

Sec. 21-122. Inspections and investigations of sites.

(a) Agents, officials or other qualified persons designated by the City are authorized to inspect the sites subject to this chapter to determine compliance with this chapter or rules or orders adopted or issued pursuant to this chapter.

(b) No person shall refuse entry or access to any authorized City representative or agent who request entry for the purpose of inspection, nor shall any person resist, delay, obstruct or interfere with such authorized representative while in the process of carrying out official duties.

(c) If, through inspection, it is determined that a property owner or person in control of the land has failed to comply or is no longer in compliance with this chapter or rules or orders issued pursuant to this chapter, the City will serve a written notice of violation. The notice may be served by any means authorized under G.S. 1A-1, rule 4, or any other means reasonably calculated to give actual notice, such as facsimile or hand delivery. A notice of violation shall identify the nature of the violation and shall set forth the measures necessary to achieve compliance with this chapter. The notice shall inform the person whether a civil penalty will be assessed immediately or shall specify a date by which the person must comply with this chapter. The notice shall advise that failure to correct the violation within the time specified will subject that person to the civil penalties as provided in section 21-124 or any other authorized enforcement action.

(d) The City shall have the power to conduct such investigation as it may reasonably deem necessary to carry out its duties as prescribed in this chapter, and for this purpose may enter at reasonable times upon any property, public or private, for the purpose of investigating and inspecting the sites subject to this chapter.