

# Support and Resources ...

## *OCEA Offers Understanding and Perspective to Code Issues*

Founded in 1994, the Oklahoma Code Enforcement Association is dedicated to the study and advancement of Code Enforcement activities at the local, county and state levels. Its membership represents both large cities and small towns that have an interest in enhancing neighborhood and community health, safety, welfare and aesthetics.

As its focus is on public nuisance codes, zoning and related issues, OCEA is independent of other state inspection and trade organizations. However, OCEA is recognized and affiliated with the American Association of Code Enforcement (AACE).

Persons employed in the enforcement of municipal, county, state or federal codes or ordinances in Oklahoma are eligible for active membership in OCEA. Associate members include students, non-residents or other persons with an interest in Code Enforcement. Retirees from active Code Enforcement employment are eligible for lifetime membership.

Annual dues are \$35 for active and lifetime members, and \$15 for

associate members.

OCEA members meet semi-annually to learn about code enforcement and related issues. A multiple-day Spring Educational Conference includes interactive class topics as well as an awards banquet. A one-day Fall Educational Conference is also held. Officer meetings are held bi-monthly and are open to the general membership.

Members are encouraged to get involved in various standing committees. The Education Committee studies changing issues related to Code Enforcement and develops curriculum for training and certification classes. The Legislative Committee keeps tabs on activities at the State Capital that may affect Code Enforcement and offers input for new legislation. The Membership Committee continually seeks to expand the Association through inclusion of new cities, counties and state agencies.

Through its network of cities and repository of ordinances, OCEA offers a resource to discuss and research issues with others who face the daily challenges and changes of Code Enforcement in Oklahoma.

## Code Certification Classes Offered

A Code Certification Class, offered through OCEA and the state's Technical School system, is held each spring. Topics include review and testing on State Statutes affecting Code Enforcement, as well as planning and zoning issues, constitutional awareness, personal protection and fulfillment. Classes are taught by OCEA members with extensive field experience. Cost is \$100.

A two-day advanced class in property maintenance codes is also offered for certified OCEA members. Cost is \$100 & includes the International Property Maintenance Code book.

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**OCEA**  
**Code of Ethics**

- ◆ *I shall uphold the constitutional and property rights of all citizens and ensure the process with fairness and consistency.*
- ◆ *I shall conscientiously avoid conflicts of interest, or appearance thereof, and shall not accept, nor offer, any gift, favor, or service in the performance of my duties. Nor shall I use the authority of my position in an improper manner.*
- ◆ *I shall act in such a manner as to uphold, enhance, support, and promote the highest standards of honor, integrity, truthfulness, and fairness to inspire public confidence and trust in my profession.*
- ◆ *I shall continually strive to become more knowledgeable of the codes, ordinances, policies, and processes through training and education, thereby providing the highest quality of professional services to the public, my jurisdiction, and professional affiliations.*
- ◆ *I shall enforce the codes, ordinances and regulations prescribed by local, state, and federal laws in an exemplary manner to promote the public safety, health, welfare, and quality of life in the community*
- ◆ *I shall enforce the laws of my jurisdiction consistently, equally, fairly, without favor, and shall not permit personal feelings, prejudice, friendships, influences (political or otherwise) to interfere, prohibit or delay the process of enforcement.*

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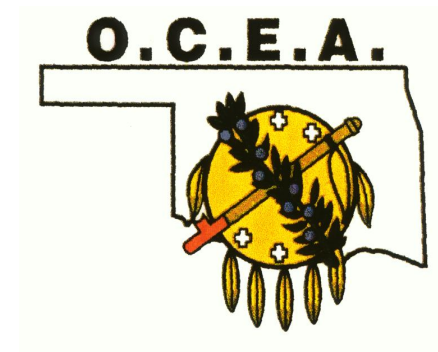
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