

**CITY OF PARMA
REQUEST FOR LEGISLATION**

NOTE: The following must be filled out entirely or it will not be accepted. Requests for legislation to amend/revise the City Code must include an exhibit of regulations proposed for adoption. Attach additional sheets as needed. All requests for legislation must be submitted to the Council Office by **NOON OF THE WEDNESDAY PRIOR** to a Council meeting.

LETTER OF TRANSMITTAL

Date of Request: January 26, 2026

Originated By: *[Signature]*

Councilperson: _____

Administration: Bob Coury

Title: Safety Director

Approved by Mayor Tim DeGeeter: _____

By Request (Councilperson): _____

[Signature]
Sponsor: Debbie Lime

Title of Legislation: An ordinance to amend PCO section 1705.99, and declaring an emergency.

Reason for Legislation: As currently drafted, the PCO section 1705.99 penalty for the within listed property maintenance violations is a minor misdemeanor. As such, the imposition of an offender's sentence does not include probation requirements and the threat of jail for those offenders who continue to be non-compliant. By making the first offense a misdemeanor of the fourth degree, it corrects that problem.

Emergency: To ensure residential and commercial properties are safely maintained.

Exhibit Attached: PCO Section 1705.99 as amended.

Form Approved (Law Director): _____

CERTIFICATE OF AUDITOR

Fund No.: _____ Account No. (16 digits): _____

Unencumbered Balance: \$ _____

The undersigned public official hereby certifies that the funds specified for expenditure within this legislation request exist in the above referenced Fund/Account and are unencumbered.

City Auditor/Deputy Auditor

For Internal Use Only:

First Reading

Ordinance/Resolution No.: _____

Suspension

Voice Vote

Committee: Public Safety



1705.99 PENALTY.

(a) Whoever violates any of the provisions of this Code for which no other penalty is provided, or any rule or regulation promulgated thereunder, or fails to comply with this Code or with any written notice or written order issued thereunder, or interferes with, obstructs or hinders any person authorized to inspect, by virtue of Section 1705.02, while such person is lawfully making an inspection is guilty of a misdemeanor of the first degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

(b) Whoever violates Sections 1707.02; 1707.06(d); 1707.09(a)(2), (a)(7), (a)(8); 1707.10(a), (b); 1707.11; 1707.12; 1707.14(f); 1707.15(b), (d); 1707.17(b),(g); 1707.19; 1707.20; 1721.02; 1721.03; 1721.07 is guilty of a minor misdemeanor of the fourth degree for a first offense. In addition to any other method of enforcement provided for in this Code, the above listed offenses may be enforced by the issuance of a citation in compliance with Rule 4.1 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure. Whoever violates any of the above listed offenses as a second or fourth and subsequent offense is guilty of a first degree misdemeanor of the second degree. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues. In addition to any other method of enforcement provided for in this Code, the above listed offenses may be enforced by the issuance of a citation in compliance with Rule 4.1 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure.

(c) Whoever violates Section 1707.10(c) is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. In addition to any other method of enforcement provided for in this Code, the above listed offense may be enforced by the issuance of a citation in compliance with Rule 4.1 of the Ohio Rules of Criminal Procedure. A separate offense shall be deemed committed each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

(Ord. 282-94. Passed 11-21-94; Ord. 389-94. Passed 5-6-96; Ord. 139-97. Passed 5-7-97; Ord. 238-08. Passed 10-6-08; Ord. 145-13. Passed 7-1-13; Ord. 18-16. Passed 3-21-16; Ord. 41-16. Passed 3-21-16; Ord. 209-17. Passed 11-20-17.)