



## CODE COMPLIANCE SERVICES “The Process”

Code Compliance Services  
Department of Regional and Shared Services



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[www.mesacounty.us/Codes/](http://www.mesacounty.us/Codes/)

- ✘ *Once a written citizen complaint is received it is processed in our “CodeTRAK” data file*
- ✘ *In most cases an on-site investigation is completed by the Code Officer within 10 business day.*
- ✘ *If the Officer’s observations and research confirms a Code violation, a notice is issued to the property owner and/or occupant, Requesting Voluntary Compliance (RVC).*
- ✘ *Several follow up communications with the property owner and/or occupant are conducted in an effort to achieve voluntary compliance.*
- ✘ *A formal “Notice of Violation” is only issued if the violation is not corrected after reasonable efforts and time to gain voluntary compliance are unsuccessful.*
- ✘ *If the violator fails to correct the violation within the time period the “Notice of Violation” allows, a public meeting may be set with the Board of County Commissioners to request approval to prosecute the violator in County Court.*

*Our Staff is Working Hard to Make Mesa County a Better Place for All of Us to Work, Prosper and Enjoy All the Valley Has to Offer.*

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**The Mesa County Land Development Code was adopted for the purpose of preserving and improving the public health, safety, and the general welfare of the citizens and businesses of Mesa County.**

**WHAT WE DO TO SERVE THE CITIZENS OF MESA COUNTY**

Code Compliance Services investigates several hundred citizen complaints each year concerning property use in unincorporated Mesa County and determines if the use complies with the Mesa County Land Development Code.

**HOW TO REPORT A VIOLATION**

To file a complaint, you can download the Citizen Complaint Form from our website at [www.mesacounty.us/Codes/](http://www.mesacounty.us/Codes/) or contact our office for a copy. Complete and sign the complaint form and return it to Mesa County Code Compliance Services via mail, email, or drop off to the address listed in this flier.

**Frequently Asked Questions**

Q: Does Mesa County have a weed ordinance?

A: The Mesa County Land Development Code does not include any regulations for the enforcement of weed removal or weed abatement unless they are known noxious weeds. For information on the Noxious Weed Program contact the Tri-River Area Extension, Pest Management Department at (970) 255-7121.

Q: What items can be stored outdoors?

A: Under current Code, one unlicensed vehicle is allowed. Any materials which meet the Code's definition of "junk", are not allowed unless properly screened from view.

Q: Does Code Compliance Services enforce my HOA or subdivision's covenants?

A: No, we are responsible for the Land Development Code only, which can be quite different from your HOA or covenants.

Q: Do I have to get a permit to put up a small storage shed?

A: Yes, if the structure is over 120 square feet in size.

Q: Do I need permits for an Agricultural Building?

A: Yes, you do need Site Plan approval and a Building Permit, but you may also be eligible for a no fee, no inspections building permit. Be sure to understand which option is best for you.

Q: Can my visitors stay in my RV?

A: An RV/camper can be used by visitors for up to 30 days but black water must be self contained. Note that RV's cannot be used long term or as a secondary dwelling.

Q: Can my property have domestic livestock (chickens, goats, cows, horses, etc.)?

A: In accordance with the Code, a property must be a minimum of ½ acre, be able to meet required livestock setbacks from property lines, and there are limits to the quantities allowed, pending size of the property and animal.

Q: Once I have filed a complaint, am I able to check the case status online?

A: At this time we do not have case information available online but you are always welcome to call or email our office and request status information at any time.

Q: If I file a complaint will my information remain confidential?

A: Code Compliance Services requires a completed Citizen Complaint Form for each case file we open. Most cases require the contact information and signature of the complainant. We do not release case information while a case is open and active. Due to the Colorado Open Records Act, case information can be released after a case file is closed only if a written records request is received or if the case is taken to court for legal action.

