



CODES TALK

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New Building Inspector

Jeff Parrott

Jeff Parrott was recently hired to replace the vacated position of Marjie Pressley. Jeff has a background in the construction industry and is in preliminary training to begin inspecting on his own in a few weeks. The hiring of Jeff with the addition of cross trained staff will aid the department in meeting inspection scheduling more efficiently.

Applying for a Permit

When applying for a permit the following items will be needed; two (2) sets of plans, a certified address (obtained through MPC) and, if applicable, a drainfield layout (from the health department).

Plans Submittal

The Codes Department accepts site plans and construction drawings in electronic formats (i.e., Adobe Acrobat, PDF). Permit applicants are strongly encouraged to use this method of submittal to reduce printing costs and travel time to our office. Additionally, permit review times are shorter for electronic submittals. Submit plans to: plansreview@knoxcounty.org.

To send comments, subscribe or unsubscribe send email to codestalk@knoxcounty.org.



Codes Enforcement - Zoning

The Knox County Code Administration department provides the community with zoning enforcement. The enforcement includes overgrown and dirty lots, home occupations, inoperable vehicles, the noise ordinance, etc. The most common violations are; 1. Overgrown & dirty lots - where the uncut vegetation exceeds 12" or open storage of garbage and trash. 2. Inoperable Vehicles - no more than one inoperable vehicle is allowed on a property. 3. Home Occupations - not meeting the prescribed requirements of the ordinance. For more in-depth information, see our handouts located at [handouts](#) or the zoning ordinance located at [ordinance](#).

BZA - Board of Zoning Appeals

The Board of Appeals was created per the requirements of the adopted building codes. The board hears and decides on appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the Building Official and the Codes Department.

To appeal a decision you must make application to the Codes Administration Department before 12:00 PM the 2nd Wednesday of each month. The application fee is \$200. The BZA meeting date is on the 4th Wednesday of each month at 1:30 PM in the Main Assembly Room. For more information go to [BZA](#) or call our office at 865-215-2325.

Calendar and Events

ETBOA meets the second Wednesday of each month. More info at www.etboa.com. The meeting includes informative training.

Closed, Wednesday, July 4th, The Codes office will be closed on Wednesday, July 4th in observance of Independence Day.