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YOUR GUIDE TO UNDERSTANDING CODE COMPLIANCE

THE PROCESS

What you should know if you've been put on notice by the City for weed, trash or another ordinance violation:

- Correct the violation by the compliance date on your notice.
- If you correct the problem by the compliance date, the case will be closed.
- If the property is not in compliance at the time of the re-inspection, code enforcement personnel may file a criminal complaint against the property owner. If you are found guilty, a court order may be issued by the judge requiring compliance and/or a penalty assessment or jail time could be issued by the judge. The City may also initiate condemnation proceedings and a lien could be placed on the property.

REPORT VIOLATIONS

If you have questions or concerns regarding a correction notice, call Code Enforcement personnel at (575) 885-1185.

Code Enforcement personnel work to protect the health, safety and general welfare of our citizens by enforcing City ordinances. City ordinances are adopted by the City Council.

Code Enforcement personnel regularly patrol neighborhoods for violations and respond to complaints from the public.

Report suspected code violations, such as overgrown weeds, inoperable vehicles and illegal dumping by dialing 311 from a landline phone, or (575) 885-1185 from a mobile phone.

HOW TO AVOID COMMON VIOLATIONS

Yard Maintenance:

Grass, weeds or uncultivated plants should not be allowed to grow taller than 12 inches. Remember, maintenance of vegetation in parkways and alleys is the property owner's responsibility. (CCO Sec. 22-64)



Sidewalk Obstructions:

Keep tree branches, foliage, hedges and shrubs trimmed, so there is at least 8' clearance between their overhang and the sidewalk and 14' above the street. Shrubs on corners are not to exceed 30" in height. (CCO Sec. 46-71)



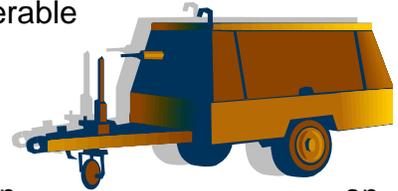


Auto repairs:

Auto repairs in a residential area, including apartment zones, are limited to minor emergency repairs only.
(CCO Sec.56-41(g))

Off-Street Parking:

The parking of recreational vehicles, boats, trailers and inoperable vehicles is not permitted on City streets or parkways.
(CCO Sec. 56-42(s)(5)(e))



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Inoperable vehicle:

Inoperable vehicles are prohibited to remain property for longer than 48 hours unless contained in a completely enclosed building, or concealed by a solid fence.
(CCO Sec. 50-6)

Illegal dumping:

It is unlawful to dispose of solid or hazardous waste – such as garbage, construction materials and used tires – in vacant lots and other non-permitted areas.
(CCO Sec. 22-01)



Open storage:

Storing materials outside that would not be generally used outdoors, such as indoor furniture, appliances, broken or wrecked “junk”, is prohibited. (CCO Ch. 22)



Commercial Vehicles:

No parking of vehicles over 10,000 gw is allowed on City streets overnight.
(CCO Sec. 50-6)

Dangerous or Obsolete signs:

Signage must be maintained in safe working condition. Obsolete signs must be removed within 90-days of cessation of business.
(CCO Sec. 42 -6)

Prohibited signs:

Placing signs on utility poles, traffic control devices, sidewalks, medians or other public property is prohibited.
(CCO Sec. 46-96)



Roadside Sales:

It is prohibited to sell merchandise, including vehicles, fresh produce, flowers or animals on public rights-of-way. Vehicle sales are also prohibited on parking lots without an auto dealer license.

(CCO Sec. 56-80 (4))



Addressing Placement Ordinance:

It is required to place and maintain address numbers on all residences and places of business. Numbers are to be posted both in the front and in the alley.

(CCO Sec. 46-139)

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Accumulation of Animal Feces: The accumulation of animal waste is prohibited. Once every 24-hours animal waste shall be removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner.

(CCO Sec. 6-3)



Thank You! Please call (575) 885-1185 if you have any questions!