The Nuisance Property Ordinance can be used if the following things happen on a premises within a one-hundred-eighty-day period:

- Three or more violations of criminal statutes of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania and/or the ordinances of the City of Pottsville arising out of separate and distinct facts and circumstances and which occur in a dwelling;

- Three or more violations of the City Code relating to property maintenance arising out of separate and distinct facts and circumstances;

- Three or more violations of the City Code relating to zoning arising out of separate and distinct facts and circumstances; or

- A combination of three offenses from any of the above categories arising out of separate and distinct facts and circumstances and which have been investigated, found to have substance, and appropriately documented by the Code Enforcement Officer or members of the Pottsville Police Department, and regardless of whether the violation resulted in the initiation of formal court action.
What is Blight? Blight is a condition that poses a threat to the health, safety and general welfare of a neighborhood. It can be easy to spot in things like broken doors and windows, a porch that is falling down, high weeds, trash and litter. In some cases it may be harder to see, with a building that has interior water damage, has no utilities, or has been vandalized. The reasons for blight may vary, but one thing is certain, blight is a serious problem.

- It decreases property values
- Discourages community investment
- Reduces the quality of life in our City.

What can we do? Working together we can make a difference. Property owners, neighbors, Code Officers, Police Officers, the Fire Department and Animal and Health Officers can identify problems and attack blight before it spreads. Tell your friends and neighbors about the “Fight on Blight”. If you see a problem that needs some attention, call or e-mail the property address to our Task Force. call 570.622.1234 ext 316 or email: fightblight@city.pottsville.pa.us

The City of Pottsville’s Blight Task Force has developed a multi phased approach to fight blight in our Community. This group is constantly working to improve the way that our City can battle this problem.

Let’s take a look at our process

- Building Identification – Properties are identified by City officials, neighbors, and in some cases local or state agencies.

- Assessment – Each property is visited by members of the Blight Task Force. A rating sheet is completed assigning a numerical value to a variety of categories that show how this particular building affects the community.

- Corrective measures – The Blight Task Force will create a strategy for each property. This strategy may include one or more of our “blight fighting tools”.

Let’s take a look at a few of the tools that may be used to fight blight

Quality of Life Tickets can be used to correct day to day problems that have a negative impact on a property and a neighborhood. QOL tickets may be issued for the following items:

- Accumulation of trash inside or outside of a property
- Not storing trash or recyclables properly
- Littering on public or private property (including smoking waste)
- Littering by private advertising matter
- Storing vehicles illegally
- Failing to control your animals or failing to clean up after your pets
- Failing to cut grass, weeds, allowing water to cause a problem
- Failing to report or abate an insect or vermin problem
- Not cleaning sidewalks or throwing snow or ice on a public street
- Improperly maintaining a pool
- Failure to comply with regulations in the Historic District
- Not complying with vending regulations
- Not storing or serving food properly
- Not registering tenants, living in a residence without being registered or allowing an unregistered person to live in your residence