

CHILlicothe NUISANCE ABATEMENT BOARD

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2017 Annual report of the Chillicothe Nuisance Abatement Board as required by Section 138.04(g) of the City of Chillicothe Codified Ordinances.

Board members for 2017:

- Pat Patrick – Chairman (Council member)
- Linda Hardesty – Realtor representative
- Jean Malone – Citizen/landlord
- Jeff Carman – Secretary (Safety Service Director)
- Logan Calhoun – Board of Health Appointee
- Don Schofield - Citizen

The board met 9 times (6 meetings are required) during 2017. As a result of these meetings:

- 796 Total Nuisance Event notices were sent
- 430 - 1st Notices of Nuisance Event were mailed
- 199 - 2nd Notice of Nuisance Event were mailed
- 167 - Notice of Imposition of Repeat Nuisance Service Fee of \$250 were mailed

The 430 properties receiving a 1st notice are further broken down to show that:

- 130 were owner occupied:
 - o 43 notices for high grass/weeds were sent
 - o 36 for junk vehicles
 - o 28 for garbage/trash/junk
 - o 23 for large items
- 300 were rental properties:
 - o 114 notices for high grass/weeds were sent
 - o 69 for garbage/trash/junk
 - o 62 for large items
 - o 55 for junk vehicles

The 199 properties receiving a 2nd notice are further broken down to show that:

- 55 were owner occupied
 - o 16 for junk vehicles
 - o 15 for garbage/trash/junk
 - o 14 for high grass/weeds
 - o 10 for large item
- 144 were rental properties:
 - o 52 for high grass/weeds
 - o 36 for garbage/trash/junk
 - o 30 for junk vehicles
 - o 25 for large items
 - o 1 for disorderly conduct

The 131 properties receiving the 1st Notice of Imposition of Repeat Nuisance Service Fee of \$250 are further broken down to show that:

- 46 were homeowner owned:
 - 19 for junk vehicle
 - 10 for high grass/weeds
 - 9 for garbage/trash/junk
 - 8 for large items
- 85 are rental properties:
 - 32 for high grass/weeds
 - 19 for junk vehicles
 - 17 for large items
 - 17 for garbage/trash/junk

The 30 properties receiving the 2nd Notice of Imposition of Repeat Nuisance Service Fee of \$250 are further broken down to show that:

- 10 were homeowner owned:
 - 7 for junk vehicles
 - 1 for large items
 - 1 for garbage/trash/junk
 - 1 for high grass/weeds
- 20 are rental properties:
 - 8 for large items
 - 6 for junk vehicle
 - 5 for high grass/weeds
 - 1 for garbage/trash/junk

The 5 properties receiving the 3rd Notice of Imposition of Repeat Nuisance Service Fee of \$250 are further broken down to show that:

- All 5 are rental properties
 - 3 for large items
 - 1 for junk vehicle
 - 1 for high grass/weeds

The 1 property receiving the 4th Notice of Imposition of Repeat Nuisance Service Fee of \$250 is further broken down to show that:

- This is a rental property
 - 1 for large items

13 properties received a Notice of Imposition of Repeat Nuisance Service Fee of \$250 and the property owners appealed the Fee:

- 1 property was homeowner owned
 - 1 service fee was dismissed
- 12 properties were rentals
 - 2 service fees were dismissed
 - 4 service fees were reduced to \$125
 - 3 service fees were upheld

- 1 property owner didn't show for the hearing and the fee was upheld
- 1 property had 2 service fees, 1 fee was removed and 1 fee was upheld

This Board along with Nuisance Officer Pratt, the Mayor's office and the Service Department had a full year of using the same spreadsheet. We continue to see an increase in nuisance event notices issued by this Board.

For comparison: 2013 saw a total of 59 notices sent to property owners,
 2014 had 313,
 2015 had 325,
 2016 had 432 notices sent (a 32.9% increase over 2015)
 2017 had 796 notices sent (a 84.3% increase over 2016)

This is a direct result to Officer Pratt's ability to track nuisance properties and follow up almost immediately after the 10 days are up.

As is shown by the numbers for 2017 – 30.3% of this board's notices sent were to owner occupied property. And 69.7% were sent to rental property owners.