

## **New Castle County Ticketing Process**

Once a ticket-able property maintenance violation is observed, a Violation Notice along with a photo(s) of the violation(s) is sent to the owner to help them understand the enforcement process.

If upon the officer's next inspection any of the listed violations are found, pictures of the violation will be taken and a \$50 fine will be assessed for each violation. An additional \$50 fine will be assessed for each subsequent failed inspection for which the ticket-able violation(s) remains.

All fines must be paid to New Castle County within 30 days from the date assessed to avoid the fine doubling to \$100 per violation and having the fines collected via the property tax bill.

Tickets can be appealed within ten (10) business days. Appeals can be written and should contain the grounds for not complying as directed. You can also request an in-person hearing. All appeals are presented before the administrative hearing officer.

A \$20 administrative fee will be assessed to cover the cost of the hearing ONLY if the appeal is denied by the administrative hearing officer.

## **Ticketing Violation Codes**

### **Prohibited Growth of Grass/Weeds**

**PM 302.4.1**

**(.2, .4, .5, .8, .9)**

### **Accessory Structures in Disrepair**

**PM 302.7**

### **Inoper/Unregistered Vehicles**

**PM 302.8.3**

### **Oversized Vehicles**

**PM 302.8.4**

### **Parking of Vehicles on Grass**

**PM 302.8.6**

### **Household Items Stored Outside**

**PM 302.10**

### **Debris Stored Outside**

**PM 302.11**

### **Untrimmed Shrubs/Trees**

**PM 302.12**

### **Swimming Pool Maintenance**

**PM 303.1**

### **Trash Accumulation**

**PM 307.1**

### **Disposal of Rubbish**

**PM 307.2**

# **New Castle County Code Enforcement**

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## **ARE YOU IN VIOLATION?**



A Message from  
New Castle County  
Department of Land Use  
Office of Code Enforcement  
87 Reads Way  
New Castle, Delaware 19720  
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## POTENTIAL TICKET REASONS

1. Overgrown grass - grass and weeds are to be maintained at a height of 8 inches or less. **(PM.302.4)**

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2. All accessory structures, including sheds, and fences, must be maintained in good repair. **(PM.302.7)**

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3. Vehicles - Inoperative/junked and/or unregistered vehicles may not be stored on your property. **(PM.302.8.3)**

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4. Junk, debris, tree branches, tires and other items stored on the exterior of residential properties. **(PM.302.11)**

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5. Accumulation of Trash and garbage **(PM.307.1)** /Disposal of trash and garbage must be stored in containers with lids at all times. **(PM.307.2)**

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6. Oversized vehicle parking, vehicles longer than 240 inches, higher or wider than 84 inches, or weighing over 8,000 lbs. **(PM.302.8.4)**

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7. No vehicles are permitted to be parked on the lawn, but must be on a hardened surface. **(PM.302.8.6)**

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8. Household items (stoves, refrigerators, TV's, furniture, etc.) stored outside are considered debris and prohibited. **(PM.302.10)**

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9. Swimming Pools must be maintained in clean and sanitary condition and good repair **(PM.303.1)** **Note:** All pools capable of holding more than 2 feet of water require a building permit and must include fencing (48 inches and a self-latching gate)

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10. Bushes, shrubs and tree trimming is required to prevent encroaching on the sidewalk or other right of way **(PM.302.12)**

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