

# **CITY OF OPA-LOCKA'S AMNESTY PROGRAM**

## **Purpose**

To encourage property owners to voluntarily comply with City Codes, through the incentives of a reduction or waiver of certain penalties, fees, or enforcement actions for a specific period.

## **Eligibility**

### **Eligible Participants:**

- Residential and commercial property owners who were cited for Code Compliance violations and have cured all infractions at the commencement of the application period.
- No outstanding violations on any other properties owned within city limits.
- Applicants whom have demonstrated good faith efforts to address citations/ violations.
- Applicants shall acknowledge and consent to a filed lien and prohibition on the sale of the property for a period of thirty (36) months or shall repay the full amount of the lien.

### **Ineligible Participants:**

- Property owners that are affiliate parties of ongoing legal actions against the City.
- Property owners previously granted amnesty.
- Properties that are the subject of pending foreclosure action.

## **Applications**

### **Acceptance period:**

Applications will be accepted semi-annually ( ie. January- February and August- September) for a period of 60 days.

### **Requirements:**

Applicants must submit the following to the Code Compliance:

- A completed Amnesty Application Form
- A signed and notarized affidavit acknowledging the violation(s)
- A proposed compliance plan and timeline (if applicable)
- Documentation of ownership

## **Fees:**

Application fees are due at the submission of the application.

- Residential properties: \$100.00
- Commercial properties: \$500.00

## **Review and Enforcement:**

- All applications will be reviewed by the City Manager to determine the fee reduction and may be up to 85%. Any request exceeding 85% must be approved by the City Commission
- Unsolicited inspections may be conducted to verify continuous compliance.

## **Conditions of Approval**

- Upon approval, payment must be made *within sixty (60) days*, no extensions will be granted beyond the deadline.
- Enforcement action shall immediately cease.
- The City will release liens upon settlement
- Failure to comply within the timeframe will:
  - Deem amnesty approval null and void
  - Reinstate all applicable penalties and enforcement actions
  - Prohibition of future amnesty programs

## **9. Public Outreach**

- A citywide outreach campaign will include:
  - Advertisements on all City's social media platforms
  - City's website