

COMMUNITY PROSECUTION

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The Community Prosecution Section of the City of Cincinnati's Law Department was created to increase enforcement efforts that enhance the quality of life in Cincinnati neighborhoods. To accomplish this goal, the Community Prosecution Section is charged with the responsibility of coordinating the efforts of City Departments (i.e., Police, Fire, Health, Buildings & Inspections) to address quality of life issues.

The Community Prosecution Section is comprised of City Prosecutors assigned the additional duties of representing the City of Cincinnati in cases, civil and criminal, that affect the quality of life of the citizens in the neighborhoods of Cincinnati.

In order to give community members the opportunity to provide information to Judges prior to sentencing criminal offenders, the **Neighborhood Impact Statement** was created. In order to provide another means for community residents to report quality of life concerns to the authorities, the **On Target** form was created. These documents may be obtained through the City Prosecutor's Office.

HOUSING DOCKET

The Housing Docket was created in conjunction with the Hamilton County Municipal Court to hear cases involving violations of any building, housing, sanitation, health, fire, zoning, or safety code, ordinance, regulation or statute applicable to buildings, structures, or any other real property.



**HAMILTON COUNTY MUNICIPAL COURT
1000 MAIN ST., CINCINNATI, OHIO 45202**

The Housing Docket is heard by Municipal Court Judge Russell J. Mock on Friday morning in courtroom 140 of the Hamilton County Courthouse. The Housing Docket is open to the public. Since 2003, the Community Prosecution Section has authorized the filing of hundreds of criminal charges to be heard on the Housing Docket.

LIQUOR PERMIT OBJECTIONS

Upon the filing of an application for a liquor permit, the Ohio Division of Liquor Control allows the City of Cincinnati to request a hearing on the advisability of the issuance or transfer of the permit. These cases are civil administrative hearings held both locally and in Columbus.

Annual renewal objections are presented to City Council each year in April and require a Resolution of Objection before the ODLC will schedule a hearing.

All objections to liquor permit applications are collected by the Cincinnati Police Department for submission to the City Manager.

NUISANCE ABATEMENT ACTIONS

Nuisance abatement actions are civil actions filed in the Hamilton County Court of Common Pleas. Nuisance abatement cases can involve protracted litigation, but are designed to enjoin the use of property as a public nuisance. Public nuisances are defined as properties that are “felony drug houses,” “Habitual resorts for felons,” locations of “lewdness, assignation, or prostitution,” or residential buildings that are a menace to the public health, welfare, or safety of the public.

HOME IMPROVEMENT CONTRACTORS

Cincinnati Municipal Code Chapter 891 sets forth the standards that home improvement contractors are required to meet as they do business with the residents of the City of Cincinnati. Home improvement contractors who violate these requirements can and will be prosecuted criminally. Anyone who suspects that they have been the victim of a home improvement contractor should contact Community Prosecutor Keith Forman at 513-352-5333.

TRADITIONAL CRIMINAL CHARGES

Individuals charged with traditional criminal offenses that have a unique impact on communities are prosecuted by the Community Prosecution Section. Such charges have included Criminal Damaging (for graffiti), Open Dumping, Prostitution, Loud Noise, Barking Dog, Assault, Disorderly Conduct, Criminal Trespass, Drug Offenses, and Littering.

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