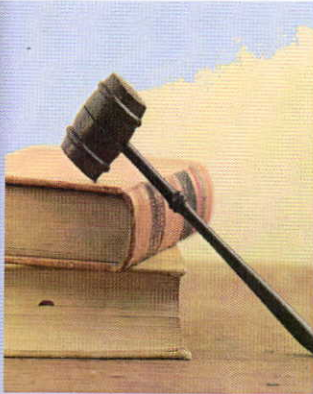


Code Enforcement



The Code Enforcement Division mission is to support and enforce the purpose and intent of City of New Berlin's Municipal Codes, which is to promote the health, safety, morals, comfort, prosperity and general welfare of the Citizens and City of New Berlin. In addition to ensure an attractive and well maintained community and to keep the City a beautiful and safe place to live and work.

In 2011, the City of New Berlin Code Compliance Division issued 383 Code violations for various infractions pertaining to health, safety, and general welfare of the Citizens of New Berlin. These violations can lead to legal actions, including but not limited to civil suit, injunction, forfeitures, permit revocations, and abatement. Knowing your local Codes and Ordinances will have an affect on the appearance, safety, and environment of your property and our community.

To help you learn more about the issues, we have put together a list of the most common violations that were cited in the last year and an explanation of the Code or Ordinance that they relate to.

10 Easy Steps to Code Compliance

1. Inoperable and Junked Vehicles.

New Berlin Zoning Ordinance states that when parking or storing an abandoned, dismantled, unlicensed, inoperative, wrecked, or a junked vehicle under repair or awaiting parts, can not be parked or stored for no more than 30 days, unless the vehicle or equipment is stored inside a fully enclosed structure.



2. Outdoor Storage of Recreation Vehicles and equipment.

New Berlin Zoning Ordinance states that vehicles, recreations vehicles, and equipment are to be licensed when required, operational, roadworthy, owned by the property owner or tenant, shall be stored discreetly as possible, 5-feet from the side and rear lot lines, area around the vehicle or equipment shall be kept weed-free and free of other storage items, and can only be parked on a driveway if stored in the front yard.

3. Junk, Trash & Debris

New Berlin Code states that it is a public nuisance to allow the accumulation of decayed animal or vegetable matter, trash, rubbish, rotting lumber, bedding, packing material, scrap metal or any material whatsoever in which flies, mos-

quitoes, disease-carrying insects, rats or other vermin may breed. All trash and garbage shall be deposited within a securely enclosed container.

4. Noxious Weeds

New Berlin Code states that it is a public nuisance to allow the growth of the following noxious weeds: *Canadian Thistle*, *marijuana that is not grown or cultivated for lawful commercial purposes*, *English Charlock* or *Wild Mustard*, *Field Bindweed*, *Goatsbeard*, *Field Dodder*, *Indian Mustard*, *Oxeye Daisy*, *Sow Thistle*, *Harmful Barberry*, *Bull Thistle*, *Poison Ivy*, *Ragweed*, *Leafy Spurge*, *Nodding Thistle*, also known as "*Musk Thistle*," *Burdock* and *Wild Parsnip*.



5. Commercial Vehicles

New Berlin Zoning Ordinance states that no truck, construction equipment, semitractors, semitrailers, or other vehicles of a business or industrial nature shall be parked upon a residential lot. Except for vehicles approved by the Plan Commission as part of a permitted home occupation.



6. Outdoor Storage

New Berlin Zoning Ordinance states that where outdoor storage is allowed no outdoor storage should be located or arranged as to adversely affect the property values and general desirable appearance of the neighborhood.



7. Fences

New Berlin Zoning Ordinance states that fences may not exceed 50 inches in the front yard, or 74 inches on the side and rear yard. Fences 50 to 74 inches in height are to be constructed at least two feet from the property line and must be located outside of any easement, vision triangle, and public right-of-ways. All fences are to be constructed straight and plumb with components facing away from adjacent properties and maintained in good repair at all times.



8. Grading and Filling

New Berlin Zoning Ordinances states that no lot or portion of a lot or parcel shall be excavated, graded or filled without first obtaining City approval.

9. Downspout and Sump Pump Discharges

New Berlin Code and Zoning Ordinances states that discharge from all downspouts, extensions, and sump pumps shall be at least ten (10) feet from property line. If there is less than 10 feet from the structure to the property line, then the discharge should be one-half the distance between the structure and property line.



10. Drainage

No person shall dam up, obstruct, relocate, or divert the passage of surface water or stormwater that flows through a watercourse, drainage ditch or any channel or depression.

How to Make a Complaint

To make a complaint or for further information you can contact the Code Enforcement Specialist using one of the following methods:

- **Phone 262-786-8610 Ext 2249**
- **Visit us at 3805 S. Casper Drive, New Berlin, WI 53151**
- **Website at: www.newberlin.org**



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DEPARTMENT OF COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

Responsibilities

The Community Development Department promotes and maintains the careful and sustainable development and use of land in the City of New Berlin. To accomplish this, the department is involved in both short- and long-range planning. This effort includes:

- Comprehensive planning
- Development review and documentation
- Disseminating information to the public
- Economic development
- Engineering and capital infrastructure planning
- Inspections
- Land / geographic information systems
- Zoning / code compliance

Mission Statement

The mission of the department is to:

- Establish, administer, and enforce regulations that promote health, safety, morals, comfort, prosperity, property values, and the general welfare of the city
- Foster planning, inspection, and engineering principals and staff development resulting in a better place to live, work, and do business
- Provide customer assistance to the public and create a greater understanding of city regulations
- Provide leadership, guidance, and advice in preparing, developing, and establishing long-range strategies and standards for the development of the community