

Community Ordinance & Regulation Enforcement

The CORE Program helps keep Gratz Borough **safe, clean, and well-maintained** by addressing minor property and ordinance concerns in a fair and consistent way.

What is CORE?

CORE stands for **Community Ordinance & Regulation Enforcement**.

The program focuses on **education, cooperation, and compliance** — not punishment.

Why CORE Matters

- Improves neighborhood appearance
 - Protects property values
 - Promotes safety and community pride
 - Addresses issues early, before they become bigger problems
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What Does CORE Address?

Common property maintenance concerns, including:

- Overgrown grass or weeds
 - Junk, debris, or clutter
 - Unregistered or abandoned vehicles
 - Unsafe exterior property conditions
 - Sidewalk, yard, or exterior upkeep issues
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How Does the Process Work?

1. **Issue Identified**
2. **Resident Notified** (written notice or contact)
3. **Time Given to Correct the Issue**
4. **Follow-Up if Needed**

Most issues are resolved quickly through cooperation.

Is CORE Punitive?

No. CORE is **not intended to punish residents**.

The goal is to **work with property owners**, provide clear guidance, and allow reasonable time for compliance.

Need More Time or Have Questions?

The Borough understands that situations vary.

Residents are encouraged to **contact the Borough office** to discuss:

- Extensions
- Special circumstances
- Questions or concerns

Communication is encouraged.

Who Oversees CORE?

The CORE Program operates under the **authority and oversight of Borough Council**, or its appointed representative (Code Enforcement Officer) and follows adopted ordinances and applicable codes.

Questions or Concerns?

Visit the Borough website or contact the Borough office for:

- Ordinances and codes
- Forms and applications
- Program details