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Public Service Announcement

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Maintaining Your Fences for a Safe and Beautiful Amherst County

As part of the County's commitment to ensuring a safe and well-maintained community, we are reminding all property owners about the importance of maintaining your fences in accordance with the 2021 Virginia Property Maintenance Code.

Code 302.7 Accessory Structures states:

"Accessory structures, including detached garages, fences, and walls, shall be maintained structurally sound and in good repair."

This code is enforced countywide, and all fences and walls on your property must be kept in good repair and structurally sound. Proper maintenance of your fences not only enhances your property's appearance but also ensures your community's safety.

What You Need to Know:

- **Regular Inspection:** We encourage all residents to routinely inspect their fences for signs of wear, damage, or instability. Early detection can prevent larger issues down the road.
- **Compliance:** If an inspector finds a fence or wall that does not meet the standards outlined in the code, a formal notice or civil penalty may be issued as prescribed by the Amherst County Code.
- **Take Action:** If your fence requires repair, please promptly bring it into compliance. This helps avoid penalties and contributes to a safer, more attractive neighborhood.

Thank you for your cooperation and for helping keep Amherst County a great place to live.

For more information or if you have any questions, don't hesitate to get in touch with the Amherst County Community Development Department.

Together, we can maintain the beauty and safety of our community!

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