

CODE ENFORCEMENT

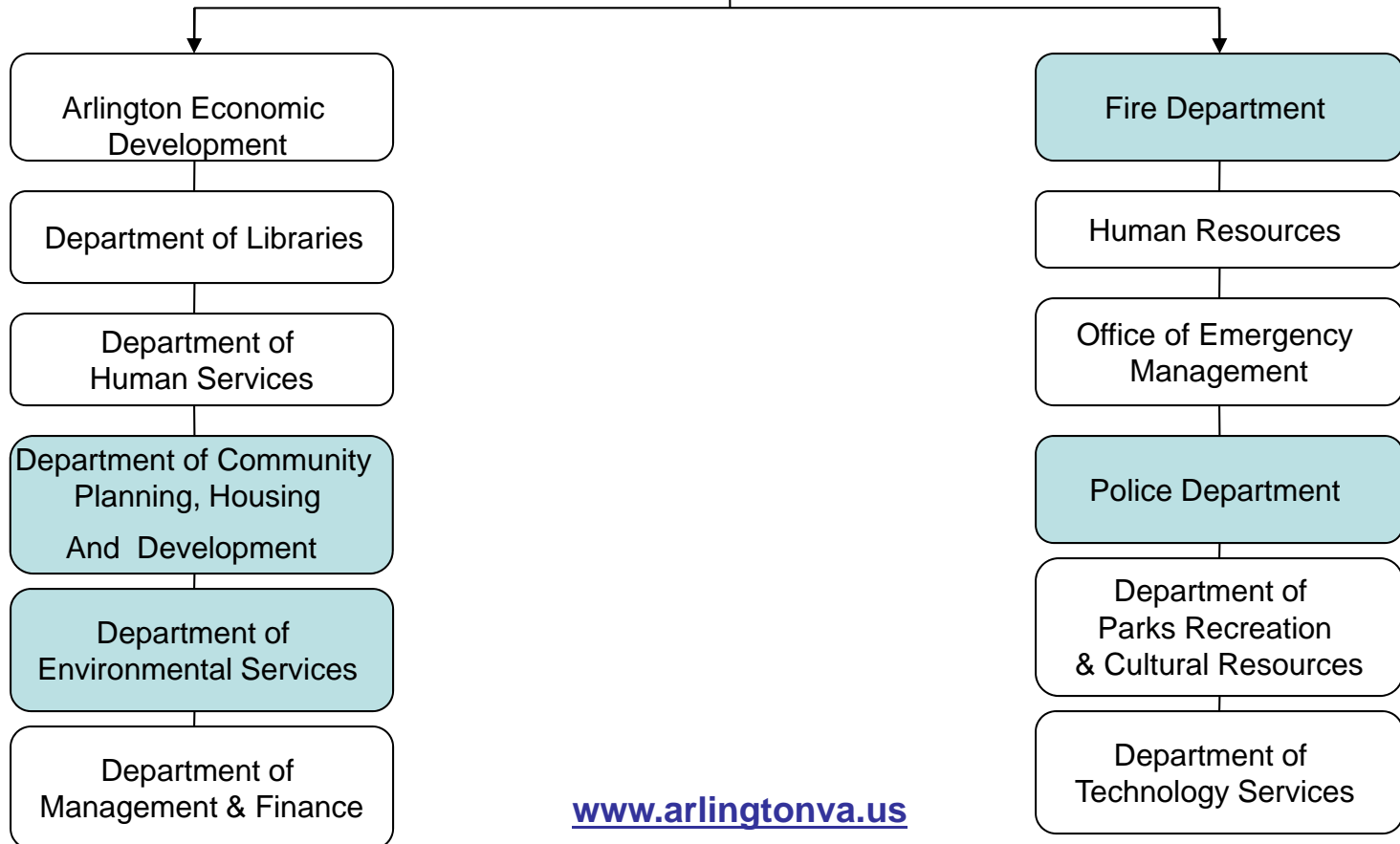
Presentation to the Arlington Civic Federation

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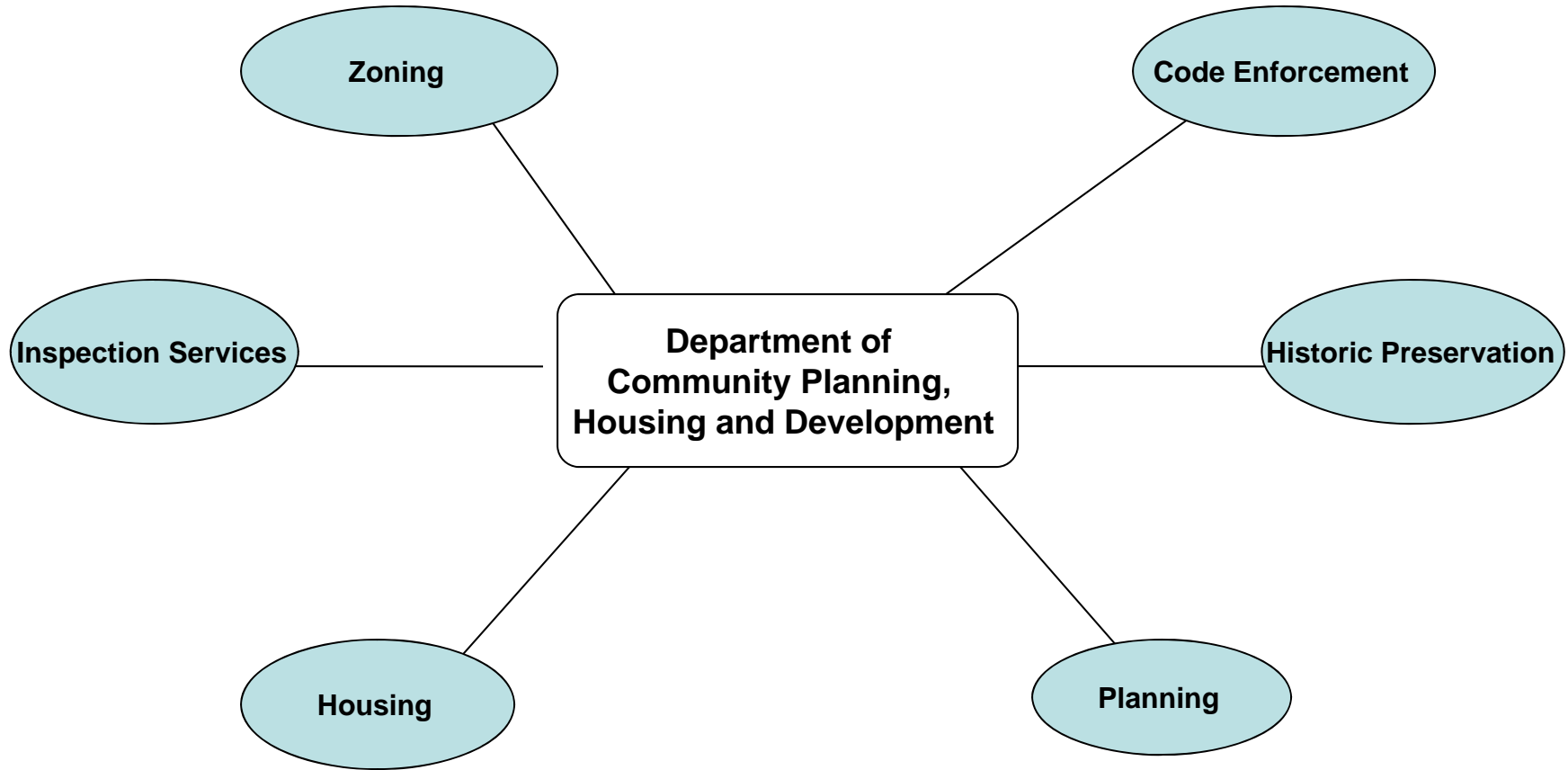
ARLINGTON VOTERS

ARLINGTON COUNTY BOARD

COUNTY MANAGER



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- Code Enforcement - 10 inspectors + program manager, support staff
- Zoning – 2 site plan inspectors
- Historic Preservation – 1 inspector
- Housing – 1 inspector
- New computer system for Y2K
- Code Enforcement – 10 inspectors + supervisor, team leaders, support staff.
- Zoning – 5 inspectors for all zoning matters except preservation
- Historic Preservation – one inspector
- Housing – one inspector
- Computer system enhanced with mobile technology, cell phones, cameras.
- Certification requirements

What Do We Cover?

- Zoning Ordinance – Uses of building and land; site plans during and after construction (*Civil Penalties*)
- VA Maintenance Code –Existing buildings (*Criminal Penalties*)
- Garbage, refuse, weeds (*Civil Penalties, Property Clean-up*)
- Noise Control – Permitted decibel levels (*Criminal Penalties*)

- Multi-Family Property Full Code Inspections – 1,344 units in FY '09
- Multi-Family Common Area Inspections – 141 properties in FY '09
- Property Clean-ups – 41 were cleaned-up and 81 were cut in FY '09. Cost = over \$100,000 per year
- Blighted Properties – 5 were addressed in FY 09
- Hoarding Task Force – Currently over

- Fire Department – Existing Structures; Full Code Inspections; Hoarding Task Force
- Police - Noise Complaints
- DES – Construction in the right-of-way; Erosion and Sediment control; Chesapeake Bay Preservation Ordinance inspections
- DHS – Environmental Health (restaurants); Hoarding Task Force⁷

- Community
- Civic Associations
- County Commissions, especially Housing and Tenant – Landlord Commissions
- Magistrate and Courts

- www.arlingtonva.us/departments/CPHD/isd/code_enforcement/pdf/investigation.pdf
- *Call 703-228-3232 OR 703-228-3883*
- *Regardless of whether the call comes into Code Enforcement or Zoning, it is assigned based on the nature of the complaint to the right office and inspector*

Complaint Process

- We need an address and as much detail as you can provide
- We need contact information for you if you want to be updated
- Complainant names are NOT shared, even in a Freedom of Information Act request

After the Complaint is Made

- Complaint received by phone or email typically.
- Case is opened on the Permitting system which is used by Code Enforcement, Zoning, Historic Preservation, Housing and other County agencies
- Information on compliance process and timing can be provided verbally or in writing

After the Complaint is Made

- Inspector will go to premises and evaluate conditions relative to the complaint.
- If unable to gain entry, will send written request for inspection.
- Inspection may be conducted at night, depending on issue.
- Inspector advises person in charge of violation(s), if any, and discusses timeline for compliance. Photos may be taken for case record.

After the Complaint is Made

- Case record is updated at each inspection.
- After expiration of compliance period, inspector returns to verify compliance.
- If compliance is achieved, the case is closed.
- If compliance is not achieved, inspector will move to next level of enforcement—i.e. monetary ticket, written Order to Correct conditions, Summons.

- Person in violation may request an extension of the compliance deadline
- They may appeal the violation to the local Building Code Board of Appeals (VA Maintenance Code) or Board of Zoning Appeals (Zoning)
- They seek approval through a site plan amendment or use permit (County Board) or Certificate of Appropriateness (Historic Affairs & Landmark Review Board)

- Attracting and retaining qualified staff
- Meeting community expectations
- Leveraging staff resources with appropriate technology resources
- Federal and State legislative mandates
- Keeping local codes current
- Combating “urban legends”

HOARDING CASE



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TRASH AND DEBRIS



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CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT PERMITS



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INOPERABLE VEHICLES



04/06/2010

OVERGROWN GRASS AND VEGETATION





03/02/2010 02:28 PM



12/22/2009 03:24 PM



12/22/2009 03:26 PM

414 Site Plans Since 1962



Site Plan Inspections



- codeenforcement@arlingtonva.us
- www.arlingtonva.us/departments/cphd