

# Code Enforcement

## Hotline 281-403-8560

### Junked and Abandoned Vehicles

A junked vehicle may not be visible at any time of the year from a public place or public right-of-way. A junked vehicle is a **motor vehicle** that is self-propelled and: (1) Does not have lawfully affixed to it either an unexpired license plate or a valid motor vehicle safety inspection certification; (2) is wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, or discarded; or (3) is inoperable. **Violation: misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$200.**

### High Weeds and Grass

Weeds and grass may not be more than 9 inches in height or a distance of more than 6 inches across or upon any flatwork. High weeds and grass are prohibited on any lot or tract provided they are within 100 feet of a school, athletic field, arena, park or playground. **Violation: misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.**

### Exterior Maintenance

The exterior of a structure shall be maintained in good repair, structurally sound and sanitary. All exterior surfaces shall be maintained in good condition. Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted. All siding and masonry joints shall be maintained weather resistant and water tight. All metal surfaces subject to rust or corrosion shall be coated to inhibit such rust and corrosion, and all surfaces with rust or corrosion shall be stabilized and coated to inhibit future rust and corrosion. Oxidation stains shall be removed from exterior surfaces. **Violation: misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.**

### Parking Vehicles on Grass

Parking spaces must be hard-surfaced to City specifications. Parking vehicles in areas that are not designated for parking is prohibited. **Violation: misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.**

### Trash Containers

Trash disposal areas shall be screened from view from public or private roadways when viewed from a height of 6 feet above ground level. Screening areas must be located to the rear or side of residence and must be in good condition. **Violation: misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.**

### Addresses Posted

New and existing buildings shall have approved address numbers, building numbers or approved building identification placed in a position that is plainly legible and visible from the street or road fronting the property. These numbers shall contrast with their background. Address numbers shall be Arabic numerals or alphabet letters. Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches high with a minimum stroke width of 0.5 inch (12.7 mm). **Violation: misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.**

### Swimming Pools

Swimming pools shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and be in good repair. Every private swimming pool shall be completely surrounded by a fence. **Violation: misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.**

### Fences

All fences must be constructed under the provisions required by the City and shall be kept in good repair and maintained at all times. **Violation: misdemeanor punishable by a fine not to exceed \$500.**

### Signs

**Garage Sale Signs** shall not be placed in the public right of ways and must be not more than 4 feet in height with a maximum area per side of 6 square feet. One on premise sign is permitted at the location of an event. No more than two signs may be located on private property within 1,000 feet from an event. Signs shall not be placed earlier than 24 hours prior to the beginning of an event and must be removed no later than 11:59 p.m. on the event's final day.

**Political Signs** shall be no more than 10 feet in height with an area of 36 square feet and shall not be illuminated and located on private property not subject to public easement or encumbrance. They must be related to public election and placed no earlier than the thirteenth calendar day before the election and removed no later than the third calendar day after the election.

**Warning Signs** shall have a maximum area of 4 square feet. No more than three warning signs may be located per 100 feet of a property line.

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