

CITY OF STAMFORD
ANTI-BLIGHT
DEPARTMENT

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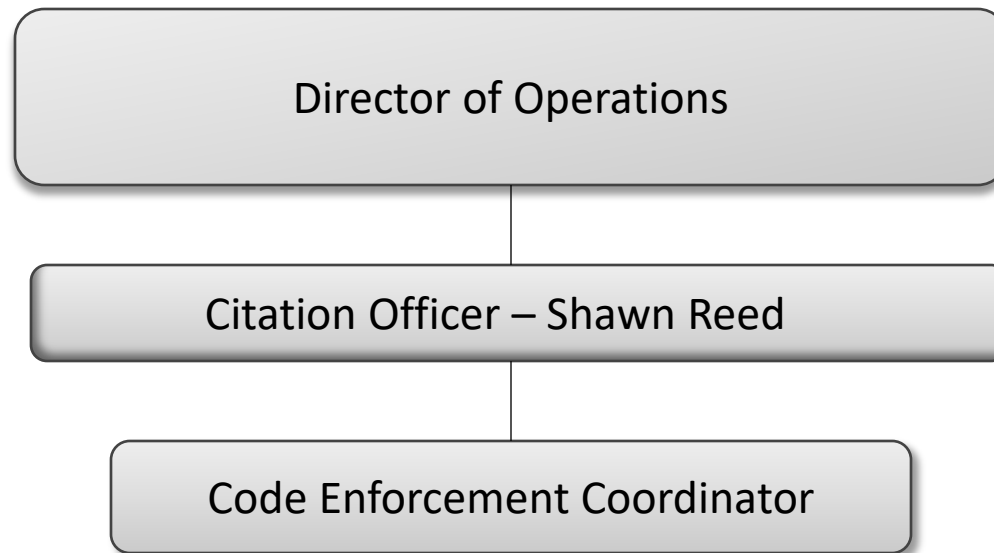


Department Introduction & Brief History

The Anti-Blight Dept. responds to citizen complaints of blight conditions at properties within the City, and enforces the provisions of the Anti-Blight Ordinance, Chapter 146, Article III. It is staffed by the Citation Officer and the full-time Code Enforcement Coordinator.

All the operating costs of the Anti-Blight Dept. are paid out of the Blight Fund, which is solely funded by Blight Fines.

Department Organization Chart





Major changes

- The Anti-Blight Dept. has been moved to the Building Department
- There is now a Code Enforcement Coordinator instead of a Paralegal. The Code Enforcement Coordinator will work with the Chief Citation Officer to manage and coordinate the City's responses to complaints involving multiple departments.



What are the most significant accomplishments made & challenges faced by the department in the last FY 2023-2024.



- Significant Accomplishments:
 - Remediating and closing out complaints that had been ongoing.
 - Already collected over 125% of budgeted revenue for the year
- Challenges:
 - Remediating blight conditions at properties that have violations of more than one code/department (e.g., zoning, health depts.)
 - Not enough public resources to help those property owners where the blight is caused by a larger issue (finances, mental health, etc.)
- Improvements:
 - Implemented a transition of record keeping to VPC



FY 2024-2025 Goals and Priorities

Goal and Priority: To respond to and address blight complaints in a more efficient manner

- The Code Enforcement Coordinator will work with the new Chief Citation Officer to manage, consolidate and coordinate the City's responses to complaints involving multiple departments.
- Working on the Oracle Platform to ensure efficiency

Budget Highlights:

- The department has worked on financial efficiency.