

Town of Los Gatos
 CODE COMPLIANCE BI-ANNUAL REPORT
 July - December 2022

This Code Compliance report summarizes activities for the second half of 2022 (July 1 through December 31, 2022).

On November 17, 2022, Dan Vasquez joined the Town as our new part-time Code Compliance Officer. Dan has been a great addition to the Community Development Department and is mostly enforcing the Town’s gasoline powered leaf blower ban.

A total of 362 Notices of Violation were issued in the six-month reporting period. Of these 362 notices, 299 were related to the Noise Ordinance (82.5 percent of all violations). Gasoline powered leaf blowers continue to be the single most frequent Noise violation in the Town at 279 violations. The Miscellaneous violation category was the second highest category with 25 violations.

Table 1 indicates that overall violations have increased from 319 to 362 when compared to the previous reporting period. Of the 362 violations reported during the second half of 2022, only 25 are still active.

TABLE 1

COMPLIANCE ACTIVITY	July - Dec. 2021	Jan. - July 2022	July - Dec. 2022	Change from Jan. - July 2022 to July - Dec. 2022
Total violations reported	396	319	362	13.48%
Violations resolved	345	266	318	19.55%
Violations active	21	26	25	-3.85%
Voided	5	3	2	-33.33%
Citation fees due	25	24	17	-29.17%

Table 2 shows that the number of issued citations increased by 7.84%. Violations and referrals to the Town Attorney are unchanged from the previous reporting period.

TABLE 2

ENFORCEMENT ACTION	July - Dec. 2021	Jan. - July 2022	July - Dec. 2022	Change from Jan.-July 2022 to July-Dec. 2022
Citations issued	101	51	55	7.84%
Violations resulting in litigation	0	0	0	0.00%
Referred to Town Attorney	1	0	0	0.00%

Table 3 details the types of complaints filed with the Town. Code Compliance received approximately 534 phone calls and online complaints have increased 18.46% from the previous reporting period.

TABLE 3

VIOLATION TYPE	July - Dec. 2021	Jan. - July 2022	July - Dec. 2022	Change from Jan.-July 2022 to July-Dec. 2022
Unlawful accessory structures	0	0	1	100.00%
Animal complaints	8	10	7	-30.00%
Noise complaints	293	245	299	22.04%
Rubbish and garbage	6	3	4	33.33%
Building code violations	18	18	15	-16.67%
Unlawful dwelling units	0	0	0	0.00%
Tree Violation		6	3	-50.00%
Overgrown weeds, bushes	7	12	1	-91.67%
Lighting complaints	0	1	2	100.00%
Encroachments, obstruction of right of way	4	4	2	-50.00%
Inoperative vehicles (boats, trailers, motorhomes)	1	0	1	100.00%
Sign violations (A-frames, banners, no permits)	3	0	2	200.00%
Home occupation permit violations	0	2	0	-200.00%
Conditional use permit violations	3	1	0	-100.00%
Miscellaneous violations	47	17	25	47.06%
TOTAL	390	319	362	13.48%
Total number of phone calls	474	484	534	10.33%
Total number of online complaints	103	65	77	18.46%