



Washoe County Code Enforcement

Planning & Building Division
Community Services Department

Ten Commandments of Code Enforcement

Washoe County Code Enforcement, mindful of the public trust bestowed upon Code Enforcement Officers (CEOs), has adopted ethical and moral standards of conduct as a guide for the County's CEOs. These standards endeavor to exemplify the highest principles of ethics for the CEOs as they enforce County Codes relative to building, grading, land use, licensing, and/or public nuisances. Washoe County Code Enforcement recognizes that adherence to these principles will foster public confidence, respect, and trust in the CEO's performance of official duties and for the CEO as an individual.

Therefore, a CEO shall:

1. Uphold the Constitutional rights of our customers while following the applicable regulations contained in the Nevada Revised Statutes and Washoe County Code.
2. Be ever vigilant to protect and preserve the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens in the multitude of Washoe County communities.
3. Uphold the highest standards of fairness, integrity, and honesty.
4. Obey the rules and regulations of Washoe County.
5. Refrain from any and all conduct that may bring disfavor upon the County, the Community Services Department, and the Code Enforcement profession.
6. Never permit prejudices or personal relationships to unfairly influence professional decisions.
7. Place the needs of the public before personal needs, when in the performance of official duties.
8. Conduct investigations courteously and impartially.
9. Never accept any special favor or gratuity.
10. Strive to continue education and training throughout his/her career, thereby providing the highest quality of professional services to the citizens of unincorporated Washoe County.