

Activity Report for Code Officer for July.

I have begun the State Code Enforcement Officer training. This week I will be taking my third exam out of six. So, I'm halfway there. The class schedule has one week in September and two more in October left. The format is 4 days of online class with hours of practice tests, then an exam the following Wednesday. It is drilling to make us familiar with the material and where to look in the code books. As you probably know, the demand for Code Enforcement Officers exceeds the supply. Almost all Code officers I have seen are in the latter part of their careers. It is a good option for someone with construction experience and we really need young people to enter this career.

So, I am spending time doing practice tests and getting familiar with the code books. There are several code books and you need to know which book to refer to, the Residential Code, Building Code, Existing Building Code, Fire Code, Energy Code, Property Maintenance Code ... well you get the idea. Knowing something is wrong is not enough, you must find it in the appropriate book. Most of the online class time is someone reading a code book out loud to you. Now, I think I know why we don't have more young people in this career field.

I have have a couple violation complaints that are being handled. I have also been reviewing the new Zoning Code material and I will be updating the status of the building permits issued to date. Among the new applications is one for a new seawall, which is being reviewed and going through the process.

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