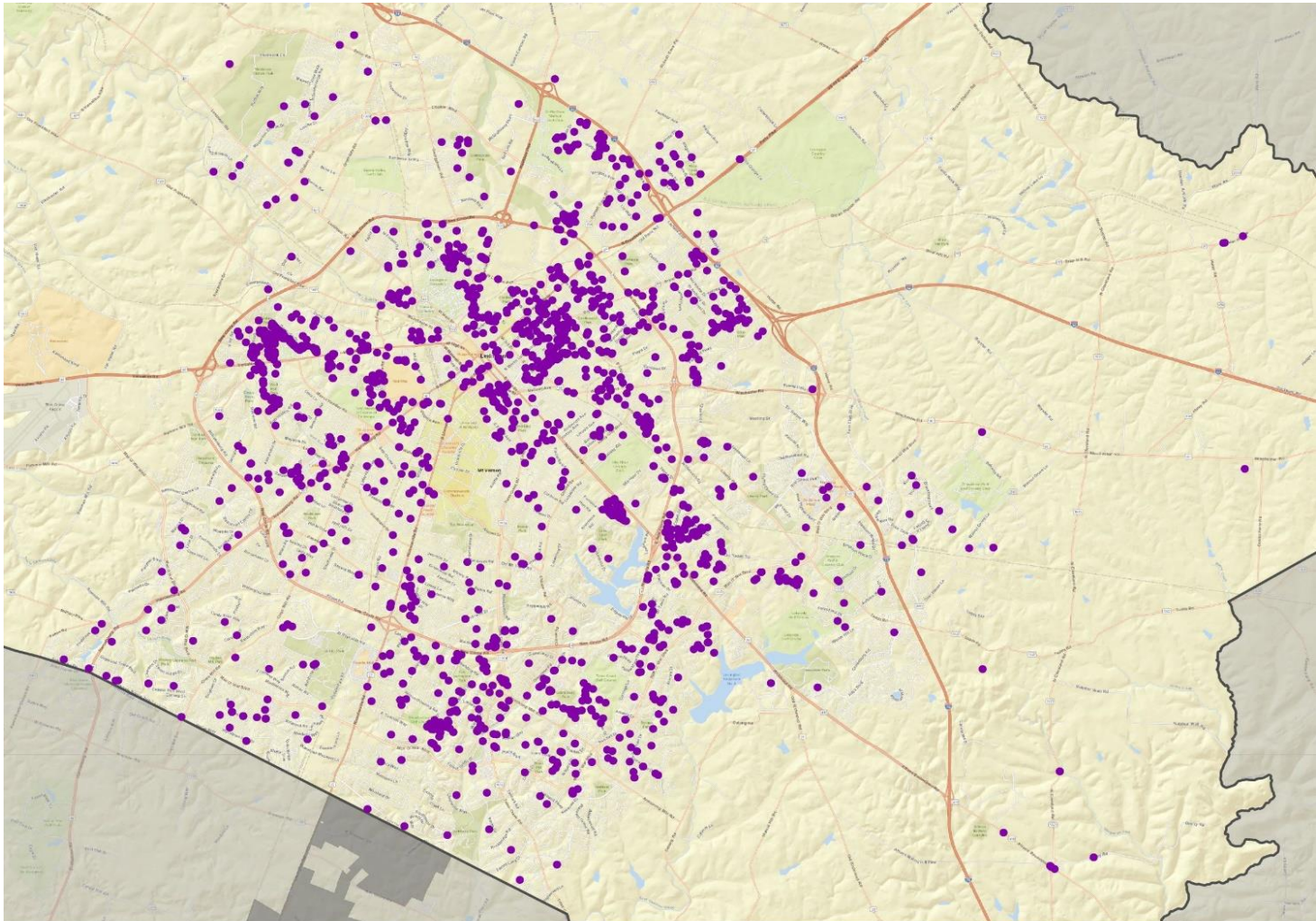
Sidewalk cases city wide 2019 (946)



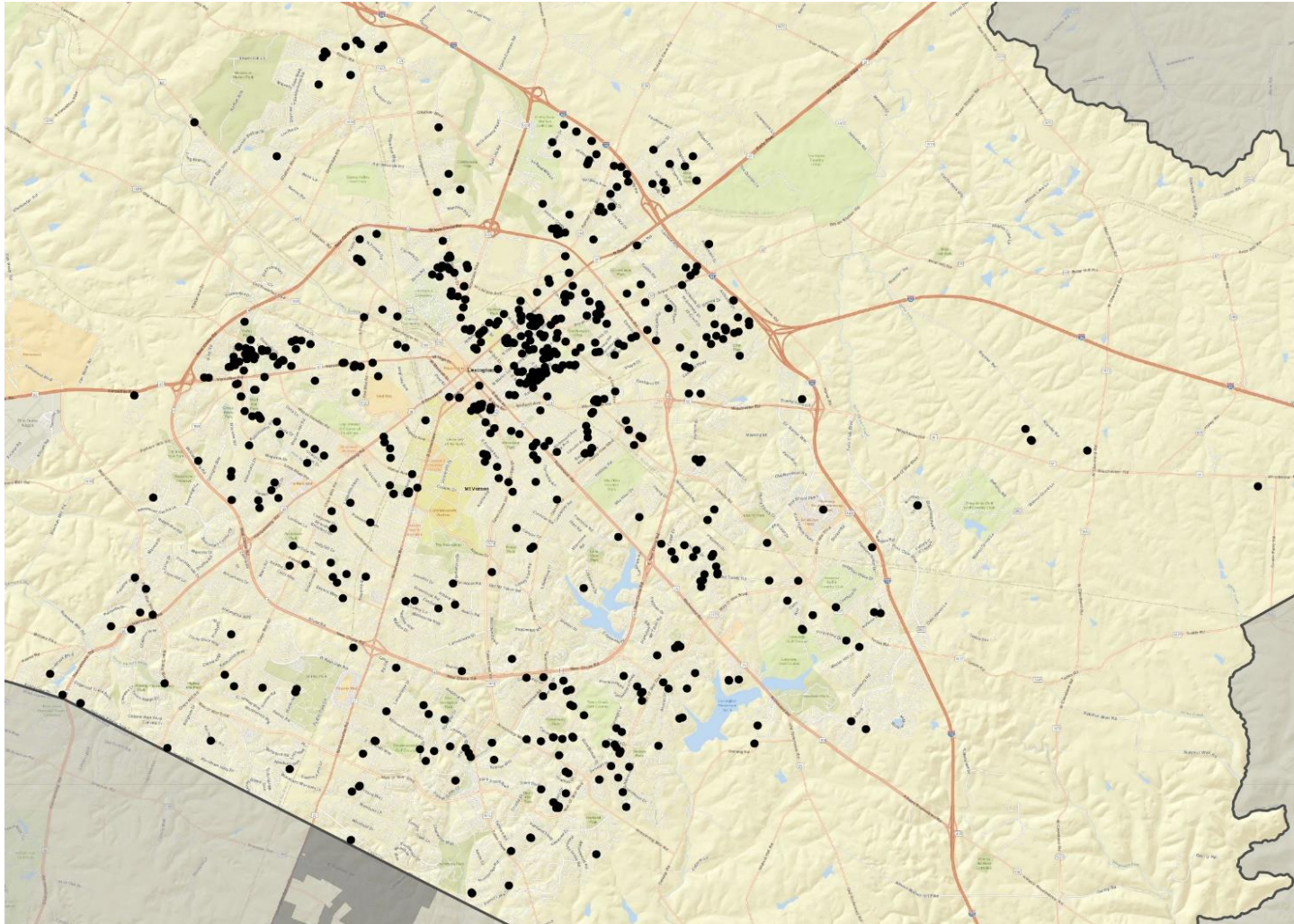
Nuisance cases city wide 2019 (5793)



Housing cases city wide 2019 (2577)



Citations city wide 2019 (2236)



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