

Zoning Enforcement Officer's Report

June 2023

Old open cases

Ongoing monitoring for short term rentals on social media.

500 Block Myrtle Avenue. Concern business activity being conducted as well as people renting rooms; monitoring for any business concern no activity and advising complainant. *Open for monitoring no violation.*

500 Block Myrtle. Additional complaint for short-term rental, no advertisement located; the home appears occupied, no evidence to prove such use; additional contact with Garwood PD reported no related complaints to follow up on. As with other properties throughout town, monitoring shall continue, and violations issued if substantiated. *Open for monitoring, no violation.*

200 Block Fourth Avenue. Violation Notice for excessive height of fencing, resident submitted variance application to Planning Board, pended provided process continues. *Update:* The Garwood Planning Board will hear this application on August 23, 2023 @ 7:30 PM.

New Cases

300 Block Pine Avenue. ZPA for fence, compliant.

10 Block Hickory Avenue. ZPA for fence repair, compliant.

200 Block Spruce Avenue. ZPA for fence, compliant.

200 Block Myrtle Avenue. ZPA for driveway improvements, under review by Victor Vinegra.

300 Block North Avenue. Warning on sign violation, corrected within reporting period, closed.

300 Block North Avenue. Assisting with tenant on variance submittal for extended hours approval, open.

500 Block Myrtle. ZPA for pool, compliant.

100 Block North Avenue. Resident(s) query regarding open violations for business which has shuttered its doors- no violations exist, apparent civil issue, so advised.

300 Block North Avenue. Anonymous complaint of a business being used as a dwelling, investigation determined no such violation, unfounded complaint.

200 Block Spruce Avenue. Resident called with concerns over a recent PB Resolution and had issues with same. Advised all in order and the property will be monitored for resolution compliance.

10 Block Center Street. Sidewalk café application, complaint.

10 Block Third Avenue. Concern from adjoining resident regarding a tree encroaching over property line, referred to shade tree officer.

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300 Block Locust Avenue. Concern via Borough Hall regarding either a business being run from a home or a short-term rental of this property. Investigation to date has revealed the resident of this dwelling operates a medical transportation company using passenger vehicles, which is based in Rahway, NJ. No short-term rental or use of the residence for commercial purposes exists currently, as the vehicles are used for personal use by the resident(s) in addition as company vehicles. I will continue to monitor this concern, however at this time there are no zoning violations.

Townwide. Routine sign maintenance/removals from poles, trees and right of ways townwide (lost pets, sales, promotional issues, etc.).

Multiple calls and emails regarding misc. matters with professional, non-address specific.

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