

Intro:

Achieving Compliance Together (ACT) will provide outreach and education regarding Adams County Development Standards and Regulations to business owners in identified areas of unincorporated Adams County. Additionally, this initiative intends to create a collaborative relationship between business owners and Adams County through identifying potential violations, education, and working together to achieve voluntary compliance.

Community Safety and Well-Being will be working with several internal stakeholders including Public Works and Community and Economic Development Department.

FAQ:

When will the program start?

The program is set to kick off with community meetings starting on December 7, 2023, with meetings continuing throughout the program. Beginning in January, our Code Compliance officers will initiate contact with businesses.

Where can I find the Adams County Development Standards and Regulations?

<https://adcgov.org/development-standards-regulations>

[Microsoft Word - Blight Ordinance with accepted changes.DOC \(adcgov.org\)](#)

How frequently will outreach events or educations sessions occur?

ACT will conduct outreach events regularly to keep business owners informed. The frequency will be tailored to the needs of the community. Stay tuned for announcements to actively participate in these informative sessions by checking adcgov.org/act or by calling Neighborhood Services.

How was this area identified?

The areas were identified based on the strategic analysis outlined in the Advancing Adams Comprehensive Plan 2022. The plan strategically identifies and prioritizes specific corridors based on projected growth, the mix of commercial and industrial businesses, and the importance of enhancing these areas in alignment with Adams County's overall planning efforts.

What is the expected outcome of the collaborative relationship between businesses owners and Adams County through ACT?

By fostering understanding of the development standards, addressing potential violations, and promoting voluntary compliance, ACT aims to create a proactive partnership to ensure businesses align with regulations.

Are there other areas identified?

No, not at present. Other areas may be identified in the future, in line with the ongoing evaluation of community needs outlined in the Advancing Adams Comprehensive Plan 2022.

How is Adams County working with business owners?

Adams County is working collaboratively through the ACT initiative through proactive outreach, education on development standards and regulations, and establishing a partnership to address potential violations. The approach is consultative, encouraging businesses to actively engage, seek assistance, and voluntarily comply.

What are the most common violations seen?

The most common violations observed include outdoor storage and screening, adherence to allowed and/or permitted use, environmental and stormwater issues, factors contributing to commercial blight, signage requirements, vehicle storage concerns, building-related issues, and landscape requirements.

Who can I contact with more questions?

For more information or additional questions, feel free to reach out to Adams County Neighborhood Services at 720-523-6606.

What if I have a permit in the process?

We will work with businesses in the permitting process collaborating closely with our internal stakeholders including Public Works and Community and Economic Development. Feel free to reach out to 720-523-6800 or email CEDD-Plan@adcogov.org and our team will assist in addressing any specific concerns or questions.

What happens if a business is unable to achieve voluntary compliance within a certain timeframe?

If a business encounters challenges in achieving voluntary compliance within the designated timeframe, our priority is to provide comprehensive support and guidance through the ACT program. We are committed to assisting businesses throughout the process. However, if voluntary compliance is still not achieved the business will transition into our code compliance process. At that point, a violation may be issued, and the necessary steps will be taken to address and rectify that violation.

Where can I find The Advancing Adams Comprehensive Plan 2022?

<https://adcogov.org/advancing-adams-comprehensive-plan>

What prompted this project?

The project was prompted by feedback from business owners during discussions about code amendments. They expressed a sense of exclusion from the process and a lack of awareness regarding compliance issues. This initiative serves a dual purpose: to inform and educate business owners on regulations and potential compliance gaps while contributing to the beautification of Adams County. The Board of County Commissioners support this effort to engage local businesses, fostering collaboration and enhancing the appeal of the strategic corridor.

Who will be contacting businesses?

Businesses will be contacted by a Proactive Code Compliance Officer and may also be contacted by stormwater and/or environmental officers, economic development professionals, building inspectors,

public health representatives, and other stakeholder groups depending on the specific needs. This collaborative effort ensures a comprehensive approach to address various aspects of compliance and foster a positive working relationship.