

# Division of Code Enforcement: Chapter 12 Update

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**LEXINGTON**



# General Overview:

- What is the International Property Maintenance Code?
  - Published by the International Code Council
  - “Industry Standards”
  - Modifiable to fit each city/community
  - Used as a guideline in all 50 states.
  - Updated every 2-3 years (1998)—Next in 2018
  - Our update: both delayed and intensive (library)
  - Proposed changes are based on past issues, community needs, uniformity in government operations and requests from Council; many are administrative in nature

# Overview of Notable Changes

## **Chapter 12-1 Property Maintenance Code:**

**12-1 (a):** Officially changes operations to the 2015 IPMC

**12-1 (b):** Is a list of sections of the 2015 IPMC that will not be adopted (Hearings and Nuisance)

**102.3 and 201.3:** Places our requirements with pre-existing state law and local ordinances (uniformity with others)

**106.4.1:** Citations, places greater value on the number and scope of housing violations, and will assist in addressing abandoned and blighted property in a more timely manner

**107.6:** Transfer of Ownership



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## **Chapter 12-1 Property Maintenance Code (Continued):**

**108.2.1:** Authority that was in place, but is more clearly defined

**108.5.1:** Occupying a Condemned Structure

**304.15:** Exterior doors--Rental property

**901.1 to 906.1:** Removes the Vacant Property Licensing

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## **Chapter 12-2 and 12-5 Nuisances:**

**12-2 (a) and 12-2(c) (3):** Definitions

**12-2(c) (1):** Automobiles

**12-2(c) (4) (a):** Expands noxious weeds addressed

**12-2(c) (4) (b):** Decreases allowable grass/weed height to 10"

**12-2(c) (4) (d):** Addresses vegetation that collects trash....

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## Chapter 12-2 and 12-5 Nuisances Continued):

12-2(c) (5): Better defines equipment and structures that are in violation

12-2(c) (6): Better addresses sidewalk obstructions

12-5(b): Increases repeat violation timespan from 12 months to 24.

12-5(c): Increases maximum penalty (without special circumstances) to \$1,500



**Questions?**