

Litter

Dumping on private or public property or roadway

Waste Material

Loose cargo

Solid Waste

Statutes Regulating Litter

- Division 8- Public Health and Safety Regulations
 - Chapter 8.250 – Litter

Department or Agency having Jurisdiction:

- Police Department
- Fire Department
- Public Works
- Neighborhood Preservation

Party responsible for Compliance:

- Responsible party
- Home owner
- Tenant
- Contractor

Violation Notification Process

Responsible party is notified via a letter

- *Self-Certification Letter* allows you to correct any reported violation(s) within 30 days without penalties. This letter also serves to educate and provides understanding of the rules of our city ordinances.
 - Letter must be signed by responsible party and returned to Inspector.
 - *Notice of Violation Letter* allows you to correct verified violation(s) within 30 days without penalties. This letter also serves to educate and provides understanding of the rules of our city ordinances.
 - An inspection is requested and scheduled to verify violation(s) before civil penalties (citation) are issued.
 - Communication between responsible party and Inspector is advantageous for abatement timeframe and case closure.
- Our main objective is to obtain voluntary compliance.

Method(s) of Abatement

- Responsible party shall correct violation(s), sign and return self-certification letter, comply with Notice of Violation letter within time frame indicated on letter.
- Communication between responsible party and Inspector is advantageous for abatement timeframe and case closure.
- If an extension is requested, case will be reviewed and responsible party notified if extension is granted or denied.
- Obtain Permits, if required (take letter with you for faster service)
- Pay civil penalties, if an administrative citation was issued.

Consequences of Non-Compliance:

- Refuse Containers, Play Equipment, Animal violations= \$53.00 first offense
- Substandard and Property Maintenance violations= \$424.00 first offense
- Sewage and Hazardous Materials Discharge violations= \$424.00 first offense
- All other Municipal code violations= \$132.00 first offense
- 2nd offense= 2 x original fine
- 3rd offense= 3 x original fine
- Delinquency Fee: \$101.00
- An alternative, cases may be referred to the City Attorney's Office for prosecutorial discretion and/or a Notice of Non-Compliance filed with County Recorder's office though the County Assessor's Office for cost recovery

Due Process

- Pay civil penalties within 30 days of issuance of the citation.
- The person cited has the option of requesting an initial administrative review provided it is requested within 20 days of issuance of the citation.
- If the department upholds the citation, the person cited can request an administrative hearing which is conducted through an third party hearing officer.
- If the citation is upheld through the hearing officer, the person cited still has the option of appeal through Superior Court.

For more Information:

- City of Ventura Municipal Code:
<http://www.cityofventura.net/cm/municipal-code>