

## **Village of Oswego**

### **Code Enforcement Mission Statement**

To provide public service to all people within the Village of Oswego with respect, fairness and integrity; to provide professional code and ordinance administration and enforcement with the highest standards of performance and ethics; and to work cooperatively with the Village of Oswego's diverse citizenry and neighborhood groups to establish confidence in the quality of life in established neighborhoods.



## Goals of the Compliance Division

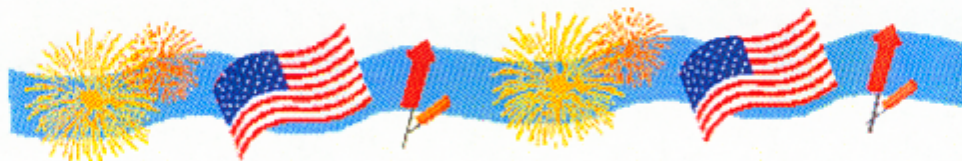
The Code Compliance Division of the Village of Oswego is concerned with four major objectives: public health and safety, education, public service, and community appearance.

The health and safety of the community is the primary objective of property maintenance code enforcement. The intent of the Village's property maintenance codes is to ensure the public health, safety, and welfare insofar as they are affected by the continued occupancy and maintenance of structures and premises. The provisions of the property maintenance codes constitute the minimum requirement and standards for premises, structures, equipment, and facilities for light, ventilation, space, heating, sanitation, protections from the elements, life safety, safety from fire and other hazards, and for safe and sanitary maintenance.

It is also very important to educate residents of the content and purpose of pertinent Village codes. Residents need to be informed how the Village code pertains to them and what they need to do to comply with the code.

**The objective is voluntary compliance in all enforcement situations.** Residents should know that the Village is working for their best interests and they need to understand what the Code Compliance Division is doing and why. They have to know that we are following proper procedure and that we are knowledgeable and skillful in our profession.

In the eyes of the residents, we as public servants are the government and pursuant to these goals must try to resolve the many problematic enforcement insures to make the Village of Oswego a better place to live and work. The priorities of commitment to our residents are as follows: (1) Safety. (2) Courtesy. (3) Service and (4) Efficiency.



## **Major Function of Code Enforcement**

The Code Enforcement Division ensures that all environmental nuisances in residential and commercial neighborhoods are eliminated and that substandard and deteriorated structures become complaint with minimum property maintenance code requirements. Code Enforcement Officers work closely with citizens by acquainting them with Village ordinances and helping them monitor their own neighborhoods to prevent deterioration. Code Enforcement Officers serve as a stabilizing presence in local neighborhoods, helping to prevent blight and deterioration. Officers address items such as high weeds, deteriorated houses, unlicensed or inoperable cars, storage of recreational vehicles, yard maintenance, outdoor storage, domestic animals and illegal signage.

