

You Can Help

Contact the Department of Neighborhood Preservation to see how your civic league can play a part in helping identify possible derelict structures in your neighborhood or go online:

www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/revitalization.asp

Neighborhood Preservation: 664-6500



To find additional Norfolk City codes, log onto:

www.municode.com

Or look for classes on code issues through the Norfolk Neighborhood University (NU). NU is an educational program designed to empower community organizations and civic leagues with information that will help them help their neighborhoods.

For more NU information call 757-823-4210

or go to:

www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/NU.asp

To report code violations, please call Norfolk Cares.



Mon. - Fri. 8am - 6pm
Recording after hours.

You may also log a concern at www.norfolk.gov
Click on the Norfolk Cares logo.

Why have codes?

City codes and ordinances are in place to protect the health and safety of residents.

By following code and ordinances you are improving and enhancing neighborhoods and the quality of life for you and your family.

"If you don't set a baseline standard for what you'll accept in life, you'll find it's easy to slip into behaviors and attitudes or a quality of life that's far below what you deserve."

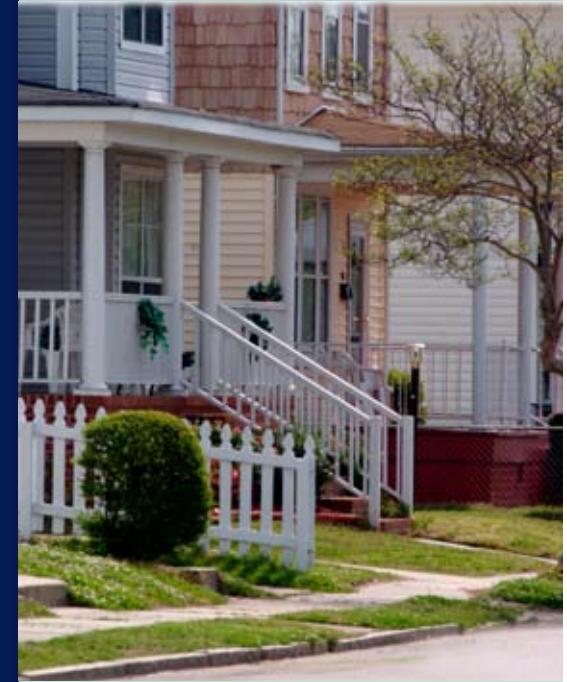
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Know the code and do your part!

City of Norfolk

Derelict Structures

City Ordinance Overview



Know the Code

And play your part!



The City of Norfolk adopted a new ordinance to address derelict structures by streamlining the process for renovating or demolishing any such structure. This brochure is designed to help residents understand the ordinance and what to do if they have a derelict property in their neighborhood.

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What is a derelict structure?

A derelict structure is a residential or non-residential building or structure including those under construction that might endanger the public's health, safety or welfare. The property must have been vacant for a continuous period in excess of six months, boarded up and not lawfully connected to utility services from a utility service provider.

Properties must meet all the above criteria by Virginia State law, House Bill 1671.



How does the new ordinance help?

This ordinance is another tool that the City has to enforce proper and legal maintenance of properties. It lays out a clear process in handling properties that are in violation and the consequences that an owner faces for not abiding by the ordinance.



What happens when the City declares a property as derelict?

When the City has determined that a structure is derelict the owner is notified that they must submit a work plan within 90 days to either renovate or demolish the building. The City will work with the owner to come to a mutual and timely work plan, however if the owner does not reply within the 90-day period they will be guilty of a class 2 misdemeanor. The City then has the authority to take other legal action.



What should I do if there is a derelict structure in my neighborhood?

The Department of Neighborhood has created an online form for your civic league to submit information on properties that are possible derelict structures. Civic leagues, their members and neighbors are asked to complete a list and designate one individual to submit the information. The information will be reviewed by the appropriate agencies for follow up and possible action. The form is found at: www.norfolk.gov/neighborhoods/revitalization.asp

Individuals may also at any time contact the Norfolk Cares line to report code violations.



This brochure is not all-inclusive. For more information call Norfolk Cares at 757-664-6510.

The Norfolk Cares Center receives 60,000 complaints every year. Once a complaint is logged into the database it is forwarded to the appropriate department