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New Code Ordinance Changes in Effect January 1

The City of Charlotte recently updated its <u>city code ordinances</u>. These changes are effective January 1, 2018 and include changes in fines as well as new definitions for repeat and chronic offenders. The changes that will have the most impact are:

- An increase in fines from \$50 to \$150 for most violations which may include, but not be limited to, curbside violations, neglect of premises, obstructions of rights-of-way and overgrown vegetation
- A property owner who has had four or more violations of any type on any property that they may own in the previous calendar year is now defined as a chronic offender
- A property owner who has had four or more repeated violations in the previous calendar year is now defined as a repeat offender
- An increase in fines for chronic and repeat offenders to \$250 for the fourth offense and \$500 for the fifth and each subsequent offense

How are we addressing this?

We are educating our tenants on the importance of maintaining their rental home. Whether these violations are noted during our property inspection or through a notice of violation from the City of Charlotte, we take immediate action to remedy the issue. Tenants found to be in violation of any city ordinance will be sent a letter identifying the issue, educating them on the consequences of negligence and providing them with a specific timeframe, usually 7 days, to make the appropriate changes. Our objective is to increase awareness of such ordinances and to decrease the probability of them being habitually violated.

Coming up:

January owner statements and 1099s will be available to view around the 25th of the month!





If you know someone looking for property management services, send them our way! They can visit our website's <u>Property Management page</u> for more information or contact us at <u>info@berryhillrealty.net</u> or (704)333-0723.

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