



CITY OF CHESTERFIELD

Public Health & Safety Committee Meeting

June 24, 2025

6:00 PM

Conference Room 101

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes - February 24, 2025
4. Selection of Vice-Chairperson for the Public Health & Safety Committee
5. Selection of a Liaison to the Police Personnel Board
6. Solicitation Discussion
7. Code Enforcement Update On Problem Properties Within The City

Elliot Brown will present data on the number of requests that Code Enforcement has processed within the last year and request guidance on future enforcement practices
8. Draft Ordinance Amending Minimum Standards of Maintenance For Buildings And Structures Within The City.

Elliot Brown and Nathan Bruns will present a draft ordinance updating the abatement hearing process for exterior maintenance issues.
9. Revision of Ordinance 2708 – Social Hosting of Underage Drinking and Loud and Unruly Gatherings

The Committee will review this ordinance to bring it up to date reflecting the definition of a juvenile is any person under eighteen (18) years of age.
10. Proposal For A Resolution Affirming The City of Chesterfield' Commitment To Public Safety.

The proposed resolution is a required step in the process to receive the designation as a Missouri Blue Shield Community. The designation as a Blue Shield Community will provide additional grant opportunities to the City.
11. Proposal For A Resolution To Adopt the 2025-2030 St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This proposed resolution is a requirement in order to qualify for future FEMA funding.

12. Proposal To Reinstate the Police Captain's Position

Chief Funkhouser will present a proposal to reinstate the Police Captain's position that was temporarily eliminated as part of the phased reorganization plan within the Police Department.

12. Other

13. Next Meeting

14. Adjourn

PERSONS REQUIRING AN ACCOMMODATION TO ATTEND AND PARTICIPATE IN THE PH&S COMMITTEE MEETING SHOULD CONTACT CITY CLERK VICKIE MCGOWND AT (636) 537-6716, AT LEAST TWO (2) BUSINESS DAYS PRIOR TO THE MEETING.

MINUTES
PUBLIC HEALTH & SAFETY COMMITTEE
FEBRUARY 25, 2025

1. The meeting was called to order at 4:00PM by Chairperson Aaron Wahl.
2. Roll Call

Councilmember Aaron Wahl, Ward II, Chairperson, Councilmember Barbara McGuinness, Ward I, Councilmember Michael Moore, Ward III, Councilmember Merrell Hansen, Ward IV, Councilmember Mary Monachella, Ward I, Mary Ann Mastorakos, Ward II, Elliot Brown, Assistant City Administrator, Zach Wolff, Assistant City Engineer, Nathan Bruns, Associate of the City Attorney, and Chief Cheryl Funkhouser. The meeting was also attended by Mr. Rob Kilo.

3. Approval of Minutes

Councilmember Moore motioned and Councilmember Hansen seconded to approve the minutes of the December 16, 2024, meeting. The motion carried 4-0.

4. Traffic Flow near the Riparian Trail Walkway

Chairperson Aaron Wahl led a discussion regarding traffic and pedestrian safety at the crosswalk on August Hill near the Riparian Trail. This discussion was previously discussed by the Committee at the December 16, 2024 meeting. At that time, the Committee directed that the Public Works Director investigate and analyze the Riparian trail crosswalk at August Hill to determine if additional signage should be installed at that location.

Chairperson Wahl motioned to direct staff to install two no parking signs as recommended by staff, and also install two Rectangular Rapid Flashing Beacon (RRFB) lighted signals at this location. Councilmember Hansen seconded the motion.

Discussion followed.

Councilmember Moore supported the professional recommendation of the City Engineer and the Department of Public Works. He voiced his concern that residents may find not following Staff's recommendation precedent setting, and request this type of signal (RRFB) at additional crosswalks across the City where they may not be warranted. Councilmember McGuinness disagreed with Councilmember Moore.

In order to clarify the request, Councilmember Hansen noted that no accidents have occurred to this date but primary prevention would be best served by installing a RRFB that would stop future possible incidents.

Mr. Kilo voiced his concerns noting that this crosswalk is associated with the Riparian Trail and also provides access to the City Park. Councilmember Monachella noted that the RRFB

installed on Schoettler Road provides safety for those crossing Schoettler Road to enter Logan Park, and this is the same type of situation. She related that this relationship to a park entrance would set this signage apart from a regular pedestrian crosswalk.

Chairperson Wahl stated that there would be an estimated cost of \$5,000.00 for the RRFB. Mr. Wolff noted that the Public Works evaluation did not include an RRFB, or any cost associated with installing an RRFB, but that Public Works staff will review and provide an estimated cost for the installation of the RRFB prior to consideration by City Council.

After discussion, the motion passed 3-1 with Councilmember Moore voting "No".

5. Unfit Buildings

The Committee had previously discussed how best for the City to handle unfit and unsafe buildings. As requested by the Committee, a proposed ordinance relating to unfit buildings was reviewed. This ordinance would allow the City to take action in abating conditions that negatively impact the occupants of the building as well as the general public. The existing language limits the City's authority to abate unfit buildings only when they negatively impact neighboring properties.

Chairperson Wahl questioned the timeline between notification and action on unfit properties. Nathan Bruns cited State statutes for the process and also the processes of City Council that incur costs.

Chairperson Wahl motioned and Councilmember Moore seconded to forward the proposed Ordinance to City Council with a recommendation for approval. The motion carried 4-0.

6. Animals at Large (Leash Law)

The Committee members reviewed two separate proposed ordinances to amend the current ordinance that require dogs to be leashed. The Committee members agreed on the proposed ordinance that requires all dogs to be leashed (no requirement on leash length) when not on the animal owner's property and that those animals shall be under the control of the owner. The ordinance allows dogs to be off leash in the City's Dog Park.

Councilmember Hansen motioned that the proposed leash law ordinance be forwarded to City Council with a recommendation for approval. Councilmember Wahl seconded. The motion carried 4-0.

7. Individuals Sleeping In Public

Chief Funkhouser and Nathan Bruns presented a proposed ordinance which addresses individuals sleeping in public. This proposed ordinance was requested by the Committee at an earlier meeting.

This proposed ordinance was requested to allow law enforcement to take action when individual(s) attempt to sleep on public property causing safety and health risks.

After reviewing the proposed ordinance, Councilmember Moore motioned and Councilmember Hansen seconded to send the proposed ordinance to City Council with a recommendation for Council approval. The motion carried 4-0.

8. Edison Road Speed Limit (Baxter to Long Road)

Chairperson Wahl informed the Committee Members that he had received a request to lower the speed limit on Edison Road, specifically the area between Baxter Road and Long Road.

The Committee reviewed statistical information provided by the police department. The information noted the number of speeding tickets issued and the number of vehicular accidents that occurred in that area. A traffic count for that area was also provided.

After review of the provided information, no further action was taken.

9. Donation of City owned bicycles

Chief Funkhouser presented a proposal to donate two bicycles and bicycle transportation racks that are owned by the Police Department to an area charitable organization. The bicycles are at least twenty years old and are no longer in a condition to be useful to the Department. The transportation racks are also very old and not compatible with current equipment and vehicles in use at the Department. The charitable organization will refurbish the equipment at their expense. At this time, the bicycles and racks are just in storage in the lower level of the police department and that space could be better utilized.


Councilmember Moore motioned and Councilmember Hansen seconded to approve the donation of the bicycles and racks to the charitable organization. The motion carried 4-0.

10. There were no other items to be discussed.

11. No future date was assigned at this time.

12. The meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM

TO: Michael O. Geisel, P.E.
City Administrator

FROM: Elliot Brown, 
Assistant City Administrator

Date: June 18, 2025

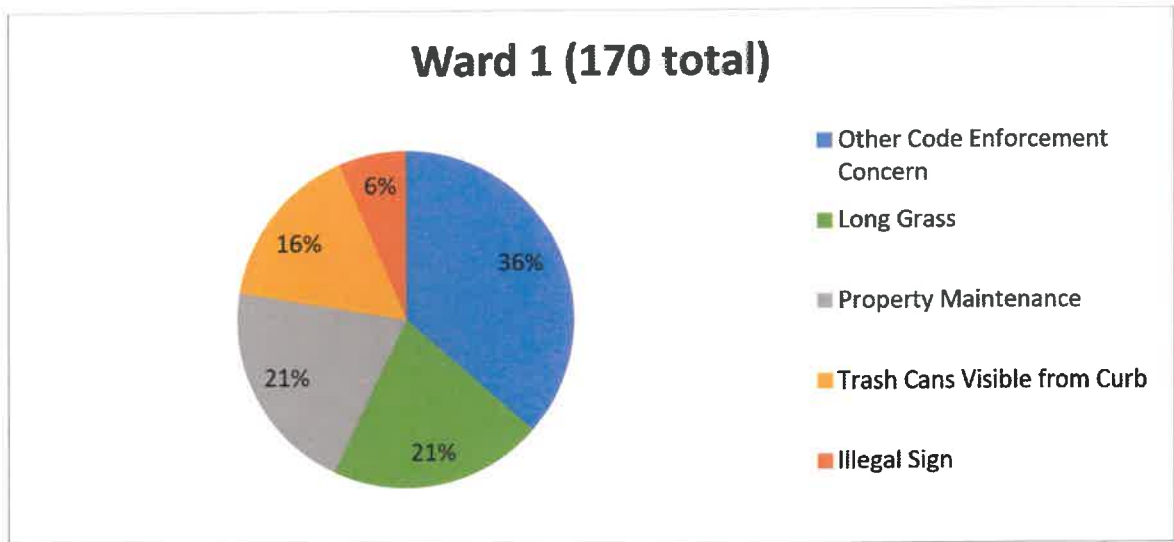
RE: Public Health & Safety Code Enforcement Update & Draft Ordinance Updating Chapter 500 Article II Related To Minimum Standards Of Maintenance



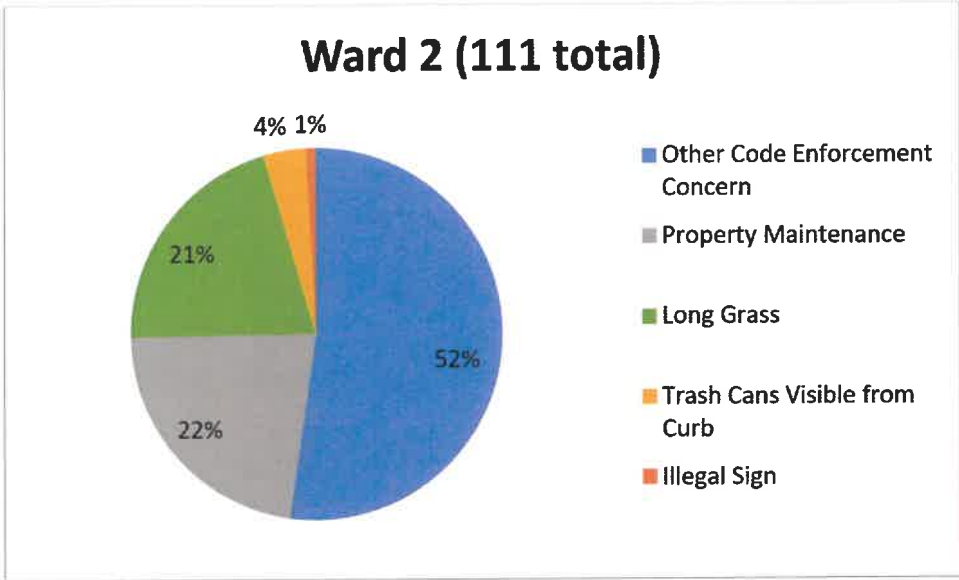
Staff analyzed the See-Click-Fix reports from June 2024 through June 2025, and the data is summarized below. Also, the City Attorney reviewed the existing Minimum Standards of Maintenance code and recommends adjustments to mirror the procedures in the Nuisance code and remove unnecessary language.

2024-2025 Code Enforcement Activity

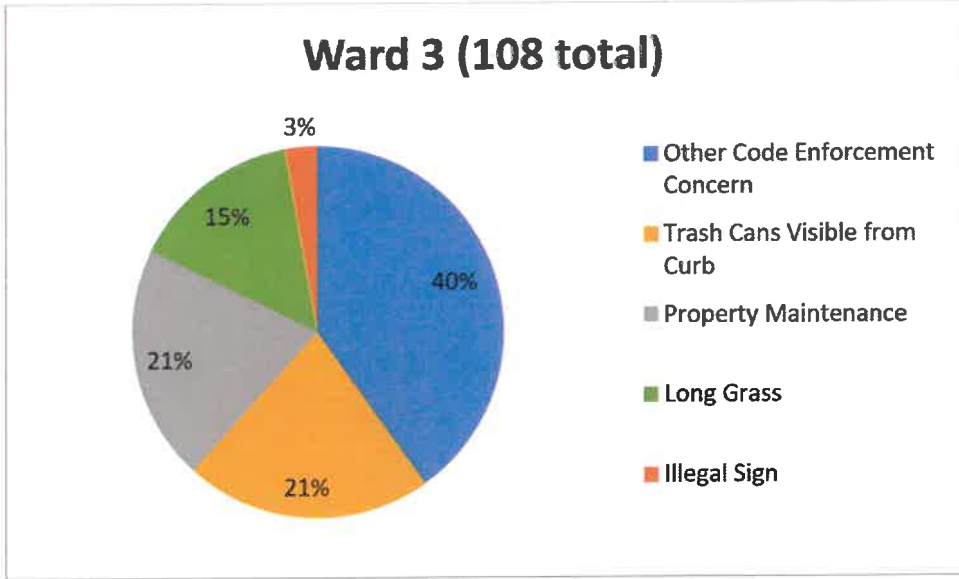
Ward 1 had the second highest number of reports, with **Other Code Enforcement Concerns** (62), **Long Grass** (35), and **Property Maintenance** (35) leading the list. Frequent issues included debris, overgrown lawns, and improper trash can placement.



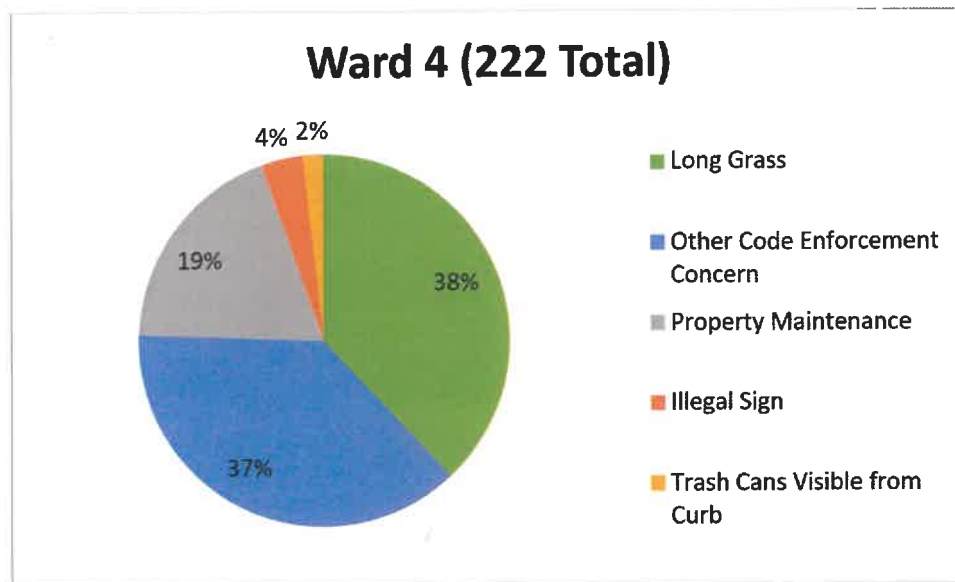
Ward 2's most common issue was **Other Code Enforcement Concerns** (47), primarily related to hazardous trees and general property upkeep. **Long Grass** was also a notable concern with 19 reports.



Ward 3 had fewer total reports, with **Long Grass** (15), **Property Maintenance** (11), and **Other Code Enforcement Concerns** (10) being the most frequent. Issues were mostly related to yard and exterior maintenance.



Ward 4 recorded the highest total number of reports, including **Other Code Enforcement Concerns** (54) and **Long Grass** (31), along with a notable number of **Street Tree Trimming** reports (12). The data reflects both general maintenance concerns and specific vegetation issues.



Across all wards, the most frequently cited categories were **Long Grass**, **Property Maintenance**, and **Other Code Enforcement Concerns**—a broad classification that includes a variety of issues.

A closer look at the “Other Code Enforcement Concern” category shows recurring themes:

- **Ward 1:** Property maintenance, tree-related issues, and unkempt yards
- **Ward 2:** Hazardous trees, dead vegetation, and general property neglect
- **Ward 3:** Poor property conditions and dead or overgrown landscaping
- **Ward 4:** High concentration of dead tree reports, along with property and trash concerns

Based on these trends, Code Enforcement is seeking direction from the Public Health & Safety Committee on how best to apply the code moving forward. Specific questions for consideration include:

- Should corner residential lots be exempt from the restriction prohibiting trash cans from being visible from the street? Residents with corner lots have limited options for locating their cans to be hidden from both streets.
- What criteria should the team use when evaluating complaints about dead trees, particularly small or ornamental species or those in large common ground areas? We get a lot of complaints about dead ornamental trees/bushes on residential and commercial lots and those in subdivision common grounds.

- What standards should be applied for the control and/or removal of invasive plant species? Honeysuckle is in almost every neighborhood in the City. We get a lot of complaints about it growing in common ground areas, but the code is not clear on what constitutes “control.” Some residents want it to be eradicated while others appreciate the natural screen it creates.

Chapter 500 Article II Related To Minimum Standards Of Maintenance

Attached is a draft ordinance amending the City’s Minimum Exterior Standards Code to allow Code Enforcement to pursue a summons after a Notice of Violation is ignored, without first requiring a hearing officer’s order. This revision mirrors the process currently outlined in the City’s Nuisance Code. Since Code Enforcement is responsible for enforcing both sections of code, it is important that the procedures align.

Section 1 updates terminology to refer to a “Violation Notice” rather than a “summons,” clarifying that the Court issues the summons while Code Enforcement initiates the process. This technical correction does not alter current enforcement procedures.

Sections 3 and 4 have been removed for consistency with the Nuisance Code, as reimbursement and due process provisions are more appropriately handled through the hearing officer process. Section 5 has also been removed; while state law grants a one-year window for repeat nuisance violations, the City retains similar authority for minimum exterior standards.

Recommendation:

Based on the summary data provided, staff seeks input from the Public Health & Safety Committee on how the Code Enforcement team should apply the updated procedures going forward. Specific guidance on enforcement priorities, response thresholds, or emphasis areas (e.g., vegetation, refuse, signage) would help align operational practices with Committee expectations.

Additionally, Staff recommends forwarding the draft ordinance updating Chapter 500 Article II related to Minimum Standards of Maintenance to the City Council for formal consideration.

Please forward to Public Health and Safety Committee for their review and concurrence and recommendation to the full City Council.

 **2025-6-18**

BILL NO. _____

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI, AMENDING CHAPTER 500 ARTICLE II RELATED TO MINIMUM STANDARDS OF MAINTENANCE FOR BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES WITHIN THE CITY.

WHEREAS, the City has previously adopted Chapter 500 Article II setting forth certain minimum standards of maintenance for buildings and structures within the City for purposes of preventing blight and protecting the general health, safety, and welfare; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 500 Article II has not been updated in more than two decades and the City's staff have identified several Sections of Article II that require updates to improve administration of Article II's provisions; and,

WHEREAS, Chapter 500 Article II currently requires the City's code enforcement officers to go through an administrative hearing process to determine that a building or structure is not in compliance with Article II before a summons can be issued for municipal court; and,

WHEREAS, the City's Code sections related to nuisance abatement permit the City's code enforcement officers to pursue violations of the City's nuisance abatement code through both municipal court and administrative processes simultaneously; and,

WHEREAS, the City finds that updating Chapter 500 Article II to more closely align with the processes set forth for nuisance abatement in Chapter 215 Article I will result in greater efficiency and more expedient resolutions of violations of the City's minimum standards of maintenance; and,

WHEREAS, the City finds these updated minimum property maintenance standards to be in the best interest of the general health, safety, and welfare;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section I: Section 500.200 of the City of Chesterfield Municipal Code shall be amended as follows with language to be added underlined and language to be deleted ~~stricken~~:

Section 500.200 **Summons.**

- A.** Upon neglect or failure to act upon a notice of violation within the time set forth in the notice of violation ~~the order of the hearing officer~~, the City shall may issue a summons as follows:

1. Summons, Service Of. If a notice is given as provided in Section 500.170, and if after the time for removal or abatement has lapsed the property is reinspected and the Inspecting Officer finds and determines that the violation has not been removed or abated, the Inspecting Officer may fill out and sign as the complainant a complaint and information form, hereinafter referred to as a ~~summons~~ Violation Notice, directed to the same individuals as set forth in Section 500.170 and delivered in the same manner as set forth in Section 500.170 and specifying the Section of the Article which is being violated and setting forth in general the nature of the violation. The ~~summons~~ Violation Notice shall contain a date on which the case will be on the Municipal Court docket for hearing. The City Prosecuting Attorney or Assistant City Prosecuting Attorney will review and may approve the ~~summons~~ Violation Notice and then shall sign the original copy of all such ~~summons~~ Violation Notice, and the original thereof shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the Municipal Court for inclusion on the court's docket for the date shown on the ~~summons~~ Violation Notice.
2. Abatement By City — Costs Assessed To Person Responsible. If the condition violating this Article is not corrected, after the occupant, owner or person in charge of property for which a warning notice has been given to remove or abate a violation fails to remove or abate the violation in the time specified in the notice, whether residential or non-residential, then the City may remove the same and thereby abate the violation and, if necessary, may lawfully enter upon the property on which the violation remains unabated to remove or abate such violation at the costs of the person or persons responsible for creating or maintaining the violation or by any persons as defined in Section 500.120.
3. Payment Of Costs — Special Tax Bill Or Judgment. All costs and expenses incurred by the City in removing or abating any violation on any residential or non-residential property may be assessed against the property in the form of a special tax bill, which special tax bill shall become a lien on the property. ~~Alternatively, the cost of removing or abating the violation may be made a part of the judgment by the Municipal Judge, in addition to any other penalties and costs imposed, if the person charged either pleads guilty or is found guilty of causing, creating or maintaining a violation on residential or non-residential property.~~
4. ~~Warning Notice, First Offense. In all cases where the violation on residential or non-residential property is the first offense of the specified Article violation for the persons charged therewith, the notice provisions of Section 500.170 shall be observed.~~
5. ~~Warning Notice, Subsequent Offenses. In all cases where the violation on residential or non-residential property is a repeat or continued offense on~~

~~such property, the notice provisions of Section 500.170 need not be observed.~~

Section II: This ordinance shall be codified within the Municipal Code of the City of Chesterfield.

Section III: This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

Passed and approved this ____ day of _____, 2025.

Presiding Officer

Dan Hurt, Mayor

ATTEST:

Vickie McGownd

FIRST READING HELD:



Chesterfield Police Memorandum



Date: April 7, 2025

To: Chief Funkhouser

From: Detective Kevin Restivo, DSN 338 *42338 J.B.218*

RE: Social Host Ordinance Revision

The Alliance for Healthy Communities reached out to me and asked me to review our Social Hosting Ordinance (210.2480). They wanted me to review this because prom and graduation season are upon us. While reviewing the ordinance, I noticed the verbiage regarding juveniles was incorrect. The current ordinance says a juvenile is any person under the age of 17. In Missouri, the age of a juvenile is anyone under the age of 18.

I have attached a copy of the current ordinance with the requested revision.

*forwarded
M.A. Restivo*

*To be forwarded to
P.H.S. Committee for
approval → forward to City Council
Chief Funkhouser*

Chapter 210. Offenses

Article XV. Miscellaneous Offenses

Section 210.2480. Social Hosting Of Underage Drinking And Loud And Unruly Gatherings.

[CC 1990 § 21-78; Ord. No. 2708, 7-16-2012]

A.

Definitions. For the purposes of this Article, the following definitions shall apply:

ALCOHOLIC BEVERAGE

A liquor or brew containing alcohol as the active agent.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCE ACT

Chapter 195, RSMo. in effect upon the passage of this Section.

CONTROLLED SUBSTANCES

A drug or chemical substance whose possession and use are controlled by law.

JUVENILE

~~Any person under seventeen (17) years of age.~~

Any person under eighteen (18) years of age.

LOUD OR UNRULY GATHERING

A party or gathering of five (5) or more persons at or on a residence or other private property upon which loud or unruly conduct occurs. Such loud or unruly conduct includes but is not limited to:

a.

Excessive noise;

b.

Excessive and/or restrictive traffic;

c.

Obstruction of public streets, or crowds which have spilled onto public streets;

d.

Public drunkenness, unlawful public consumption or possession of alcohol or alcoholic beverages by underage persons;

e.

Service to, or consumption of, alcohol or alcoholic beverages by any underage person, except as permitted by City Code, State law or Missouri Constitution;

f.

Assaults, batteries, fights, domestic violence or other disturbances of the peace;

g.

Vandalism;

h.

Litter; and

i.

Any other conduct which constitutes a threat to public health, safety, quiet enjoyment of residential property or general welfare.

B.

Allowing Party Involving Underage Drinkers Prohibited.

1.

Person Responsible For The Event. The person who owns the property where the party, gathering, or event takes place and/or the person in charge of the premises and/or the person who organized the event. If the person responsible for the event is a minor, then the parents or guardians of that minor will be jointly and severally liable for the costs incurred for police services regardless of their presence at the event.

2.

Response Costs. The costs associated with responses by law enforcement, fire and other emergency response providers to loud or unruly gatherings, including, but not limited to:

a.

Salaries and benefits of law enforcement, fire or other emergency response personnel for the amount of time spent responding to, remaining at or otherwise dealing with loud or unruly gatherings and the administrative costs attributable to such response(s).

b.

The cost of any medical treatment to or for any law enforcement, fire or other emergency response personnel injured responding to, remaining at or leaving the scene of a loud or unruly gathering.

3.

Responsible Person:

a.

A person or persons with a right of possession in the residence or other private property on which a loud or unruly gathering is conducted, including, but not limited to:

(1)

A responsible person of the residence or other private property;

(2)

A tenant or lessee of the residence or other private property;

(3)

The person(s) in charge of the residence or other private property; and

(4)

The person(s) who organizes, supervises, officiates, conducts or controls the gathering or any other person(s) accepting responsibility for such a gathering.

b.

In cases where a person under the age of twenty-one (21) hosts a party, the responsible person of the property will be held accountable regardless of their presence at the party to include the responsible person being away from the residence or out of town.

c.

If a responsible person for the gathering is a juvenile, then the parents or guardians of that juvenile and the juvenile will be jointly and severally liable for the response costs incurred pursuant to this Article. To incur liability for response costs imposed by this Article, the responsible person for the loud or unruly gathering need not be present at such gathering resulting in the response giving rise to the imposition of response costs. This Article therefore imposes vicarious as well as direct liability upon a responsible person, regardless of their presence or absence at the event.

4.

Underage Person. Any person under twenty-one (21) years of age.

C.

Responsibility For Proper Management Of Property. Every responsible person, occupant, lessee or holder of any possessory interest of a residence or other private property within the City of Chesterfield is required to maintain, manage and supervise the property and all persons thereon in a manner so as not to violate, the provisions of this Article. This shall include Adults, with persons under the age of twenty-one (21) living within their residence, whether or not that adult is present during the party or other illegal activity.

D.

Violations And Penalties.

1.

Violations.

a.

It shall be unlawful for any responsible person to allow, permit or host a loud or unruly gathering at a residence or other private property. Such gathering may be abated by an order of a Police Officer directing the host or other responsible person to cause all persons in or on said premises who are not lawful residents thereof to disperse not more than fifteen (15) minutes after the host or other responsible person receives an order to do so issued by a Police Officer.

b.

Whenever an adult having control of the residence or premises is present at that residence or premises at the time an underage person obtains, possesses, or consumes any alcoholic beverage or controlled substance, it shall be prima facie evidence that such an adult had the knowledge or should have had the knowledge that the underage person obtained, possessed or consumed an alcoholic beverage or controlled substance at the gathering. An adult responsible person allowing a person under the age of twenty-one (21) to host a party, regardless of whether the adult is present in or out of town shall be held mutually responsible.

c.

No responsible person shall allow a loud or unruly gathering to take place or continue at said residence or premises if an underage person at the party obtains, possesses or

consumes any alcoholic beverages or controlled substances and the responsible person knows or reasonably should know that the underage person has obtained, possesses or is consuming alcoholic beverages or controlled substances at the gathering.

2.

Fines. A fine may be imposed up to the maximum amount provided for within the Chesterfield Code for any violation of this Article.

3.

The fines imposed pursuant to Subsection (B) are in addition to any response costs that may be assessed pursuant to this Article.



Chesterfield Police Memorandum



Date: June 17, 2025
 To: Michael Geisel, City Administrator
 From: Chief Cheryl Funkhouser *Cheryl Funkhouser*
 RE: Missouri's Blue Shield Program

I am requesting permission to submit an application for acceptance into Missouri's Blue Shield program on behalf of the City of Chesterfield.

The Blue Shield program was created under Missouri Governor Mike Kehoe's Executive Order 25-03, earlier this year and recognizes local governments and communities that demonstrate a commitment to supporting local law enforcement.

Acceptance into the Blue Shield program requires that the local government meets select criteria and reporting requirements. If our City is selected as a Blue Shield community, it will enable the police department to apply for grant funds that will be made available only to cities having received the designation.

Our City and police department have satisfied all of the criteria to receive the designation as a Blue Shield community except for the required passage of a resolution that confirms the City's commitment to supporting local law enforcement. In order to satisfy this last requirement, I intend to present a resolution at the next Public Health and Safety meeting for approval to forward to the City Council for adoption.

I've attached additional documentation about the Blue Shield program, as well as a draft of the resolution. I am happy to answer any questions you may have about this program.

**Excellent program and possible supplemental funding.
 Please forward to Public Health and Safety for their review
 and recommendation. Thank you!**

Michael Geisel 2025-6-17

Missouri Blue Shield Program To Recognize Communities For Fighting Crime & Supporting Law Enforcement

On Jan. 13, 2025, in his first official act after being sworn into office, Gov. Mike Kehoe took action on his administration's number one priority—fighting crime and creating a safer state. The name of his multi-phase plan that began with six executive orders signed just after becoming governor is Safer Missouri. The *Safer Missouri* plan includes aggressively pursuing thousands of felons wanted for active warrants, law enforcement working with federal agencies to enforce immigration laws, and the new *Blue Shield Program*. Outlined in Executive Order 25-03, the Blue Shield Program recognizes local governments for their proven dedication to effective law enforcement and community safety.

“My administration will be relentless in pursuit of making Missouri a state where it’s easier to be a cop than a criminal, and we know that many communities across our state have already stepped up to support law enforcement and make their citizens safer,” Gov. Kehoe said. “The Blue Shield Program offers recognition for communities that have demonstrated real efforts to enhance public safety, support and build partnerships between citizens and law enforcement.”

Communities can apply to be recognized as Blue Shield counties, cities and towns by visiting the Missouri Department of Public Safety (DPS) website <https://dps.mo.gov/> that Gov. Kehoe directed to administer the program.



Gov. Kehoe’s proposed fiscal year 2026 budget supports this recognition by directing \$10 million in grant funding for additional law enforcement training and equipment to counties, cities and towns that earn a Blue Shield designation. The grant funding may be spent on law enforcement equipment and training.

“Even before Gov. Kehoe announced his intention to make funding available to Blue Shield communities, law enforcement and community leaders were expressing tremendous interest in the Blue Shield Program,” said Department of Public Safety Director Mark S. James. “Many, many Missouri communities are proud of their efforts to make their streets safer and the alliances they’ve forged between citizens, businesses, community organizations and law enforcement.”

While the funding proposal still must be approved by the General Assembly, the Department of Public Safety has developed a simple online application process that is designed to allow interested communities to complete the application and upload documentation entirely online.

“We want to recognize the communities that are already doing the hard work of making their streets safer and not make them have to spend a lot of time filling out forms or creating a bureaucracy,” James said.

The online application process went live on the DPS website in early March. DPS plans to review applications and make determinations on Blue Shield designations for counties, cities and towns quickly. The department is hopeful that the General Assembly will approve the governor’s \$10 million Blue Shield grant program and that DPS can begin accepting grant applications in July at the start of fiscal year 2026, when the funding would become available.

Blue Shield community eligibility criteria include:

- Passage of a resolution by the community’s governing body demonstrating its commitment to public safety, including a commitment to reduce violent crime within the jurisdiction;
- Extraordinary investments in public safety over the last five years, or including extraordinary funding for public safety in its

current budget;

- Having active community policing initiatives in place or partnering with local stakeholders in a joint effort to invest in and/or improve public safety in a significant way;
- The local government's law enforcement agency has a police officer recruitment and retention program;
- The local government has demonstrated effectiveness in reducing crime or created innovative programs that attempt to reduce crime;
- The local government's law enforcement agency participates in regional anti-crime task forces, or a demonstrated commitment to be a willing partner with these in the future; and
- The local government's law enforcement agency follows Missouri crime reporting and traffic stop data requirements and other related statutes.

Blue Shield counties, cities and



Governor Mike Kehoe signs executive orders to begin the new Blue Shield Program in Missouri.

towns would have to maintain their commitments each year to retain the Blue Shield designation. This will involve detailing their ongoing efforts to support public safety to DPS annually. Once local governments are approved for a Blue Shield designation, they will receive a public relations toolkit to showcase their community's commitment to public safety. This toolkit will include access to digital graphics, a statement from Gov. Kehoe recognizing their community's

commitment to public safety, and a draft press release that can be used by the community to highlight their participation in the program.

For questions about the Blue Shield application process, contact Missouri DPS Strategic Services Director Courtney Kawelaske at Courtney.kawelaske@dps.mo.gov or Missouri DPS Communications Director Mike O'Connell at Mike.oconnell@dps.mo.gov

An advertisement for Missouri Lagers. It features a smiling man in a dark suit and light blue shirt with his arms crossed. The background is a blue gradient with white text. The Missouri Lagers logo is in the top left, with the tagline "A Secure Retirement for All". Below the logo, the text reads "YOUR SECURE FINANCIAL FUTURE STARTS WITH MISSOURI LAGERS". Further down, it lists "Retirement Benefits", "Survivor Benefits", and "Disability Benefits". A QR code and the website "MOLAGERS.org" are in the bottom left corner.

A Resolution affirming the City of Chesterfield's Commitment to Public Safety

WHEREAS, public safety is the foundation of a thriving community, ensuring the security and well-being of residents, businesses, and visitors; and

WHEREAS, Missouri Governor Mike Kehoe, through Executive Order 25-03, has established the Blue Shield Program to recognize local governments that demonstrate exceptional commitment to enhancing public safety, fostering law enforcement collaboration, and building strong community partnerships; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesterfield has consistently prioritized public safety through extraordinary investments in law enforcement, community policing initiatives, and innovative programs aimed at reducing crime; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesterfield's Police Department actively participates in regional anti-crime task forces, maintains robust recruitment and retention programs for officers, and complies with all applicable Missouri statutes related to law enforcement and public safety; and

WHEREAS, the City of Chesterfield recognizes the importance of fostering trust and collaboration between law enforcement and the community to create a safe and secure environment for all; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The City of Chesterfield hereby expresses its full support for Missouri Governor Mike Kehoe's Executive Order 25-03 and the establishment of the Blue Shield Program.

Section 2. The City of Chesterfield affirms its commitment to public safety by continuing to invest in law enforcement resources, community policing initiatives, and innovative crime reduction programs.

Section 3. The City of Chesterfield pledges to maintain its strong partnership with the Missouri Department of Public Safety and other stakeholders to uphold the principles of the Blue Shield Program.

Section 4. The City of Chesterfield shall submit this resolution to the Missouri Department of Public Safety as part of its application for the Blue Shield designation, demonstrating its dedication to creating a safe and thriving community.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, this [Insert Date] day of [Insert Month], [Insert Year].

Presiding Officer

Mayor

Attest:

City Clerk

Cheryl Funkhouser

From: Teresa Koebbe
Sent: Friday, May 30, 2025 2:30 PM
To: MaryGrace Lewandowski
Cc: Carol Lawrence; Chloe Moormann; Cheryl Funkhouser; Mike Geisel; Jim Eckrich
Subject: RE: Chesterfield Hazard Mitigation Plan Status

Good afternoon,

We are okay with the updates but will not have a signed resolution for you by July 3rd. It will have to be presented to a subcommittee at then end of June before it can go before the Council in July. I will send it over once it makes it through the whole process.

Thank you,



CAPTAIN TERESA KOEBBE
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(636) 537-3000



From: MaryGrace Lewandowski <marygrace.lewandowski@ewgateway.org>
Sent: Tuesday, May 13, 2025 10:26 AM
To: Teresa Koebbe <TKoebbe@chesterfield.mo.us>
Cc: Carol Lawrence <carol.lawrence@ewgateway.org>; Chloe Moormann <Chloe.Moormann@ewgateway.org>
Subject: Re: Chesterfield Hazard Mitigation Plan Status

Hi Captain Knobbe,

Based on comments we received from SEMA, we have made some suggested edits to mitigation actions, see attached pdf. SEMA;s comments are in light of what they have seen from FEMA;s comments on other HMPs in the state.

We added a few descriptive words to tornado, flood, severe thunderstorms and sinkholes. If you another preference, just let me know. Attached are SEMA's comments as well so you can see their comments.

Lastly we suggested an action for drought and dam/levee failure, as well as a statement for wildfire. FEMA is looking for something for every hazard. We kept the cost estimate low.

Let me know if you are okay with these suggestions. Also, attached is blank resolution and a plan summary in case to need something to accompany the resolution. We are asking for the signed resolution to be submitted to us by July 3rd.

Let me know if you have any questions.

Thanks,
Mary Grace

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>>> Teresa Koebbe <TKoebbe@chesterfield.mo.us> 05/13/2025 8:31 AM >>>
Good morning,

Just reaching out to confirm Chesterfield has submitted all required documentation and does not need to be working on anything further.

Thanks,



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Please forward to Public Health and Safety Committee for their review and recommendation, with resolution for the next City Council Meeting.

 2025-6-17

RESOLUTION NO. _____

A RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD TO ADOPT THE 2025 – 2030 ST. LOUIS REGIONAL HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN

WHEREAS the City of Chesterfield recognizes the threat that natural hazards pose to people and property within the City of Chesterfield; and

WHEREAS the City of Chesterfield participated in the preparation of a multi-hazard mitigation plan, hereby known as the St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan, hereafter referred to as the *Plan*, in accordance with the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS the *Plan* identifies mitigation goals and actions to reduce or eliminate long-term risk to people and property in the City of Chesterfield from the impacts of future hazards and disasters; and

WHEREAS the City of Chesterfield recognizes that land use policies have a major impact on whether people and property are exposed to natural hazards, the City of Chesterfield will endeavor to integrate the *Plan* into the comprehensive planning process; and

WHEREAS adoption by the City of Chesterfield demonstrates their commitment to hazard mitigation and achieving the goals outlined in the St Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, in the State of Missouri, THAT:
the City of Chesterfield adopts the final FEMA-approved 2025 – 2030 St. Louis Regional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CHESTERFIELD, THIS (DATE) DAY OF (MONTH), (YEAR).

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Chesterfield Police Memorandum



Date: June 5, 2025

To: Michael Geisel, City Administrator

From: Chief Cheryl Funkhouser *Chief Funkhouser*

RE: Police Captain Position

I am seeking approval, in conjunction with the 2026 budget preparation, to restore the number of Police Captains to three to better align our leadership structure with the Police department's evolving operational needs.

Throughout the majority of the 36-year history of the Police department, the organizational structure has included three Police Captain's positions. During a force reduction, one Captain's position was temporarily eliminated in 2010, only to be reinstated out of necessity to keep up with an expanding workforce years later. The third Captain's position was temporarily eliminated again in 2024 when Council authorized the addition of an Assistant Chief (Police Major position), but did not include an expansion to the Department's head count to accommodate the addition of the position. During the discussion regarding the Assistant Chief's position, we discussed and shared our expectations that the third Captain's position would be restored in the near future. Given current demands, staffing, and tactical assignments, I recommend restoration of the third Captain's position at this time, increasing the overall headcount of Commissioned Police Officers to 100 with the 2026 budget.

The Police Captain's position is crucial in ensuring that staff at every rank below that rank is performing in an efficient, professional manner, consistent with the expectations and needs of our community. In our current organizational structure, the two existing Captains share responsibility of overseeing the supervision of 107 employees. This places a tremendous amount of strain on those two individuals and creates an environment where they largely play a reactive role instead of a proactive role in ensuring the community's expectations are met. Given the current growth in both our residential and business communities, restoring the third Captain's position is essential to ensuring that effective leadership, supervision, and operational efficiency is in place to keep pace with the growing demand for police services.

Per City Council policy, this request should be addressed by the Public Health and Safety Committee, and their recommendation will be forwarded along with the initial 2026 budget draft to the Finance and Administration Committee at the first budget workshop.

Please forward to the Public Health and Safety Committee for their review and recommendation. If the PH&S concurs, we will include the position in the draft budget presented to F&A Committee of the whole.

Michael Geisel

2025-6-20