

Dear Property Owner,

The North Charleston Police Department (NCPD) is committed to enhancing public safety and supporting property owners in protecting their property. As part of this effort, we are offering participation in our **Agent of Trespass Program**.

This program allows NCPD officers to act on your behalf to enforce trespassing laws on your property—even when you or your representative is not present.

How the Agent of Trespass Program Works

By entering into an Agent of Trespass agreement:

- NCPD officers are authorized to **monitor and enforce trespassing laws** on your property.
- Officers may **contact individuals on your property** to determine if they have lawful business or permission to be there.
- Individuals found to be unauthorized will be **directed to leave immediately**.
- Those who refuse to leave or return after being warned may be **arrested for trespass after notice**.

This program is particularly effective for:

- Businesses after operating hours
- Vacant buildings or lots
- Wooded or undeveloped properties
- Locations where management is not consistently on-site

How to Enroll

To participate in the program:

1. A property owner or authorized representative (such as a property manager) must complete an **Agent of Trespass Agreement Form** with any NCPD officer.
2. Once completed, the form must be submitted to the department for processing.
3. Approved properties will be added to an internal NCPD database accessible to all officers for enforcement purposes.

Important Requirements:

- Agreements are valid for **12 months** and must be renewed annually.
- Participating properties must display a clearly visible **"No Trespassing" sign**.
- Officers will verify that your property is listed and that the agreement is current before taking enforcement action.

Additional Information

Property owners may still request trespass enforcement on a case-by-case basis without an agreement. However, the Agent of Trespass Program ensures **proactive enforcement** and a faster response when unauthorized individuals are present.

Contact Information

To enroll or request more information, please contact:

- **Email:** trespassing@northcharleston.org
- **Phone:** 843-822-8187

We appreciate your partnership in keeping our community safe. This program is designed to give you peace of mind and provide law enforcement with the authority needed to protect your property effectively.