



Being a Good Neighbor

Overview of Property Maintenance Codes for Residential Properties

Tree limbs that overhang the sidewalk or street must be trimmed to a minimum height of 12 feet above the street, avenue, or sidewalk, nor extend more than one-fourth of the distance from the base of such tree over or across such street, avenue, or sidewalk.

A 3 foot clear space shall be maintained around the circumference of a fire hydrant.

Trash containers may be placed in a front yard for collection from 7 p.m. on the evening prior to collection and must be removed by 7 p.m. of the collection day. No trash container shall be placed so as to constitute a nuisance to adjacent property

Don't allow garbage or debris to accumulate on the property.

In most residential zoning districts, recreational vehicles must be parked on an improved surface in the side or rear yard. Contact the Planning Department for specific requirements.

Keep the sidewalk, abutting your property, free of snow, ice and mud.

Deck or porch construction requires a permit if it will be higher than 30 inches above grade or if it will be covered.

Grass (or weeds) exceeding 7 inches in height is a code violation.

Storage shed – Permit required if over 120 sq. ft. No permit required if 120 sq. ft. or less. Maximum size allowed is 200 sq. ft. The shed must be located in the rear yard. The shed must be at least 5 feet from any side or rear property line. The shed cannot be built on any easement.

Pools that can hold 24 or more inches of water require a permit and must be enclosed with a fence with a self-latching gate.

A fence permit is required. Contact the Planning department for the fence permit application. The fence cannot exceed 6 feet in height. All fences shall be constructed with a finished surface facing outward. Posts & support members shall be on the inside of the fence. No fence shall be placed in the sight triangle. No fence shall be installed or maintained within any drainage way, detention facility, or engineered swale which will create ponding or divert water onto adjacent property, or impede drainage. Electric and barbed wire fences are prohibited.

Vehicles not properly licensed, dismantled, or in an inoperable condition must be stored inside a building or so located on the property as not to be readily visible from any public place or surrounding private property. Vehicles cannot be parked on unimproved surfaces in the yard; and all residential driveways must be paved.

This is an overview of some of the code requirements pertaining to residential property maintenance. It is not inclusive of all code requirements. For additional information about code enforcement contact the Community Planning & Development Department 816-331-4331

THANK YOU FOR BEING A GOOD NEIGHBOR AND TAKING PRIDE IN MAINTAINING YOUR HOME AND PROPERTY