

# **CITY OF LOGAN CODE ENFORCEMENT**



## **2020 ANNUAL REPORT**

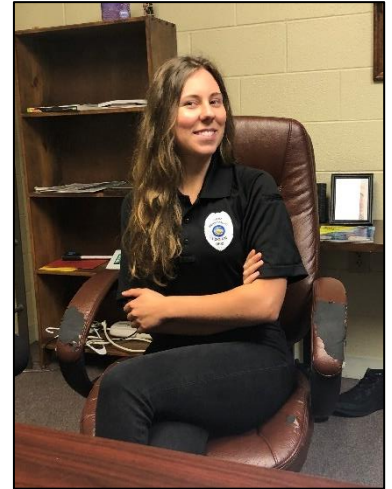
**Chief Code Official**

**Joe Posey**

## INTRODUCTION

On behalf of the City of Logan Code Enforcement, I am pleased to present the 2020 annual report. Through the information provided within this report, I hope to provide the residents of Logan a clear understanding of the need for Code Enforcement and the services the department provided to our Community.

The first question many ask, “Is what is Code Enforcement?” Code Enforcement’s primary focus is the quality of life in our community through the prevention, detection, investigation, and enforcement of violations of statutes or ordinances regulating public health, safety, and welfare, public works, business activities and consumer protection, building standards, land-use, and municipal affairs. Code Enforcement holds the keys to successful development and growth within our community, ensures safety standards, protects the environment, and maintains property values throughout the City of Logan. A strong Code Enforcement department working closely with community partners can cause a dramatic effect on our City, including reducing crime and the risk of fires, as well as increasing property values while facilitating economic development.



This past year has been a very transformative year for the City of Logan Code Enforcement. For the first time the City of Logan had a Full-Time dedicated Code Enforcement Department. In this short time much has been accomplished. Code Enforcement worked closely with the City Law Director, Abby Saving, on a number of projects including the development and future adoption of updated Property Maintenance Codes as well as other Model Codes. Through adoption of new codes, the City of Logan can lead the way in the removal of the Nuisance Properties and promote the redevelopment into owner occupied residential and commercial properties as needed, reducing area crime while promoting increased property values and economic growth and development.

Code Enforcement has worked diligently to develop several key partnerships with Community Partners, that when working closely together to provide the City of Logan the most effective Code Enforcement possible. These partnerships which are critical to the success of Code Enforcement include but are not limited to: The City of Logan Police Department, the City of Logan Fire Department, the Hocking County Sheriff’s Office, Hocking County Health Department, Hocking County Juvenile Probation, Hocking County Humane Society, Hocking Hills Chamber of Commerce, and Hocking County Community Improvement Corporation. I would like to sincerely thank all our community partners for all their hard work and tireless dedication to our community.

Lastly, I would like to thank Mayor Greg Fraunfelter for his critical role in the development of the City of Logan Code Enforcement. Along with Mayor Fraunfelter, I would like to extend a heartfelt thank-you to Service Director Bruce Walker, Police Chief Jerry Mellinger, Captain Ryan Gabriel, City Council, City Law Director Abby Saving, Street Department Foreman Seth Warthman, Cemetery Foreman Nick Maniskas, the Logan Police Department Patrol Officers, Logan Police Department School Resource Officers, and all of the Employees of the City of Logan for their continued support that has been invaluable to the success of the City of Logan Code Enforcement.

I am truly honored to be a part of the City of Logan. As we look forward to the challenges of 2021, it is through the continued support of our community partnerships that will allow us to succeed and grow as a community. The Logan Code Enforcement Department remains committed to keeping our community a safe place to live, work, and raise a family.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT

## MISSION STATEMENT

To protect the health, safety, and welfare of our Community and improve the quality of life in the City of Logan through the adoption and enforcement of City Codes and Ordinances. Commitment, courtesy and professionalism will serve as the guiding principles of the Code Enforcement Department, ensuring that our determination to reduce blight and create a safer Logan is tempered with compassion.



## OBJECTIVES & GOALS

- To protect the health, safety, and welfare of our citizens and visitors.
- Create a safer Logan by reducing crime and the risk of fires.
- Emphasize voluntary compliance through education, followed when necessary by legal action.
- Strive to perform our duties in a fair, professional, and courteous manner.
- Increasing property values and facilitate economic development through the reduction of blight.
- Develop and adopt model codes and ordinances that ensure positive effects on our Community.
- Maintain a proactive approach to enforcement to help solve community problems and stay at the forefront of creative and effective Code Enforcement.

## COMMUNITY RELATIONS

The foundation of Code Enforcement is the Department's philosophy in the development of a community oriented, grass roots, customer service style of education and enforcement utilizing all available resources. The Code Enforcement Department strives to fulfill this goal by providing the citizens of Logan with a full range of services and working closely with all community partners. The Department is committed to providing exceptional service and maintaining an excellent "quality of life" for the citizens we serve.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS - 2020

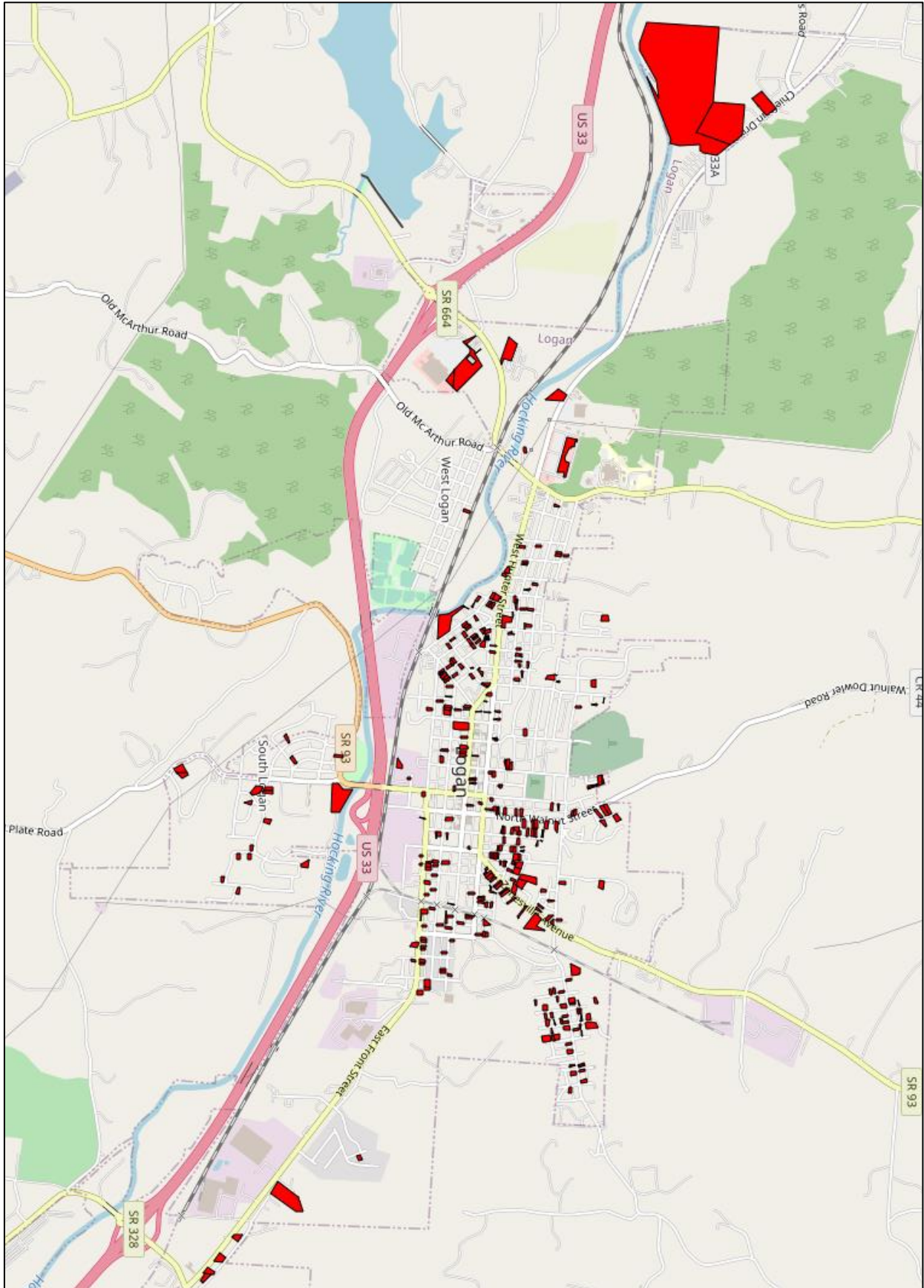
<b>TOTAL CASES:</b>	401
<b>TOTAL CASES CLOSED:</b>	110
<b>PENDING CASES FROM 2020:</b>	19
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE CASES:</b>	58
<b>TOTAL CONDEMNATIONS 2020:</b>	34
<b>CONDEMNATIONS LIFTED:</b>	14
<b>TOTAL DEMOLITIONS ORDERED:</b>	19
<b>DEMOLITIONS COMPLETED 2020:</b>	8
<b>INCOMING COMPLAINTS:</b>	247
<b>TOTAL CRIMINAL CHARGES:</b>	12
<b>VOLUNTARY COMPLIANCE:</b>	84
<b>CITY MITIGATION:</b>	25
<b>CASES BY NATURE: 2020</b>	
Animal/Vermin:	21
Building Fires:	6
Drug/Criminal Activity:	17
Illegal Burning:	3
Illegal Dumping:	9
Junk Vehicles:	45
No Occupancy Permit:	9
Parking Complaints:	8
Possible Condemnation:	116
Squatters/Homeless:	44
Tall Grass/Weeds:	57
Trash/Rubbish/Junk:	129
Utilities Complaint:	8
Unknown/Miscellaneous:	31
Vehicle into Building:	5
Zoning Complaints:	14
<b>TOTAL CASES:</b>	<b>522*</b>

\*Note total cases by nature exceeds yearly total cases as a number of cases have multiple natures.



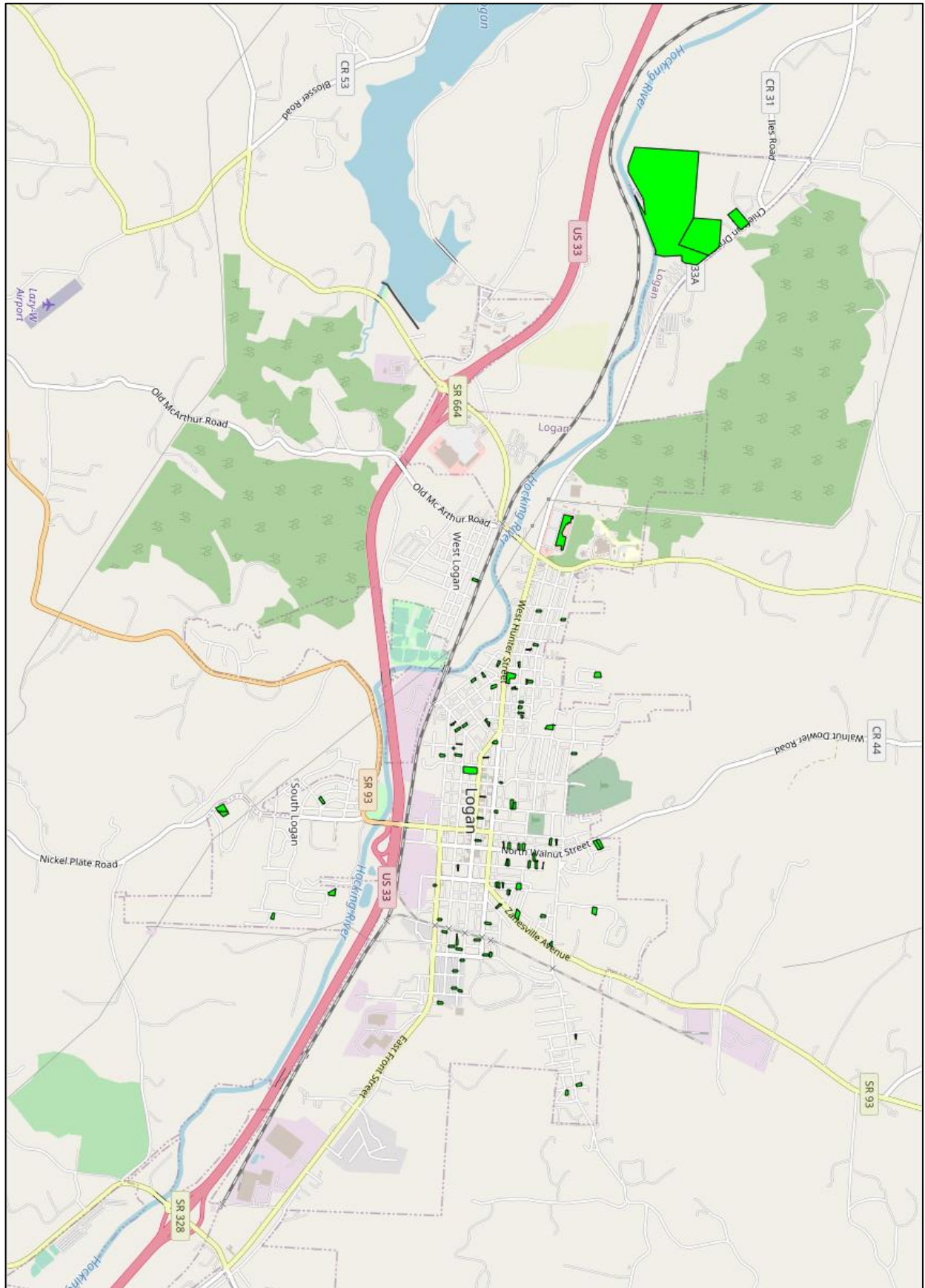
# CODE ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS – ALL 2020 CASES

TOTAL CASES: 401



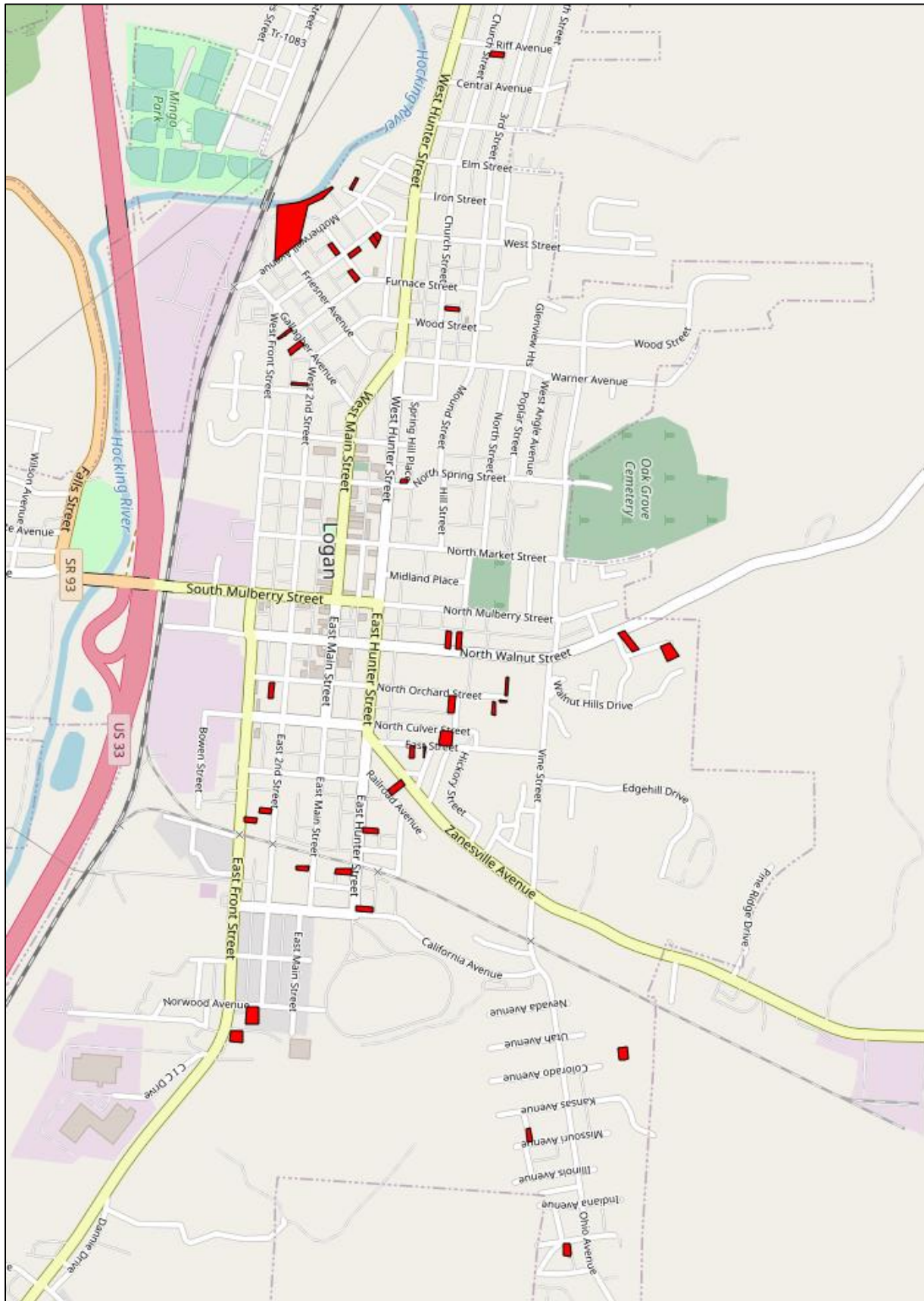
# CODE ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS – 2020 CLOSED CASES

TOTAL CASES: 110



# CODE ENFORCEMENT STATISTICS – 2020 CONDEMNED

TOTAL CONDEMNATIONS 2020: 34



# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## HOCKING COUNTY HEALTH DEPARTMENT HOCKING COUNTY COMMUNITY HEALTH WORKER

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Since the very beginning, Code Enforcement has worked closely with the outstanding Hocking County Health Department. The knowledgeable and professional staff with the County Health Department has provided the City of Logan with a number of resources and the partnership created has proven to be an invaluable resource to all involved. Code Enforcement regularly conducts joint inspections in conjunction with staff from the Hocking County Health Department, including but not limited to Environmental Health Technician, Joann Montgomery, and Registered Sanitarians, Wendy Hanna and Hannah Montgomery.



Our Hocking County Community Health Worker, Ashley Standall, CDCA is an amazing resource to those in need during a crisis situation. Ms. Standall is an extremely dedicated member of our team and has joined us for a number of inspections as we regularly encounter community members in crisis. She has been able to provide them with in-patient treatment programs and housing resources when needed.

### JOINT INSPECTIONS

<b>TOTAL JOINT INSPECTIONS:</b>	Approx. 110
<b>JOINT CONDEMNATIONS ISSUED:</b>	Approx. 20
<b>TOTAL ACTIVE JOINT CASES:</b>	35
<b>TOTAL JOINT CASES CLOSED:</b>	25

# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## HOCKING COUNTY JUVENILE COURTS HOCKING COUNTY JUVENILE PROBATION

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The City of Logan and Hocking County are very fortunate to be served by the very professional, dedicated, and outstanding staff of the Hocking County Juvenile Courts and Juvenile Probation. Code Enforcement and Hocking County Juvenile Probation work closely on a number of projects year-round. The City of Logan and the Juvenile Probation Program have both benefitted greatly from this teamwork. The City of Logan has received over a thousand hours of hard work from the Juveniles involved with the program cleaning up trash, rubbish, and garbage as well as mowing and maintaining the grass at several properties throughout the City. Juvenile Probation has benefitted by offering the kids a way to complete their Court Ordered Community Service Hours and the kids benefit from learning the value of a hard day of work and will perhaps make different choices in the future based on their experiences. This program is and will continue to be very successful based on the dedication and hard work of Juvenile Probation Officer Jalynn Parks and Juvenile Probation Officer Jordan Hynus.



Cemetery Foreman Nick Maniskas and his crews have also played major roles in the success of this program, providing equipment, resources and hard work.



Code Enforcement would like to extend a heart-felt thank-you to all the staff at Hocking County Juvenile Probation and Juvenile Courts for their support and dedication that make this program a success and a special thanks to Juvenile Court Judge Saving for his support.

### COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS

<b>COMMUNITY SERVICE HOURS:</b>	Over 1000 hours
<b>PROPERTIES MOWED:</b>	Over 75
<b>PROPERTIES CLEANED:</b>	Over 25

# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## HOCKING COUNTY HUMANE SOCIETY HOCKING COUNTY SHERIFF'S DEPUTY DAVID WRIGHT HOCKING COUNTY DOG WARDEN

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Code Enforcement works closely with the Hocking County Sheriff's Deputy David Wright and the Hocking County Humane Society on a regular basis and has developed a strong ongoing partnership that serves the City well. Deputy Wright serves in the capacity of the Dog Warden. Deputy Wright is very knowledgeable and carries his duties out professionally and compassionately and has worked significantly above and beyond to assist those in our community that may be in need, even donating his own resources when necessary.



The Hocking County Humane Society is brilliantly led by Lynette Blair who along with a very dedicated staff of hard-working volunteers has proven to be an invaluable resource to the City of Logan. Working closely with our Community Partners can bring a successful resolution to a

large and complex case in a much shorter time and ensures full compliance with applicable laws, codes, and ordinances.

### JOINT INSPECTIONS

**JOINT INSPECTIONS/CASES:**

5

**FERAL CATS RECOVERED:**

Over 50

**DOGS RECOVERED:**

Approx. 15

**CONDEMNATIONS/CHARGES:**

Approx. 10

# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## CORONAVIRUS FOOD ASSISTANCE PROGRAM “Farmers to Families”

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

In Spring of 2020 under the leadership of Ivanka Trump the White House passed a \$1.5 Billion Coronavirus Food Assistance Program. The USDA is exercising authority under the Families First Coronavirus Response Act to purchase and distribute agricultural products to those in need. The USDA’s Agricultural Marketing Service partnered with national, regional, and local distributors, whose workforces have been significantly impacted by the closure of restaurants, hotels and other food service businesses, to purchase up to \$6 billion in fresh produce, dairy and meat products from American producers of all sizes. Distributors package these products into family-sized boxes, then transport them to food banks, community and faith-based organizations, and other non-profits serving Americans in need. The Family Boxes contain approximately 30 lbs. of farm fresh food and a gallon of milk. The food varies from week to week and has included eggs, sausage, hot dogs, chicken, ground beef, yogurt, corn, potatoes, butternut squash, fresh fruit, cottage cheese and cheese, among other things.



Code Enforcement discovered the “Farmers to Families” program through Faith Based Community Partners and immediately saw the impact this could have on our City. Code Enforcement and Chaplin Neville partnered with Mayor Greg Fraunfelter, Service Director Bruce Walker, City of Logan Police Department, City of Logan Fire Department, Hocking County Sheriff’s Office, Hocking County EMS, Hocking County Health

Department, Hocking County Juvenile Probation, Hocking County Community Health Worker, Hocking County Fair Board, Hocking County Commissioners and Out of the Boat Ministries to distribute the food to families in need every Tuesday at the Hocking County Fairgrounds.

### FAMILY BOX DISTRIBUTION

**TOTAL BOXES DISTRIBUTED:** Over 1100

**GALLONS OF MILK DISTRIBUTED:** Over 500

**TOTAL POUNDS OF FOOD:** Over 33,000 lbs.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## SUMMER INTERN PROGRAM

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Mayor Greg Fraunfelter secured much needed assistance for Code Enforcement through the Mid-Ohio Regional Planning Commission's (MORPC) Partner to Enhance Careers in Public Service Internship Program. MORPC and Ohio University announced a partnership that will encourage more public-sector professionals to pursue a graduate degree, while also providing students with practical experience in local government. Through the

partnership, MORPC promotes the Ohio University Voinovich School of Leadership and Public Affairs' Executive Master of Public Administration (MPA) and online MPA programs to MORPC's local government members.



The program proved to be a very valuable resource to the City of Logan as Mayor Fraunfelter recruited one of the Programs top students, Sarah Stanzi, to work directly with Code Official Posey in Code Enforcement on a full-time basis throughout the summer. Ms. Stanzi was an absolutely outstanding addition to Code Enforcement and helped Posey

streamline and implement a number of operations. Ms. Stanzi was directly responsible for a number of new programs, including working with Hocking County for the GIS mapping of vacant and/or condemned properties.

### MORPC INTERN

<b>TOTAL WEEKS WORKED:</b>	12 Weeks
<b>TOTAL HOURS WORKED:</b>	Nearly 500
<b>COST TO CITY OF LOGAN:</b>	\$0
<b>VALUE TO CITY OF LOGAN:</b>	PRICELESS

# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## LOGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Chief Jerry Mellinger has been a very strong advocate for full-time Code Enforcement and along with Mayor Greg Fraunfelter has played a critical role in bringing the City of Logan Code Enforcement to fruition. From its inception Code Enforcement has had the full support of the City of Logan Police Department and the men and women who proudly serve the City. On a daily basis the Logan Police Department fully supports the operations of Code

Enforcement. The pivotal role the Logan Police Department plays in support of Code Enforcement cannot be overstated. From the Administration to the Patrol Officers who respond with Code Enforcement, to the Detective Bureau who provides guidance and investigative resources, to the Dispatchers keeping watch, and the Records Clerk providing full background support, Code Enforcement owes much of its success to the finest men and women in law enforcement, the Logan Police Department.



It is not uncommon for the Chief of Police, Jerry Mellinger, and Captain Ryan Gabriel to join Code Enforcement during the course of their shared mission to reduce crime and make Logan a safe place to live, work, and vacation. Along with the Administration, the Patrol Division and Detective Bureau regularly operates closely with Code Enforcement and through this collaboration during 2020 a number of wanted felons were located and apprehended.

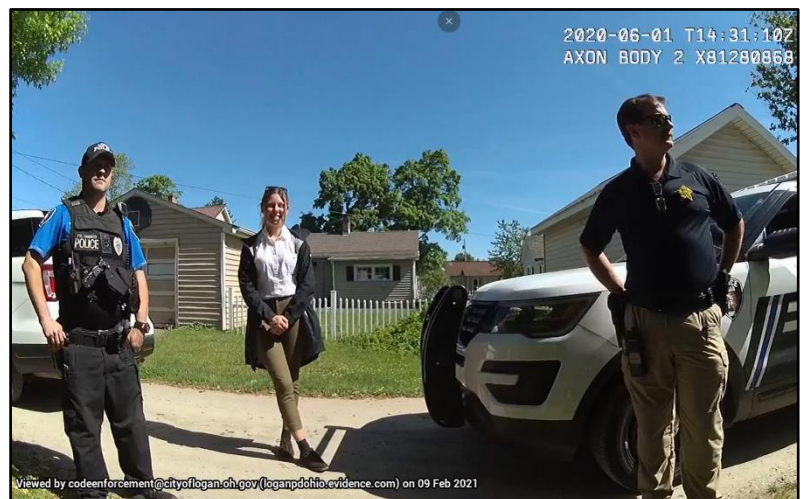
Code Enforcement routinely works with the School Resource Officers in a number of scenarios, from inspecting student homes to ensure safe living conditions, to locating missing students to speaking in the schools promoting safety. Code Enforcement delivered a presentation to all the Logan-Hocking School Resource Officers on the application of Fire Code within the schools to ensure the safety of our Students, Officers and School Staff as well as the role of the Fire Code during an active aggressor event. Posey provided guidance on the necessary measures to move forward in allowing the deployment of approved barricade devices during an active aggressor threat. Posey was able to provide insight as he previously, played a role in the change to the State of Ohio Fire Code that allows for the use of barricade devices when certain requirements are met.

# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## LOGAN POLICE DEPARTMENT

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Code Enforcement routinely finds unsecured vacant buildings in the City, that if left unchecked will become havens for drug and criminal activity. At any given time, there are approximately 50 – 60 homeless squatters roving around the City and they are quite adept at locating vacant buildings and accessory buildings and turning them into a base of operations and shelter. Code Enforcement consistently locates and clears these buildings with the City of Logan Patrol Officers assistance. In many instances the squatters located have had felony warrants and are in possession of drugs and drug paraphernalia.



# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## LOGAN FIRE DEPARTMENT

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

Code Enforcement and The City of Logan Fire Department works together on a daily basis as well. The City of Logan is fortunate to have very dedicated and professional Firefighters that are always willing to assist Code Enforcement. Chief Robertson and Fire Inspector Engler work closely with Code Enforcement towards the common goal of ensuring the safety of our Community by protecting life and property. In the day-to-day operations of Code Enforcement and all of our safety forces it is quite common for us all to work together to ensure the safety of our community is the highest priority. Many



complex cases evolve rapidly to require additional resources and we all come together and understand the great value we provide through teamwork.



# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMUNITY PARTNERSHIPS

## LOGAN STREET DEPARTMENT

### COMMUNITY PARTNERS

The City of Logan Street Department under the leadership of Foreman Seth Warthman have worked along side Code Enforcement on a daily basis and have been a critical component to the success of the Code Enforcement. Foreman Warthman and his crews make themselves available at all hours of the day and night to assist in any Code Enforcement scenarios that arise. As well as provide critical intel on a number of cases from their daily duties across the City. The Street Department has done an outstanding job of securing properties against unauthorized entry and assisting in the monitoring of properties secured by the City.



## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

**LOCATION:** 647 E. Hunter Street

**CASE #:** 20-0516-01

**ORDERS:** Condemned/Demolition Order

**DISPOSITION:** Owner Complied and Demolished Building

JANUARY 28, 2020



JULY 27, 2020



## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

**LOCATION:** 557 E. Hunter Street

**CASE #:** 20-0514-01

**ORDERS:** Condemned/Demolition Order

**DISPOSITION:** Owner Complied and Demolished Building

JANUARY 28, 2020



JULY 27, 2020



## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

**LOCATION:** 645 E. Main Street

**CASE #:** 20-2201-04

**ORDERS:** Condemned/Demolition Order

**DISPOSITION:** Owner Complied and Demolished Portion of the Building

JANUARY 28, 2020 – SQUATTER ACTIVITY



JANUARY 28, 2021



## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

**LOCATION:** 350 North Orchard Street

**CASE #:** 20-0187-01

**ORDERS:** Condemned

**DISPOSITION:** Owner Complied and Demolished Building

JANUARY 10, 2020 – SQUATTER ACTIVITY



JANUARY 10, 2020



## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

**LOCATION:** 350 North Orchard Street

**CASE #:** 20-0187-01

**ORDERS:** Condemned

**DISPOSITION:** Owner Complied and Demolished Building

JANUARY 28, 2021



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## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

**LOCATION:** 347 N. Walnut Street

**CASE #:** 20-1726-03

**ORDERS:** Condemned/Vacate Order/Demolition Order

**DISPOSITION:** Owner Complied and Demolished Building

JANUARY 28, 2020 – 2 SQUATTERS LIVING INSIDE



JULY 27, 2020



## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

**LOCATION:** 1258 New York Avenue

**CASE #:** 20-2416-05

**ORDERS:** Condemned/Demolition Order

**DISPOSITION:** Owner Complied and Demolished Building

JANUARY 28, 2020 – SQUATTER ACTIVITY



JANUARY 28, 2021



## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

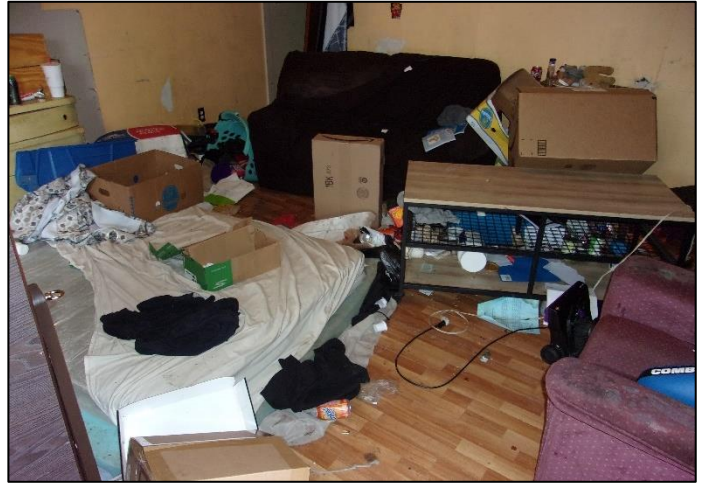
**LOCATION:** 173 Railroad Avenue

**CASE #:** 19-7334-12

**ORDERS:** CRIMINAL CHARGES – SECURE ORDER

**DISPOSITION:** OWNER COMPLIED AFTER CRIMINAL CHARGES

JANUARY 28, 2020 – SQUATTERS LIVING INSIDE



JANUARY 28, 2021



## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

**LOCATION:** 152 Gallagher Avenue

**CASE #:** 20-2054-04

**ORDERS:** Condemned/Vacate Order

**DISPOSITION:** Owner Voluntarily Complied

APRIL 21, 2020 – 2 SQUATTERS LIVING INSIDE



APRIL 21, 2020



## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

**LOCATION:** 152 Gallagher Avenue

**CASE #:** 20-2054-04

**ORDERS:** Condemned/Vacate Order

**DISPOSITION:** Owner Voluntarily Complied

JULY 24, 2020 - VACATED



JULY 24, 2020 - VACATED



## CODE ENFORCEMENT – IN ACTION!

**LOCATION:** 323 East Street

**CASE #:** 20-0149-01

**ORDERS:** Condemned/Vacate Order

**DISPOSITION:** Owner Voluntarily Complied

JANUARY 8, 2020 – 2 SQUATTERS LIVING IN CAMPER



JANUARY 23, 2020 - VACATED

