

CODE ENFORCEMENT UPDATE

Social Services 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 12-1 through 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, Unsolicited Materials



Authority and Scope

- Zoning Ordinance Article 17-8(f) and 17-8 (g) Signs
 - Signs on trees, utility poles or other structures
 - Signs within sight triangles, right of ways

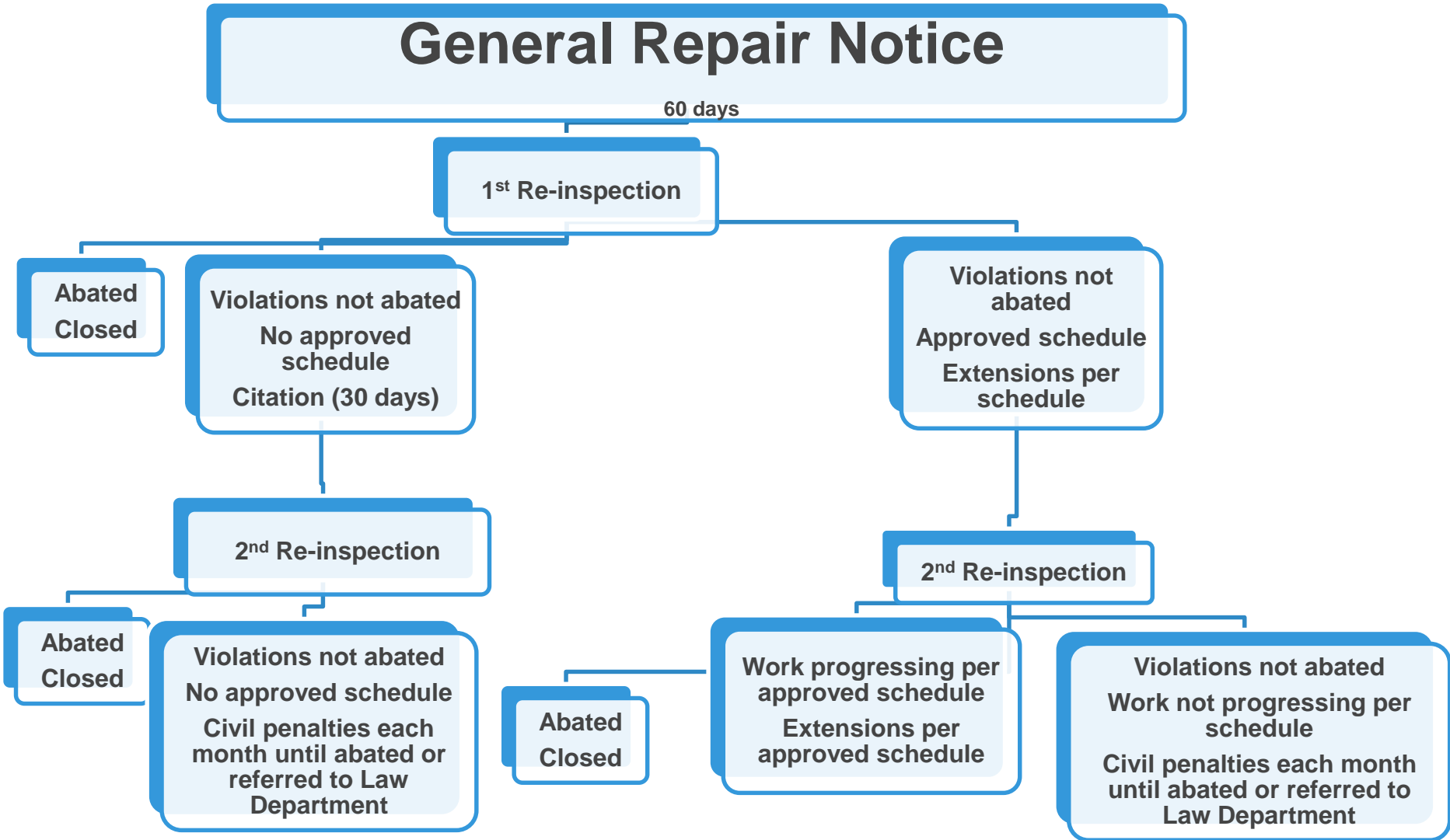


Problem Types

- 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

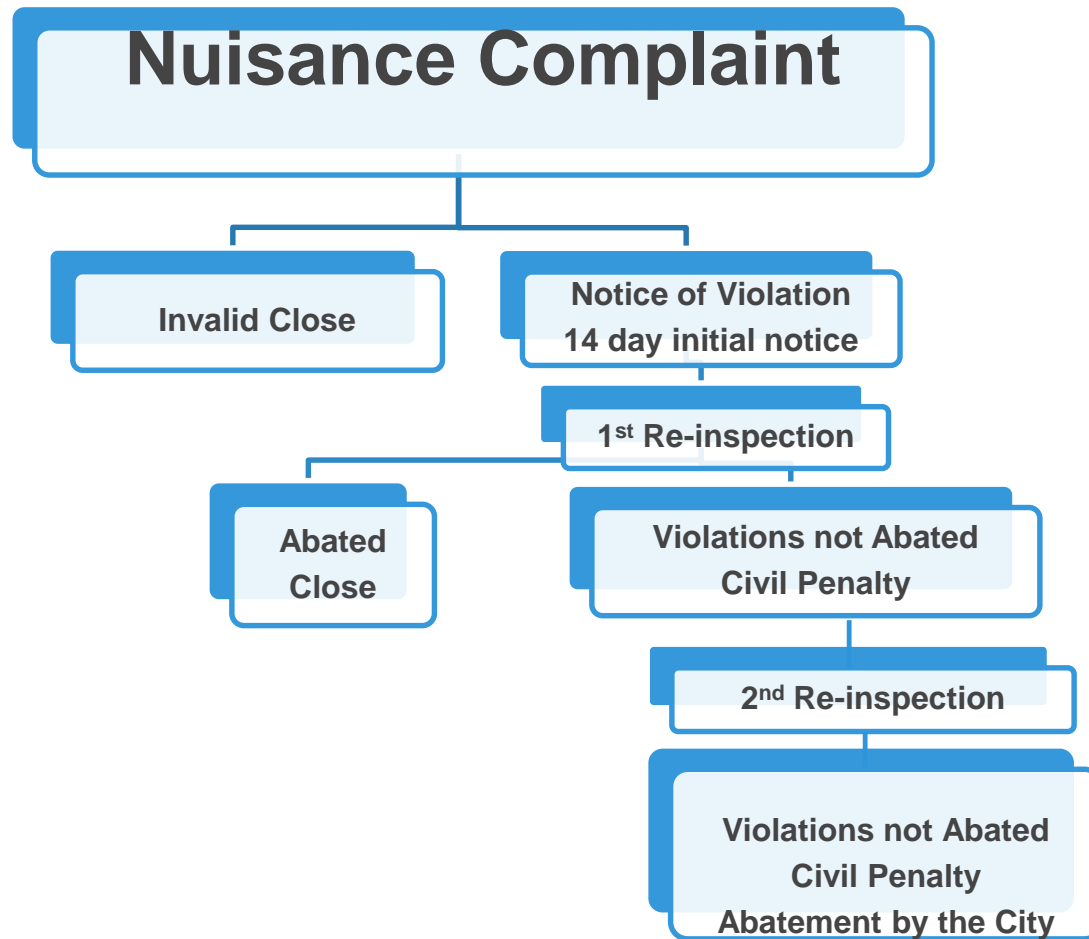


Housing complaint process



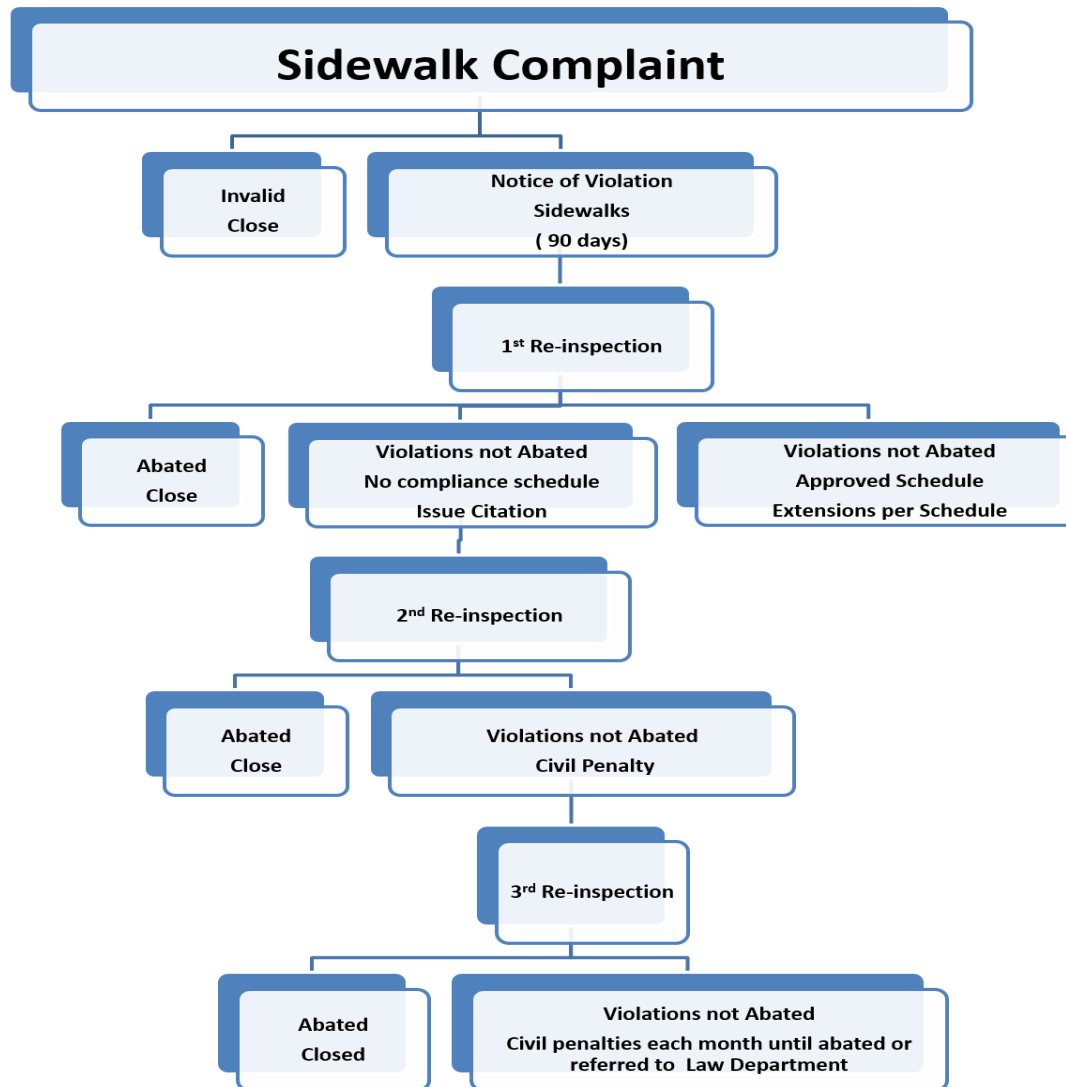


Nuisance complaint process





Sidewalk complaint process





Significant Facts

- 311 Web Interface for CE cases
- Revised/updated multiple ordinances
- Accreditation with Building Inspection underway
- 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 2020-2023

- 7 Employees have moved on
- 1 resignation
- 6 took pay increases within LFUCG to other Divisions
- Currently two vacant funded positions, and 3 trainees



Cases and Citations by Council District

Cases and Citations by Council District Jan 2022-May 2023

13,630 total cases

2601

District	#	Rank	%	District	#	Rank	%
1	2560	1	18.78	1	787	1	30.25
2	1327	4	9.74	2	199	5	7.65
3	1028	7	7.54	3	151	7	5.81
4	877	9	6.43	4	100	9	3.84
5	1036	6	7.60	5	214	4	8.23
6	1439	2	10.56	6	317	3	12.19
7	767	10	5.63	7	86	10	3.31
8	1071	5	7.86	8	155	6	5.96
9	672	11	4.93	9	84	11	3.23
10	1010	8	7.41	10	108	8	4.15
11	1419	3	10.41	11	349	2	13.42
12	422	12	3.10	12	51	12	1.96
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Appeals
within
same
period 366 14.07

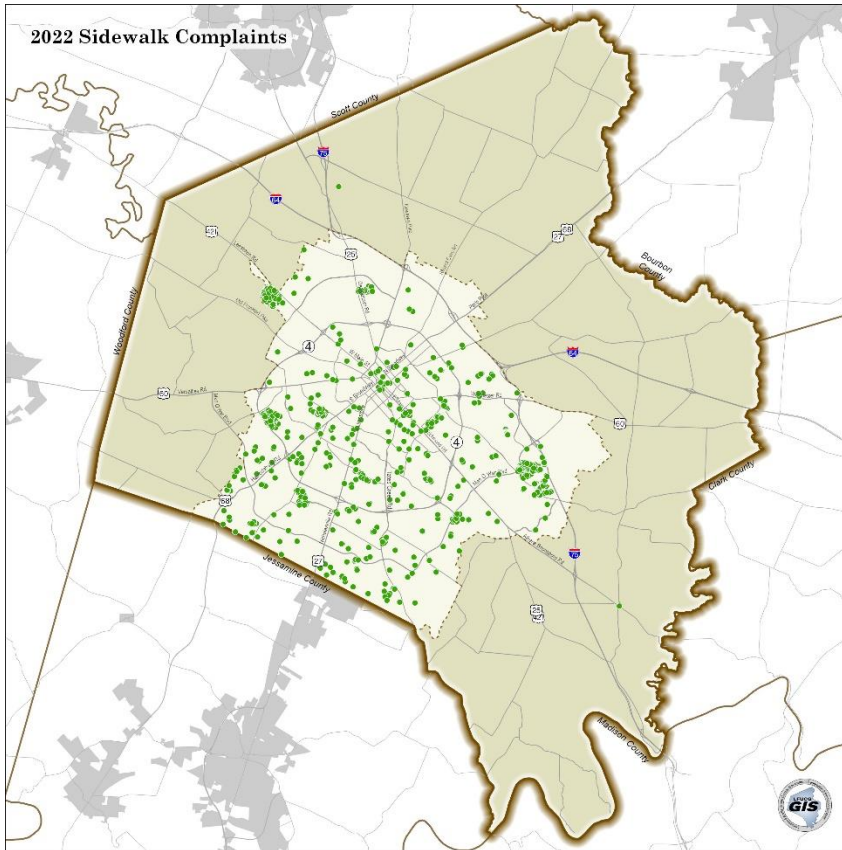


Appeals Process

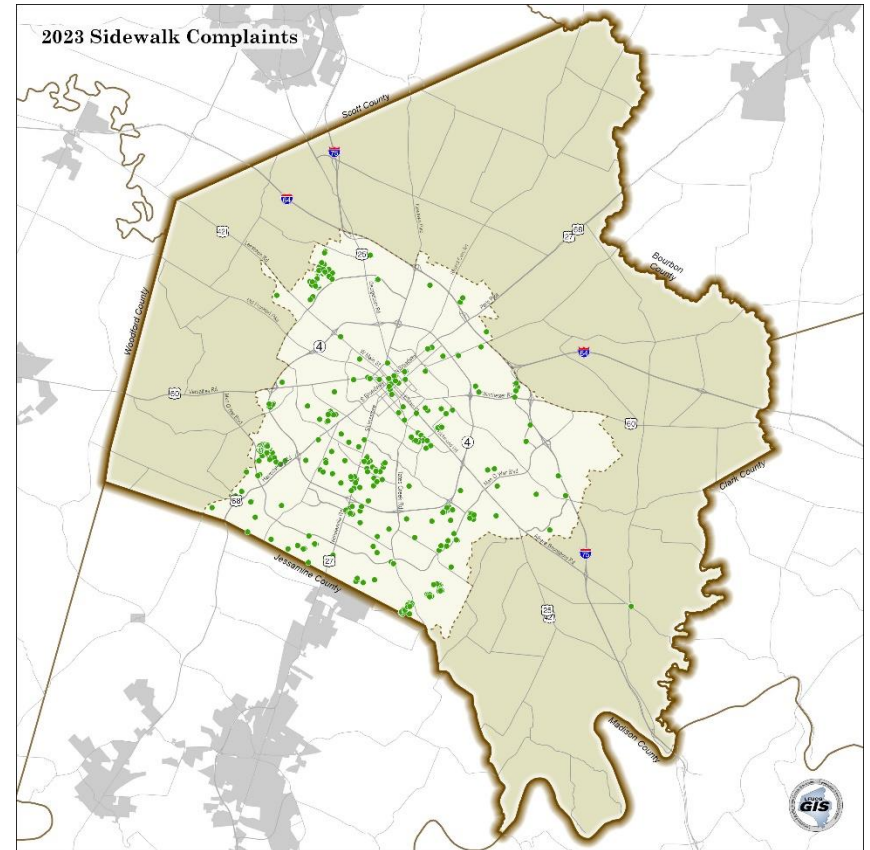
- Notices of Violation: What is wrong and when it has to be abated by. No longer appealable
- Citations: Failure to comply with the notice or arrange a compliance schedule. Fines are based on tables in the ordinances. Appealable within 7 days (KRS 65.8828)
- Appeal Hearing: Hearing Officer determines 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

2022 (1155)

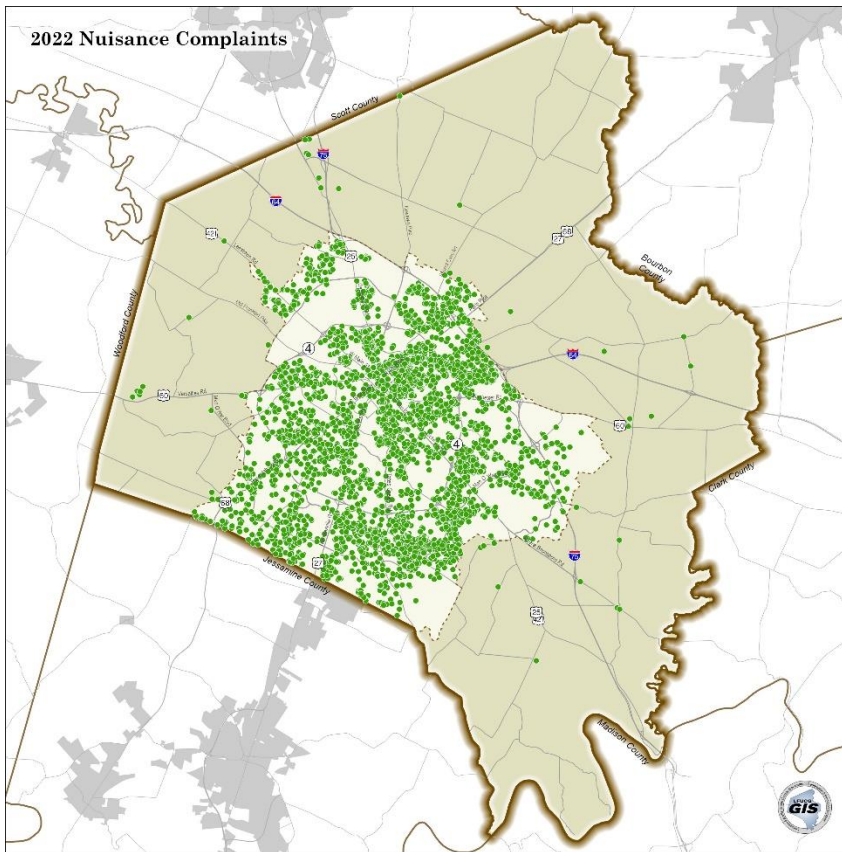


2023 YTD (524)

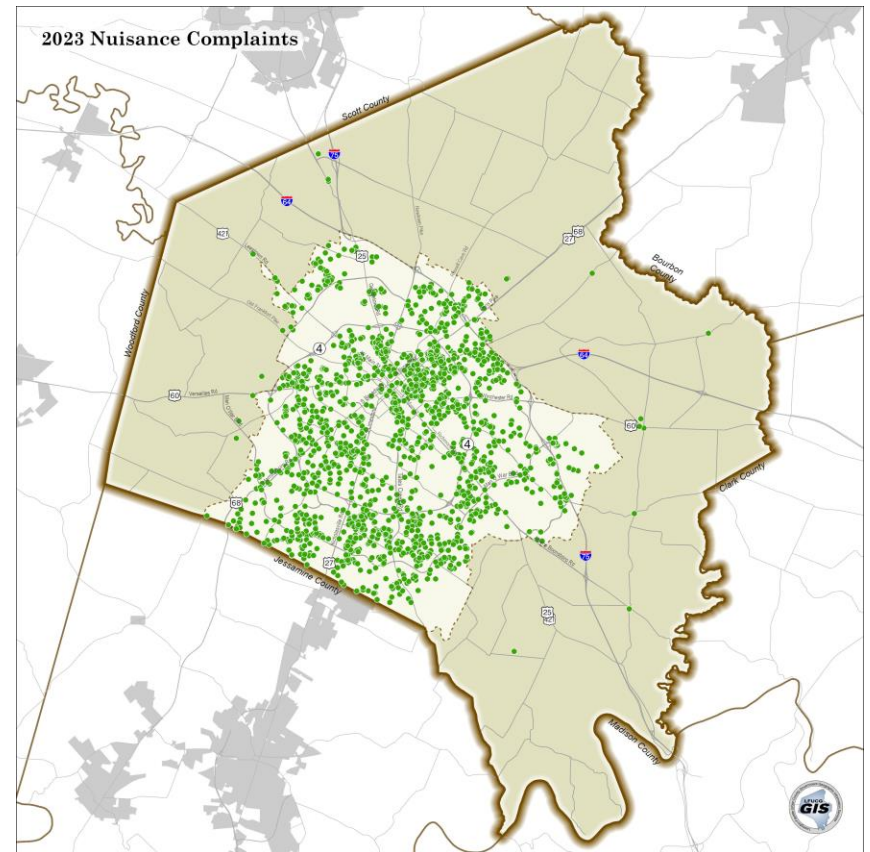


Nuisance cases city wide

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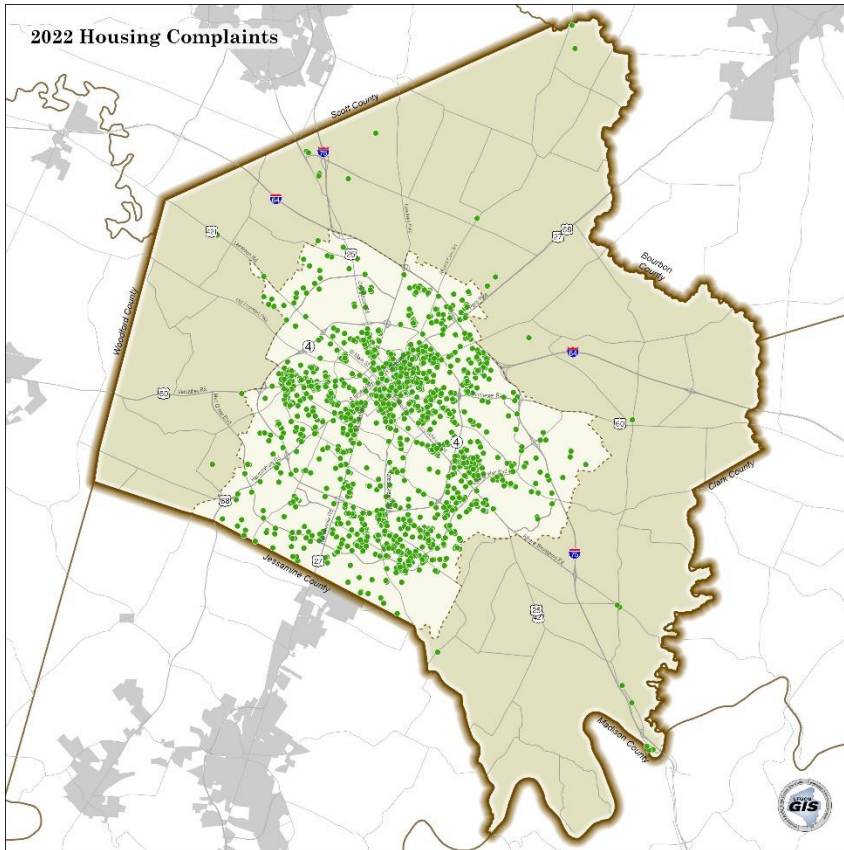


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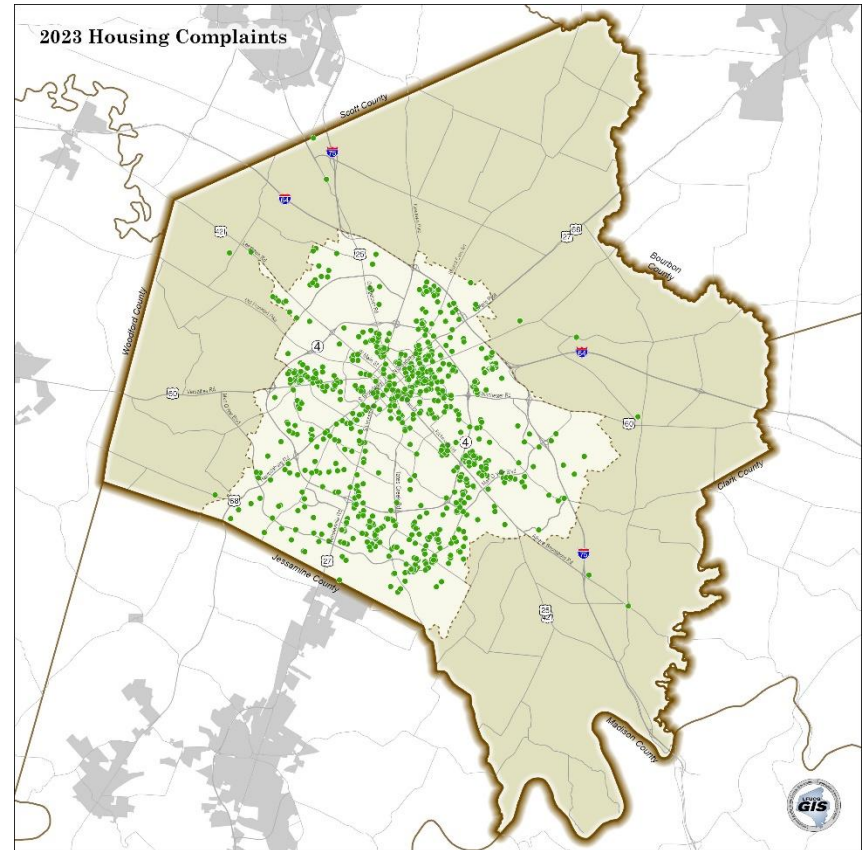


Housing cases city wide

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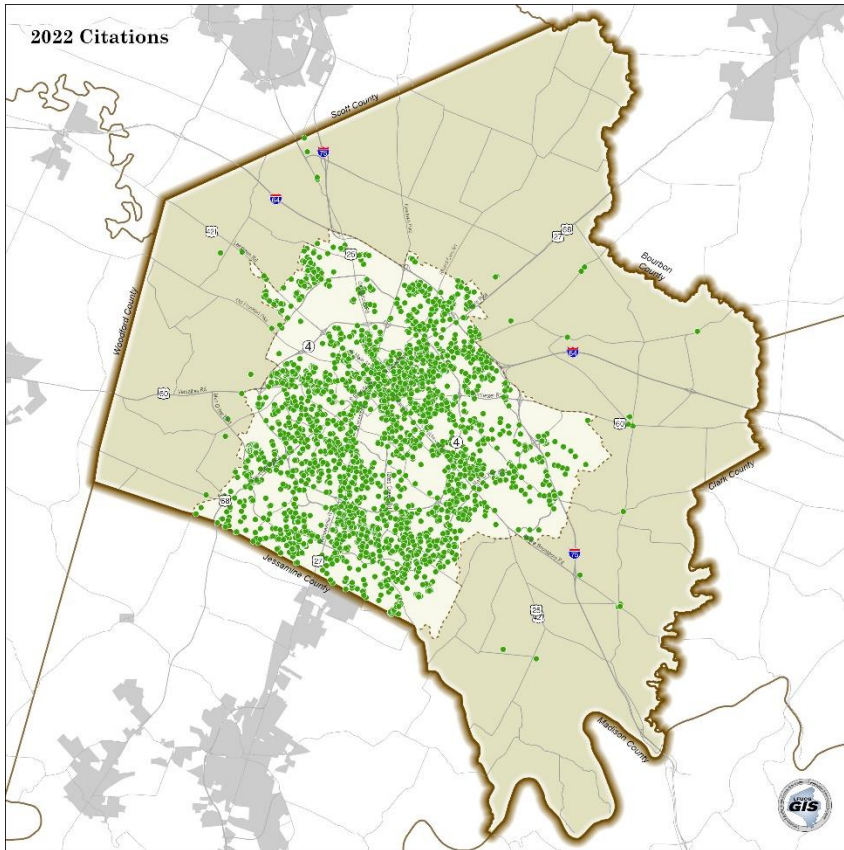


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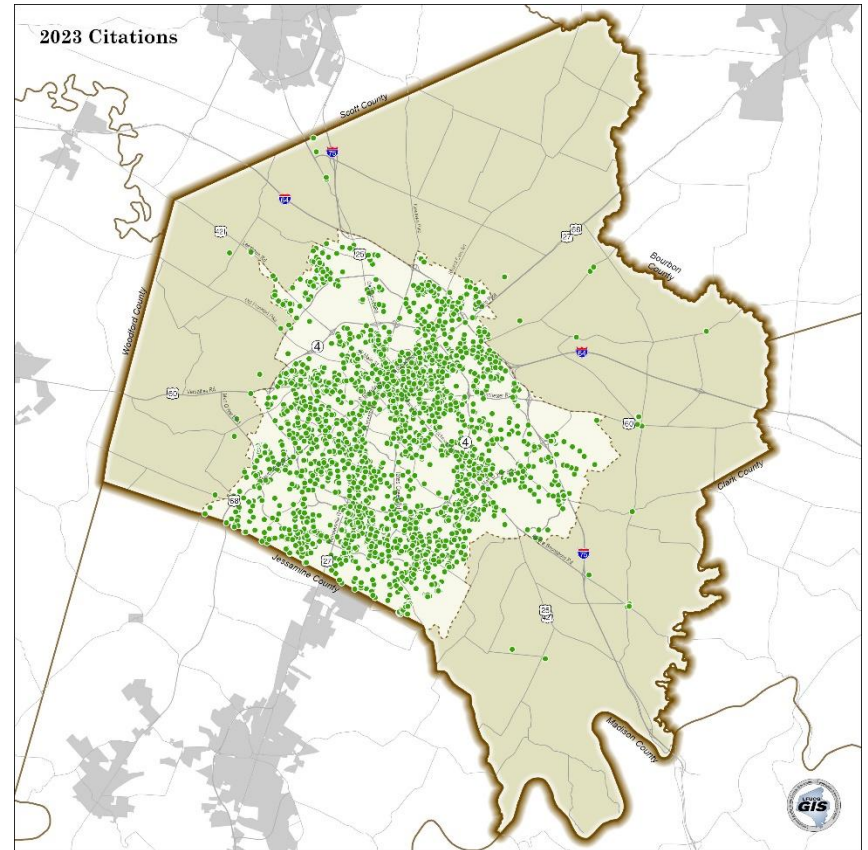


Citations city wide

2022 (1952)



2023 YTD (649)



Questions?

