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Code Compliance Handbook



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Hello Neighbor,

This Code Compliance Handbook has been prepared as an educational resource, designed to ensure that every stakeholder within our community is made aware of the standards that have been set forth by our taxpayers, by way of the City Commission. That said, the provisions outlined herein, while wide ranging and comprehensive, are merely a summarization of the standards and regulations outlined in the city's Code of Ordinances. Of course these standards are subject to change from time to time, but it is our goal to keep you informed and up to date as we work to move the city forward. See *Page 27* for information on where to find the Code in its entirety.

If you should happen to receive a notice from us advising of a violation on your property, please keep in mind that your Code Compliance Team is here to help. We believe that by working together, as a community, we will eliminate blight in our neighborhoods and throughout our business districts, further enhancing the quality of life for every stakeholder in our community.

Sincerely,

Your Code Compliance Team

OTHER IMPORTANT PHONE NUMBERS

CITY DEPARTMENTS

City Hall Main Line	954-535-2700
City Clerk's Office	954-535-2705
City Commission	954-535-2730
City Manager's Office	954-535-2740
CRA	954-535-2490
Development Services	954-535-2480
Financial Services	954-535-2828
Information Technology	954-535-2811
Purchasing Division	954-535-2722
Human Resources	954-535-2710
Parks and Human Services	954-535-2785
Public Works	954-535-2815

BROWARD COUNTY CONTACTS

BSO Lauderdale Lakes	954-497-1646
BSO Non-Emergency	954-764-4357
Animal Control	954-359-1313
Consumer Affairs	954-357-5350
Mosquito Control	954-765-4062
Tree Preservation Program	954-519-1483
Traffic Engineering	954-847-2600
Water & Wastewater	954-831-3250

CITY-CONTRACTED VENDORS

Waste Management	954-974-7500
Westway Towing	954-731-1115

CODE COMPLIANCE

It is the intent of the city, through its Development Services Department, Code Compliance Division, Code Enforcement Board and Special Masters to promote, protect and improve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city by providing an equitable, expeditious, effective and inexpensive method of enforcing the codes and ordinances in force in the city.

OUR MISSION AND OUR VISION

- The mission of the Lauderdale Lakes Code Compliance Division is to safeguard the vitality of our community with the enforcement of the City’s Code of Ordinances and Land Development Regulations. We intend to accomplish this mission through the education of, and engagement with, our neighbors throughout the community, all while building safe, clean, prosperous, and sustainable neighborhoods and businesses that we can all be proud of! **WE CARE!**
- Our vision is to radically change the narrative regarding this city and return our city to its rightful status as being one of the most desirable places to live, work and play!

DUTIES AND POWERS

The code compliance officers of the city shall have the right to enter upon private property, where such officer has probable cause to believe that a code violation exists. Upon entering upon the property, the code compliance officer shall have the authority to make, or cause to be made, inspections to determine the condition of the property in the interest of safeguarding the health and safety of the occupants of such premises as well as the general public.

The Code Enforcement Board and Special Masters shall have the authority to impose administrative fines and other noncriminal penalties upon those found to be in violation of the code. Furthermore, they shall have the power to subpoena alleged violators, witnesses or evidence, take testimony under oath, and issue orders having the force of law to command whatever steps are necessary to bring a violation into compliance.

CODE COMPLIANCE PROCESSES ILLUSTRATED

The following is an illustration of the traditional, and most common, code compliance process:



The Civil Citation process illustrated:



The Nuisance Abatement process illustrated:



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ANIMALS AND PESTS

NUISANCE ANIMALS AND CONDITIONS

SECTIONS 10-8, 10-10, 10-32, 10-38 & 10-39

It is unlawful for any person to own, keep, possess, or maintain any animal in such a manner so as disturb the rights of, threaten the safety of or harm a member of the general public, or damage the property of others.

-  Allowing or permitting any animal to habitually bark, whine, yelp, howl, scream, squawk, meow, or make any other loud and continual noise, resulting in a serious annoyance or interference to neighboring residents shall be prohibited.
-  Allowing or permitting any animal to continually damage the property of anyone other than its owner, including, but not limited to, turning over garbage containers, spraying with urine, or damaging gardens, landscaping, or other real or personal property shall be prohibited.
-  It is unlawful to maintain any animal with a medical condition that could lead to a widespread epidemic that would ultimately be dangerous to the public health, unless the animal is kept in a manner that minimizes the public health threat and is undergoing treatment for the disease in accordance with locally accepted veterinary standards.
-  Maintaining any animal in an environment of unsanitary conditions which results in offensive odors or is dangerous to the dog or cat or to the public health, welfare, or safety is prohibited.
-  It shall be unlawful for any person to allow a dog to stray, run, be, or go, or in any manner to exist at large on or upon any public street, sidewalk or public park or thoroughfare, or upon any other person's property without the consent of the property owner.
-  It shall be unlawful for any person who shall own or be in control of or in charge of any dog, cat, or other animal to allow or permit the same to wander, stray, or trespass upon the property of another and damage such property or create a nuisance thereon.
-  It shall be unlawful for any person to allow an animal, over which they have charge, defecate on any private property or on any public thoroughfare, sidewalk, passageway, bypath, play area, park or any other public property, except within a swale area; in which case all feces shall be immediately removed and deposited directly in an airtight container or bag and placed within a garbage container. In no event shall any feces be left in or upon any public property, or in sewers or drains, whether such sewers or drains be for storm runoff or sanitary purposes.
 -  **Every person, while walking or being in charge of an animal shall carry with him or her appropriate devices, such as bags, gloves, scoops, shovels, brooms, tongs or other similar implements in order to remove the feces of such animal.**
-  It shall be unlawful for any person to allow an animal to urinate or defecate on any private property, including their own, to such an extent that the accumulation of such waste shall create a nuisance.

PERMISSIBLE DOMESTIC PETS

SECTION 10-9

Permissible domestic pets shall be limited to dogs, cats, parrots, parakeets, canaries, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters, turtles, non-poisonous snakes, ferrets and reptiles which are not dangerous to other animals or humans.

- It shall be unlawful to keep, maintain, possess or harbor a total in excess of six domestic pets, with the exception that a litter or portion of a litter of pups or kittens for a period not exceeding five months from birth.
- No person shall keep, maintain, possess, harbor, feed any wild or stray animal (inclusive of community cats) or help to facilitate the growth of any community cat colony.

CARE AND KEEPING OF DOGS AND CATS

SECTIONS 10-41 & 10-42

Any person keeping a dog or cat shall provide clean, sanitary, safe, and humane conditions with clean and dry bedding material and proper air ventilation and circulation, as well as sufficient quantities of appropriate food daily with adequate quantities of visible, clean, and fresh water available at all times. Necessary medical attention must be provided if such animal becomes sick, diseased, or injured.

- Any person who owns or keeps a dog or cat four months of age or older within the city shall have such dog or cat appropriately registered and vaccinated and shall obtain and keep a current rabies registration license. The rabies registration license shall be renewed annually by the owner of the dog or cat and shall be worn by the dog or cat at all times, unless provided otherwise by the issuing agency.
- No animal shall be tied up outdoors unless the owner, caretaker, or other responsible party is located within the area where the animal is located, so as to be able to observe and hear and attend to the animal if necessary.
- No person shall harbor any dog which has been classified as aggressive or dangerous by the Broward County Animal Care and Adoption Division, unless such aggressive or dangerous dog has been registered with said entity and has obtained a dangerous dog license.

PEST CONTROL

SECTIONS 10-10 & 42-13

All land and structures shall be kept free from insect and rodent infestation. All structures in which insects or rodents are found shall be promptly exterminated by approved processes that will not be injurious to human health. After extermination, precautions shall be taken to prevent re-infestation.








- The presence of a swarm of bees or other stinging insects upon any property shall constitute a nuisance and shall be subject to emergency action.
- The occupant of a one-family dwelling shall be responsible for extermination on the premises. The owner of a structure containing two or more dwelling units shall be responsible for extermination in the public or shared areas of the structure and exterior property. The owner and the occupant are jointly and severally responsible for the extermination of pests within each individual dwelling unit on the premises.

BUILDING, ZONING AND REQUIRED PERMITS

It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to commit or allow to exist, any act or use which is at variance with the city's Land Development Regulations. All existing, proposed and new development or redevelopment and uses of land in the city shall conform strictly to the regulations, procedures and standards for review and approval of all development and use, as established therein, unless otherwise permitted as an exception or allowed to continue as a nonconforming use based on certain provisions.

CERTAIN BUILDING STANDARDS














SECTIONS 18-20, 18-23 & 18-26

-  **Street addresses** shall be posted upon the structure in a conspicuous place, visible from each contiguous thoroughfare, without obstruction. Each numeral or letter of an address sign shall be a minimum of three inches in height and the width of each numeral or letter shall be at least one-third the required height and uniform color which shall contrast with their background.
-  **Storm shutters** installed on occupied buildings which impede required egress, light and/or ventilation shall be opened removed within 15 days after the termination of a designated hurricane watch or warning.
-  **Maintenance of plumbing fixtures.** Every water line, plumbing fixture and drain shall be properly installed, connected and maintained, capable of performing its designed function.
-  **Maintenance of plumbing systems.** Every stack, waste and sewer line and connecting sewer line shall be installed and maintained as to function properly and not be a source of structural deterioration or a health hazard. All lines shall be kept free of obstructions, leaks and defects.
-  **Maintenance and operation of heating equipment.** Every heating, cooking and water heating device shall be maintained and operated as to be free from fire, health and accident hazards. All such equipment shall be free from leaks and obstructions.
-  **Storage of fuels.** All fuels stored on the premises for the operation of heat-producing equipment shall be stored in a safe manner. Fuels shall be stored in accordance with generally accepted practices and in a manner which will minimize the danger of fire. No fuel oil, gasoline or highly inflammable fuel shall be stored within any structure except in a manner approved by the city's fire department.
-  **Maintenance of electrical wiring devices.** Electrical wiring and devices shall be so designed, installed and maintained as not to be a potential fire or electrical hazard. No temporary wiring shall be installed as a permanent method of wiring. Defective wiring and equipment shall be repaired or replaced in accordance with the Florida Building Code.

MINIMUM HOUSING STANDARDS

SECTIONS 50-67 & 50-69











The intent of the minimum housing code for the city is to establish uniform minimum standards to protect the health, safety and welfare of the people of the city by governing the condition, occupancy, and maintenance of residential dwellings, rental units, and hotels by eliminating overcrowding, substandard living conditions, unsanitary conditions and unsafe structures.

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Access, safety and security. Each dwelling unit must have its own entrance, at least one smoke detector, and each door and non-fixed window must be kept in good working condition, capable of being easily opened and closed and having a functional locking device.
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Space and occupancy. Each dwelling unit must consist of at least 350 square feet with at least 100 additional square per occupant beyond the third. Each bedroom must be a minimum of 8 feet wide, 7 feet high (at least ½ the room), and shall consist of at 70 square feet plus an additional 50 square feet for each occupant beyond the first. Only bedrooms shall be utilized for sleeping purposes.
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Electrical and lighting. All electrical fixtures shall be properly installed and maintained in good working condition so as to avoid the danger of electrical shock.
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Plumbing and water heating facilities. Every plumbing fixture, water pipe, waste pipe, gas line and drain line shall be maintained in good, sanitary working condition and shall be properly connected to municipal water and sewer systems.
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Supplied facilities and equipment. Every supplied facility, piece of equipment, and all required kitchen cabinetry to be utilized by a tenant or occupant shall be properly installed and maintained in a safe, sanitary and good working condition.
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Windows and ventilation. Every room shall be ventilated directly to the outdoors. Except for bathrooms, which may be equipped with a permissible ventilating system, each room shall have at least one appropriately sized window, with a properly fitted screen, or a skylight.
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Interior walls, ceilings and floors. Every interior wall, interior partition, interior ceiling and interior floor shall be maintained free of defective or deteriorated surface conditions including holes, breaks, cracks, peeling paint, or loose, warped, protruding, rotten or missing materials.
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Interior doors and frames. Every interior door shall be maintained to insure the door fits properly to a door frame, fitted properly to the wall, when the door is closed.
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Stairways, hallways, corridors and appurtenances. Every interior stairway, hallway, corridor and all appurtenances thereto shall be maintained in a safe condition, capable of supporting the loads intended and shall be kept in a good state of repair. All common corridors, stairways, entrances and exits shall be kept free from obstructions and fire hazards.
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Any premise which is found to exhibit any of the following defects at any time shall be deemed unfit for human habitation:
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 One which is lacking the appropriate illumination, ventilation or sanitary facilities adequate to protect the health or safety of the occupants or of the public.
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 One which, due to its condition or location, creates, causes or exacerbates a violation upon any other property or unit, or is unsanitary, or otherwise dangerous to the health or safety of the occupants or the public.
 - 
 One which is so dilapidated, damaged, decayed, unsanitary, unsafe or vermin infested that it creates a serious hazard to the health or safety of the occupants or the public.

Buildings or structures that are unsafe, unsanitary or deficient in adequate facilities for means of egress, or constitute a fire or windstorm hazard, or illegal or improper use, occupancy or maintenance, or which do not comply with minimum housing standards, or which have been substantially damaged by the elements, acts of God, fire, explosion or otherwise, shall be deemed unsafe and a permit shall be obtained to demolish the structure or bring the building into compliance with all applicable codes.




REQUIRED PERMITS

SECTIONS 18-5, 18-7, 38-33, 42-7, 42-8, 42-9, 50-34, 54-17 & 54-243


-  **Alarm Permit Required.** It shall be unlawful for a person to install or maintain an alarm in operational order unless he first obtains a permit to install the alarm from the city's building department and registers the same with the city.
-  **Building Permits Required.** Any owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert or replace any impact-resistant coverings, electrical, gas, mechanical or plumbing system shall first obtain a building permit.
-  **Engineering Permits Required.** No construction shall commence on any paved driveway, parking strip, right-of-way crossing that involve the cutting or removal of pavement, or any other project involving excavation without first obtaining engineering plan approval of the excavation activity, and being issued an engineering permit.
-  **Painting Permit Required.** Prior to painting or staining the exterior surfaces of any structure located within the city, the property owner shall obtain a painting permit from the city.
-  **Portable Storage Container Permit Required.** Prior to parking or storing a portable storage container on any property, the owner or occupant of the property where the storage container is to be located must apply for and obtain a permit for said portable storage container.
-  **Rental Housing Certificate Required.** No person shall lease a residential rental unit unless that person has previously obtained from the city a certificate for that unit.
-  **Special Event Permit Required.** It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to host, sponsor, give, or facilitate any sales event or special event in the city unless a permit for such event has first been obtained.
-  **Temporary Signs Authorization Required.** Prior to the placement of any temporary sign on any property not owned by the person placing the sign, that person must obtain the prior written consent, on forms provided by the city, of the owner of the property allowing the placement of the sign on the property and submit the same to the city.
-  **Tree Removal Permit.** Prior to removing or relocating a tree, the property owner must obtain permission from Broward County. Also, such removal may require replacement.
-  **Yard Sale Permit Required.** No person shall conduct a yard sale from any property more than twice per year and, then, only pursuant to a permit issued therefor by the city.

BUSINESS REGULATIONS






CERTIFICATES OF USE AND BUSINESS TAX RECEIPTS *SECTIONS 22-143, 22-151, 82-31, 82-34 & 82-36*

-  It is unlawful for any person to open or operate any business and/or occupy any structure for the privilege of engaging in any business, without first obtaining the required certificate of use and a business tax receipt required for each separate operation.
-  Each certificate of use and business tax receipt issued by the city shall be conspicuously displayed at the place of business and in a manner as to be open to the view of the public and subject to the inspection of all duly authorized officers of the city.
-  **Home Occupations.** A home occupation license is required whenever a dwelling unit is used to conduct a home occupation, regardless of whether a separate occupational license has been issued to the same applicant at a different location. Home occupations conducted within the city shall be incidental and secondary to the use of the residence for residential purposes.

OUTDOOR USES PROHIBITED *SECTION 22-185*

-  Except for automobile parking lots and play areas of day nurseries, all activities, including seating, sales, display, preparation and storage (including portable storage units), shall be conducted entirely within a completely enclosed building. Outside seating nor display or sale of any merchandise shall be permitted, including but not limited to sales from vending machines, unless approved by the development services director or pursuant to other requirements in the City Code.

RULES PERTAINING TO SIGNAGE *SECTION 22-184*

-  No permanent or temporary sign shall be erected, installed, displayed, enlarged, relocated, changed, or modified without the appropriate permit being issued by the city.
-  Illuminated signage, and accent lighting, shall be of an approved type and must meet the required display standards as outlined by the City's Land Development Regulations.
-  Every permissible sign, including its framework, braces, angles, and other supports, shall be well maintained in appearance and in a good and safe condition.
-  Window signage may not require a permit, but shall be limited to that permitted by the City's Land Development Regulations.
-  Outdoor advertising signage, including but not limited to banners, pennants, balloons, animated signs, portable signs, pole signs, snipe signs, signs attached to vehicles, vehicles being used as signs, etc. shall be expressly prohibited unless otherwise permitted by the City's Land Development Regulations.

GARBAGE, RECYCLING AND BULK TRASH

The purpose of these regulations is to provide for a well-ordered plan for the collection and disposal of trash and garbage so as to preserve the health, safety and welfare of the community; to reduce the possibility of infestation by insects and vermin; to improve the visual environment of the city; to protect property values; and to reduce the likelihood of airborne debris.

GARBAGE CONTAINERS AND DISPOSAL

SECTIONS 42-6 & 50-35

- Each residential living unit shall be provided with indoor garbage containers adequate for the storage of household garbage, trash and refuse. Furthermore, each unit shall also be provided with an approved leak-proof, covered, outside garbage container for appropriate disposal.
- Every occupant of a structure shall dispose of garbage or waste in a clean and sanitary manner by placing such garbage or waste in an approved garbage container.
- Garbage shall be placed in a tied or otherwise sealed plastic bag prior to being placed in garbage containers so as to prevent the scattering of loose garbage or waste, or leaking of fluids therefrom prior to or during collection.
- All garbage containers shall remain covered or closed at all times, except during garbage disposal or collection.

UNLAWFUL DISPOSAL OF WASTE

SECTIONS 74-35 & 74-36

- It shall be unlawful for any person to bury, burn or dispose of any solid waste generated in the city except by the use of the City's contracted hauler.
- Privately employed tree trimmers, landscape contractors, lawn maintenance services and operators of tree and shrubbery maintenance services and other like services who receive a fee shall remove all trash and debris from the premises on which they are working, including, but not limited to, limbs, tree trunks, roots, shrubbery, grass clippings, bulky yard and vegetative wastes and the debris emanating from their work and properly dispose of it.
- Bulky yard or vegetative waste shall not be placed in refuse containers and in no case shall residential refuse or recyclable materials be comingled with or placed for collection with bulky yard and vegetative waste.

PLACEMENT OF RECEPTACLES AND BULK TRASH

SECTION 74-37

- Solid waste receptacles shall not be placed curbside before 7:00 p.m. the evening before the scheduled pickup, and shall be removed from the curb before 7:00 p.m. on the day of pickup.
- Bulk trash, bulky yard and vegetative wastes shall be placed at curbside for collection by 7:00 a.m. but in no case shall be placed for collection earlier than 24 hours prior to the scheduled collection period.






JUNK, TRASH, LITTER AND DEBRIS ACCUMULATION

It shall be unlawful to permit the placing, depositing, leaving, dumping or accumulation of any debris, refuse, trash, rubbish, junk, garbage, ashes, broken articles or waste material of any kind or nature on any property, or to create an attraction for animals, insects or vermin, or to create a nuisance to, and to place in jeopardy, the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the city.

LITTER, DUMPING AND ACCUMULATION OF WASTE

SECTIONS 18-21, 42-6, 42-34 & 42-35





No person shall litter, sweep, throw, lay, dump or allow to accumulate any ashes, paper, dirt, boxes, garbage, refuse, debris, industrial waste, trash or rubbish of any kind at any place within the city.

-  All exterior property and premises, including swales and swale areas, and the interior of every structure, shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage.
-  No litter shall be allowed to accumulate on any premises; instead every occupant of a structure shall dispose of all litter, trash, or rubbish by placing such rubbish in a city approved container.
-  In no case shall lawn trash, grass clippings, vegetative material, and/or vegetative debris be intentionally blown, swept or washed into or onto any stormwater drain, ditch, conveyance, water body, wetland, sidewalk, roadway or adjacent property. Any material that is accidentally deposited in such a place shall be immediately removed to the maximum extent practicable.
-  Landscape debris, such as, but not limited to, excessive leaves, fallen or discarded branches or fronds, neglected and rotting fruit or vegetables, or piles of mulch, chippings, clippings, or uncontained compost shall not be permitted to accumulate on any property.
-  It shall be a violation for an owner of real property upon which construction is occurring or any contractor responsible for said construction, to have on or near that property, loose construction debris. Upon completion of the proposed work, the permit holder shall leave the construction site clear of rubbish, debris, construction sheds and construction materials.

OUTDOOR STORAGE

SECTION 42-6

Outdoor storage shall be maintained in neat manner and sanitary condition so as to prevent any deterioration, infestation, accumulation of stagnant water, and thereby the creation of a nuisance.




-  The storage of materials, equipment, and personal property shall be restricted to the side or rear yards, screened from view so that such objects are not visible from any public right-of-way or any adjacent property, or the same may be stored within an enclosed structure.
-  Balconies, porches or decks shall not be used for storage of household items or appliances.
-  Refrigerators, stoves, ranges, dishwashers, washing machines, clothes dryers and similar equipment not in operation shall not be discarded, abandoned or stored on a property.
-  It shall be unlawful to keep junk, scrap metal, scrap lumber, paper products, discarded building materials, machinery, parts, or other waste or salvaged materials upon a property.

LAWN, SWALE AND LANDSCAPE MAINTENANCE

All property owners, tenants or their agents, shall be responsible for the proper maintenance and protection of landscaping. Maintenance shall include adequate watering, weeding, mowing, fertilization, treating, mulching, pruning, and removal/replacement of dead, diseased, decaying or hazardous plant material on a regular basis so as to continue a healthy growing condition and present a neat, orderly and well-kept appearance, at least equal to the original installation, so as not to detract from the appearance of the general area. This shall include the maintaining of abutting rights-of-way, swales, lakes and canal banks.






GRASSED AREAS

SECTIONS 42-7 & 78-22

-  All landscaped and grassed areas shall be maintained in a healthy condition reasonably free of weeds, pests and diseases. Dead, damaged and/or missing portions of grassed areas shall require replacement with viable sod.
-  All grassed areas shall be mowed and maintained at a height not to exceed six inches, including areas abutting plants and objects. The same shall be edged to prevent encroachment onto adjacent roadways, curbs, sidewalks, driveways or walkways.
-  Property owners shall control sediments within drainage and roadway rights-of-way and easements through the planting and maintenance of solid sodding to prevent silts and sands from entering catch basins, culverts, roadways and canals, thus hindering their performance.

HEDGES, TREES AND OTHER PLANTS

SECTION 42-7

-  Trees shall be kept pruned and trimmed at all times to prevent hazard, including encroachment onto structures and obstruction of required signage.
-  Hedges, shrubs, vines or accent plants shall be pruned and maintained so as to be free of wild or untamed growth and shall not encroach upon any structure, sidewalk, walkway, driveway, street or right-of-way.
-  Dead and dying trees, stumps, roots, limbs, shrubs, vines, accent plants, hedges, or parts thereof, or any other natural growth shall be removed, and if required, the same shall be replaced with an approved substitute.
-  The maximum allowable height for a hedge or shrub within any front setback area shall be 4 feet. The maximum allowable height for a hedge or shrub within any side or rear setback area shall be 8 feet or the height of any allowable fence or wall, whichever is greater. The maximum allowable height for a vine shall be that of the structure on which it is attached.
-  Residential gardens shall not be permitted within any front yard area or utility easement without the prior written approval of the appropriate utilities, and the concurrence of the city. Gardens shall be maintained in a manner so as not to become or create a nuisance.

No person shall permit any trees, bushes, shrubs, or other vegetation growing on his or her property to encroach upon any adjacent parcel of property without permission of the adjacent property owner. Permission of the adjacent property owner shall be presumed where the encroachment is tolerated without written objection delivered to the owner of the encroaching vegetation.

- 🌍 Any property owner upon whose property a tree, bush or shrub encroaches shall have the right to trim or prune the encroaching portion of such tree, bush or shrub, provided that such trimming or pruning is conducted in compliance with the requirements of any and all city regulations regarding tree abuse, tree trimming or tree pruning.
- 🌍 This section shall not be enforced against the owner of any tree, bush or shrub if the adjacent property owner fails to allow entry onto their property for maintenance of the vegetation.
- 🌍 Prior to initiating enforcement, the city reserves the right to require the objecting property owner to submit a petition for enforcement on forms as required by the city.

TREE PRUNING AND TREE ABUSE

All trees must be pruned in accordance with the American National Standards Institute (ANSI A-300). Tree pruning should be accomplished at the direction and/or supervision of a certified arborist. Any pruning performed without conformance to the American National Standards Institute (ANSI A-300) shall be subject to enforcement by the city. All tree pruners who provide services in the city shall hold a valid occupational license in Broward County. **Tree abuse shall mean:**

- 🌍 Hat racking, topping, rooster-tailing or lion's tailing a tree.
 - 🌍 **Hat racking** shall mean to flat cut the top or sides of a tree, to sever the leader or leaders, or to prune a tree by stubbing of mature wood, except where removal of branches is necessary for the protection of property or for public safety purposes.
 - 🌍 **Topping** shall mean the reduction of a tree's size using cuts that shorten limbs or branches back to a predetermined crown limit often leaving large stubs.
 - 🌍 **Rooster-tailing** shall mean over-thinning of palms by removing too many lower fronds.
 - 🌍 **Lion's tailing** shall mean the removal of an excessive number of inner, lateral tree branches from parent tree branches. The inner foliage, branches, and limbs of a tree are stripped bare leaving the unnatural form of an umbrella, with the remaining foliage limited to the ends of the branches, giving the appearance of a lion's tail.
- 🌍 Shaping a tree, or otherwise destroying the natural habit of tree growth, overlifting a tree or pruning of live palm fronds which initiate above the horizontal plane.
- 🌍 Removing tree bark to the extent that if a line is drawn at any height around the circumference of the tree, over one-third of the length of the line falls on portions of the tree where bark no longer remains or the use of climbing spikes, nails, or hooks, except during tree removal or as specifically permitted by standards set by the American National Standards Institute.

- Plant selection, installation and maintenance of natural landscapes shall conform to principles of Florida-friendly landscape as outlined by South Florida Water Management District.

SWALE AREAS

SECTIONS 78-12 & 78-22















Swale areas shall be kept in a clean, grass-maintained, safe and sanitary condition with grass cut no higher than six inches and edged away from the sidewalk. The swale shall be kept free and clear of prohibited plant species.

- Swale areas shall be maintained by the adjacent property owner at the grades originally approved for construction unless otherwise authorized by the city.
- All grassed and permeable areas within the public right-of-way shall be graded so that they are lower than the adjacent public street and driveway pavement. Swale areas shall have a minimum depth of six inches below crown grade of the street unless otherwise authorized by the city engineer.
- Prior to the **placement of any landscaping materials** or other items within the swale area, the city engineer must confirm that this would not impair driving visibility or pose any hazard to public safety, and that it would not interfere with existing utilities or drainage or impede future utility or sidewalk installation.
- Plants within the swale area shall be maintained to provide a **clear sight window** between the heights of thirty inches and six-feet above the ground.
- Swale area shall be free of any solid objects protruding more than 3 inches above ground or having a diameter greater than 10 inches at its widest point, or having sharp, jagged or irregularly edges surfaces. Permissible objects placed in the swale area shall not be placed closer than 3 feet apart.
- Mailboxes shall be securely mounted on posts no larger than 4" x 4" square or 4 ½" diameter wood posts or 2" diameter standard steel or aluminum pipe buried no more than 24" in the ground, and shall not exceed 5 feet in height and shall be located in a manner which does not obstruct vehicular or pedestrian traffic or pose a public safety hazard.
- The city manager, or his designee, is authorized to remove or cause to be removed any tree, shrub, or other obstruction to travel upon any street, sidewalk or grass plot adjacent thereto within 20 feet of the intersection of any two streets within the city.

IRRIGATION SYSTEMS AND WATER RESTRICTIONS

SECTIONS 42-6, 78-18 & 90-73

Year-round landscape irrigation measures apply to all landscape irrigation water sources, however reclaimed water is only subject to daily irrigation time prohibition. In addition to the specific measures outlined below, all wasteful and unnecessary water use is prohibited. In the event that the South Florida Water Management District should impose restrictions on landscape irrigation which are more restrictive than those outlined herein, the more restrictive regulations shall apply.









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Maintenance of irrigation systems. Irrigation systems shall be maintained to eliminate water loss due to damaged, missing or improperly operating sprinkler heads, emitters, pipes and all other portions of the irrigation system.
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 Irrigation systems shall not propel water onto or over a street, sidewalk or other public easement causing a safety hazard for pedestrian or vehicular traffic.
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Landscape irrigation shall be prohibited between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 4:00 p.m., except as otherwise permitted.
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 Irrigation of **existing landscaping** shall comply with the following provisions:
 - 
Even-numbered addresses and locations without an address, may accomplish necessary landscape irrigation only on Thursdays and Sundays.
 - 
Odd-numbered addresses may accomplish necessary landscape irrigation only on Wednesdays and Saturdays.
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 Irrigation of **new landscaping** shall comply with the following provisions:
 - 
 On the day the new landscaping is installed, the new landscaping may be irrigated once regardless of the normally allowable watering days and times. Irrigation of the soil immediately prior to the installation of the new landscaping is also allowed.
 - 
 Irrigation of new landscaping which has been in place for **thirty (30) days or less** may be accomplished on Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, Thursdays, Saturdays and Sundays.
 - 
 Irrigation of new landscaping which has been in place **for thirty-one (31) to ninety (90) days** may be accomplished on Mondays, Wednesdays, Thursdays and Saturdays.
 - 
 Irrigation of the new landscaping is limited to areas containing the new landscaping only. Targeted watering may be accomplished by low volume hand watering, or any appropriate method which isolates and waters only the new landscaping. An entire zone of an irrigation system shall only be utilized if it contains at least fifty percent new landscaping.
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System repair and maintenance. Irrigation systems may be operated outside restricted days and times for the purpose of system repair and maintenance, with an attendant on-site in the area being tested. Landscape irrigation systems may routinely be operated for such purposes no more than once per week, and the run time for any one test shall not exceed ten minutes.
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 Landscape irrigation for the purpose of watering-in insecticides, fungicides, and herbicides, where such watering-in is required by the manufacturer, or by federal, state or local law, shall be allowed during normal allowable watering days and times unless a professional licensed applicator has posted a temporary pesticide sign containing the date of application and the date(s) of needed watering-in activity. Such watering-in shall be limited to one application in the absence of specific alternative instructions from the manufacturer.
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Any plant material may be watered using low-volume hand watering methods without regard to the water days or times allowed pursuant to this section.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE REQUIREMENTS

The exterior of buildings and structures shall be maintained by the owner, operator, or occupant in a state of good repair and shall be structurally sound, in order to facilitate public safety and so the appearance will not constitute a blighting factor leading to the deterioration of the surrounding neighborhood and the city. Furthermore, the exterior premises, including any auxiliary structures thereon, shall be kept free of hazards, nuisances, and unsafe or unsightly conditions which constitute a blighting factor leading to the deterioration of the surrounding neighborhood and the city.

EXTERIOR BUILDING SURFACES

SECTIONS 42-6 & 42-9

-  Exterior walls shall be maintained in good repair free of damage, deterioration, graffiti, dirt, grime, mold, mildew, stains, peeling, and all other adverse conditions. Repair work on exterior walls shall be painted in a manner as to color coordinate with the rest of the structure 30 days after completion of exterior work.
-  Prior to painting, staining or otherwise coloring the exterior surfaces of any structure located within the city, the property owner shall obtain a painting permit from the city. No more than three approved colors (base, accent & trim) may be used on the property. Only those colors permitted by the city may be used on exterior surfaces of structures.
-  In the event that a roof surface, gutters, downspouts, screen enclosures, hurricane shutters, lawn and patio furniture, children's play equipment, utility provider equipment, and/or fence is to be painted or repainted, only one color permissible color shall be permitted. The color shall be either white (excluding roof surface) or a color used on the elevations of the principal structure on the property.
-  Roof and fascia shall be maintained in good condition and shall be cleaned or repainted and restored when 25 percent or more of any single sight surface view shows signs of deterioration. Gutters shall be maintained in good condition and be uniformly secured to the building and maintained to operate as designed.
-  All awnings and screened enclosures shall be maintained without damage, deterioration, tears or holes greater than three inches in length or diameter. All panels of the enclosure designed to be screened must contain screening.
-  All appurtenances to any structure, such as awnings, shutters, light fixtures, or mailboxes shall be securely attached and not broken, hanging loose, or falling away from the structure.
-  All windows, exterior doors, garage doors, door frames, stairs, porches and/or railings shall be structurally sound, securely attached to the structure, kept clean and in good repair.
-  Foundations and slabs shall be free of holes, cracks, breaks, loose or rotted wood and any condition which might allow rain or moisture, vermin or insects to enter the interior portions of walls or to the occupied spaces and all permitted exterior openings in the foundation shall be covered with corrosive-resistant, rodent-proof shield or wire mesh screen with not more than 1/16-inch openings.

- Property shall be kept free of ground surface hazards such as holes, excavations, broken glass, open septic tanks and dangerous projections and also free of any hazards to the safety of the occupants, pedestrians and all other persons utilizing the premises.
- All fences, gates and satellite dishes shall be maintained in good repair and in an upright condition free from holes, graffiti, broken planks and falling down or loose component pieces.
- If 25 percent or more of any single sight surface view of a fence, gate or satellite dish becomes deteriorated, discolored or is peeling, molding or mildewing, it shall be cleaned, repainted or recovered.
- All driveways, parking areas, and other paved or hard surfaced areas intended for use by vehicular or pedestrian traffic shall be kept clean and in a state of good repair to prevent deterioration.

PLACEMENT OF PLAY EQUIPMENT

- It shall be unlawful to erect, install or maintain any fixed or portable recreational equipment on or within any swale or swale area or easement. No play equipment shall use street right-of-way as part of the playing area.
- Temporary play equipment may be located in the front yard area provided it be taken down or away from such front yard area by 7:00 p.m. and shall not be replaced before 9:00 a.m. of the following morning.
- No permanently installed play equipment, except basketball hoops, shall be permitted within the front setback, or within ten feet of a right-of-way. Permanently installed basketball hoops and backboards in front yard areas shall only be permitted on the front of the building or on a pole in the driveway, located no closer than ten feet to any property line.
- Permanently installed play equipment within any side or rear yard shall be of a common playground type designed for children.

OTHER PROVISIONS

- No **clothes-drying** operations shall be conducted on the residential property in such a way as to be seen from the adjacent street(s).
- Abandoned objects** shall not be permitted to remain on any private property or open easement contiguous to private property.
- Excessive or Boisterous Noise.** It shall be unlawful in the city for any person to make any loud, unnecessary, or unusual noise which annoys, disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace or safety of others.

PUBLIC STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND SIGNS

No person shall cause any of the public street, right-of-way, highway, avenue, lanes alleyway, or other public property, or any waterway, or any part thereof to be graded, paved, repaved, surfaced, resurfaced, filled, excavated, or dredged, or cause any sidewalks to be constructed or reconstructed thereon, without first obtaining a permit for such work from the director of public works or other designated city official or employee of the city.

DAMAGING OF PUBLIC STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND SIGNS

SECTION 78-16

- It is unlawful to damage, mark, paint, spray paint or make any other inscription or alteration, upon any pavement, curbing, or sidewalk within the city.
- It is unlawful to willfully and maliciously damage, deface, or remove any sign placed by the city, or any other governmental body, upon or adjacent to any public rights-of-way, streets, highways, avenues, lanes, alleys, or other public property, or any waterway.
- It is unlawful to place any sign designating a street, avenue, or other public place by a different name than that by which it is generally and legally known, and/or refuse to remove any such sign from the property.

OBSTRUCTION OF PUBLIC STREETS, SIDEWALKS AND SIGNS

SECTION 78-17

- Sidewalks abutting real property shall be kept clear and free of debris, weeds, refuse or other objects that may interfere with the convenient and safe use of the sidewalk by the public.
- Landscape material shall not hinder safe and convenient vehicular or pedestrian movement in the public right-of-way or obstruct the view of any official traffic control devices or permanent signage.
- The growth of grass, weeds or flora into or over sidewalks is prohibited, as is the growth of any tree, or part thereof, extending over a street below a height of 13 feet or over a sidewalk below a height of 10 feet.
- It is unlawful for any person to erect, build, construct, deposit, or place on or in any street, or any place where the public has the right of passage, any building, structure, or obstruction of any kind, or to enclose any street, park, or other public property.

UNLAWFUL DISCHARGE ONTO PUBLIC PROPERTY

SECTION 78-19

- It is unlawful for any person to throw, leave, deposit, or discharge any material, debris, liquid or other offensive matter, into any street, sidewalk, public easement, gutter, storm sewer, sewer or waterway.
- It is unlawful to discharge from the premises, water or other liquids to an extent as may put any street, sidewalk, public easement, gutter, storm sewer, sewer or waterway in bad order.

SWIMMING POOLS, SPAS AND OTHER WATER FEATURES

The code compliance division shall inspect, or cause to be inspected, all private swimming pools within the city at such times as it shall be deemed necessary. Representatives of the code compliance division are hereby authorized to enter upon any premises, public or private, to take such photographs or samples of water from such pools at such times as it may deem necessary and to require the owner, proprietor or operator to comply with rules and regulations pertaining to swimming pools.

MAINTENANCE

SECTION 42-11

- 🌐 Pools, spas, hot tubs, fountains, ponds or similar structures shall be maintained in a safe and sanitary condition free and clear of pollutants, garbage, waste, debris, or prominent growths. Water within the same shall be maintained in such a manner that it does not become stagnant and that the bottom of the same shall be visible to a person standing on its deck or edge.

SAFETY BARRIERS

SECTION 42-11

- 🌐 An approved safety barrier shall be erected either around the swimming pool or around the premises on which the swimming pool is erected in a manner that shall enclose the area entirely, prohibiting unrestrained admittance to the enclosed area.
- 🌐 It shall be the responsibility of each property owner and/or occupant of a premises containing a swimming pool to keep and maintain in proper and safe condition at all times a safety barrier required and erected in accordance with the city's Land Development Regulations.
- 🌐 Existing swimming pool safety barriers shall be maintained so as to not become in an improper and unsafe condition or be removed, replaced or changed in a manner that eliminates or reduces its effectiveness as a safety barrier.
- 🌐 Safety barriers shall be at least 48 inches in height with self-closing and self-latching gates so that they shall automatically return to a closed position at all times. Where the self-latching device is less than 54 inches above the bottom of the gate, the release mechanism shall be located on the pool side of the gate. Gates shall also be equipped with a safe lock and shall be locked when the swimming pool is not in use.

PERMISSIBLE DRAINAGE

SECTION 78-19

- 🌐 When draining swimming pools, spas, fountains, ponds or other water features, water may be discharged onto the lawn of property or an abutting grassed right-of-way; however, discharge shall not encroach into any street, sidewalk, storm drain, sewer, waterway or other property.

PUBLIC WATERS

SECTION 54-6




- 🌐 It shall be unlawful for any person to bathe, wash or swim in any bay, lake, pond or canal within the city.

VEHICLE OPERATION, PARKING AND STORAGE

Whenever any motor vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer, boat or boat trailer shall be parked or maintained in violation of the code, the person(s) in whose name such vehicle is registered shall be responsible for such violation and subject to penalty.

UNLAWFUL OPERATION










SECTIONS 54-5, 86-7 & 86-10

-  It is unlawful for any person to drive any commercial truck on, over or across any street, except for the purpose of making commercial delivery or providing commercial services to the residents or business establishments along and upon such streets.
-  It is unlawful to operate a motorized scooter in or on any public sidewalk, swale, roadway, street, trail, park, parking facility or driveway apron.
-  The operation or maintenance of motorboats of any kind is prohibited, unless utilized during the performance of governmental activities and functions.

PROHIBITED PARKING AREAS

SECTION 86-30 & 86-35




No person shall stand or park any passenger vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer, or commercial vehicle in any of the following manners or locations:

-  On or across a public sidewalk.
-  Within a swale area which abuts the property of another without the express permission of the owner, lessee and/or occupant of the property abutting such swale area.
-  In front of a driveway or within 10 feet of the intersection of a driveway and the adjacent roadway.
-  On, over or in front of any storm water drainage facility or within 15 feet of any fire hydrant or standpipe.
-  Within an intersection, on a crosswalk, within 20 feet of a crosswalk at an intersection or within 20 feet of two intersecting roadways.
-  Within 30 feet of any flashing beacon, stop sign, or traffic-control signal located at the side of a roadway.
-  On or within 50 feet of a bridge or other elevated structure.
-  Near a hazardous or congested area or at any place that would cause obstruction to the free movement of vehicular traffic.
-  At any place where an official sign or other traffic control device prohibits stopping, standing, or parking; within any restricted parking zone, within areas marked with no public parking signs, or in any location where standing or parking is prohibited by city, state or county law.

- 🌐 Passenger vehicles parked within a residential district shall be parked upon a paved driveway which complies with the Florida Building Code, or within a carport, garage or screened from view within the side yard but not to encroach into the rear setback or any easements.
- 🌐 No passenger vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer, or commercial vehicle shall be parked upon a driveway in a manner that is parallel to the right-of-way abutting such driveway, except where a driveway or portion thereof is of a circular or semi-circular design, in which case all vehicles shall be parked parallel to the perimeter edge of such driveway.
- 🌐 No passenger vehicle, recreational vehicle, trailer, or commercial vehicle wider than eight feet, longer than 22 feet or taller than eight feet shall be permitted to park in any residential zone.
- 🌐 No heavy commercial vehicle or equipment shall be parked within any residential district.
- 🌐 No residentially zoned property shall be utilized for the storage of vehicles for sale by or in the inventory of any motor vehicle dealer. The presence of more than one vehicle displaying a dealer's license plate upon any residential property shall be prohibited.
- 🌐 No person shall park a vehicle upon any public street, swale or other right-of-way for the purpose of washing, detailing or repairing such vehicle, except necessary emergency repairs.
- 🌐 Any motor vehicle, boat or trailer found being offered for sale, hire, or rental upon a public right-of-way or other public property or private property where the public has the right to travel by motor vehicle, shall be subject to immediate removal by towing without prior notice.
- 🌐 **No motor vehicle, regardless of ownership, is permitted in the swale areas adjacent to the following designated collector or arterial roads at any time:**
 - 🌐 Oakland Park Boulevard.
 - 🌐 State Road 7 (U.S. 441).
 - 🌐 The Access Road between Oakland Park Blvd and NW 52nd Avenue.
 - 🌐 NW 52nd Avenue (between Oakland Park Boulevard and NW 43rd Court).
 - 🌐 NW 50th Avenue (between Oakland Park Boulevard and NW 36th Street).
 - 🌐 NW 49th Avenue (between Oakland Park Boulevard and southern City Limit).
 - 🌐 NW 47th Terrace (between Oakland Park Boulevard and NW 34th Street).
 - 🌐 NW 44th Street (between SR7 and NW 31st Avenue).
 - 🌐 NW 26th Street (between NW 49th Avenue and NW 39th Way).
 - 🌐 NW 21st Street (between SR7 to the park).
 - 🌐 NW 19th Street.




- 🌐 **Motor vehicles parked in the swale areas adjacent to the following designated collector or arterial roads, or near a hazardous or congested area within the city limits, shall be parked wholly within the swale area, except where otherwise prohibited:**
 - 🌐 NW 24th Street (between SR 7 and NW 34th Avenue).
 - 🌐 NW 29th Street (between SR 7 and NW 33rd Avenue).
 - 🌐 NW 33rd Street (between NW 43rd Avenue and NW 46th Avenue).
 - 🌐 NW 34th Street (between SR 7 and NW 36th Terrace).
 - 🌐 NW 36th Terrace (between Oakland Park Boulevard and NW 34th Street).
 - 🌐 NW 35th Avenue (between Oakland Park Boulevard and NW 35th Street).
 - 🌐 NW 37th Street (between SR 7 and eastern City Limit).
 - 🌐 NW 39th Street (between NW 31st Avenue and NW 31st Terrace).
 - 🌐 NW 36th Street (between SR 7 and Cul-de-sac).
 - 🌐 NW 41st Street.
 - 🌐 NW 43rd Avenue (between Oakland Park Boulevard and NW 36th Street).
 - 🌐 NW 46th Avenue (between Oakland Park Boulevard and 33rd Street).
- 🌐 **All vehicles lawfully parked within the swale area shall be parked with two wheels upon such paved portion of the right-of-way and two wheels upon the swale area, except those parked adjacent to designated collector or arterial roads or near a hazardous or congested area.**
- 🌐 No vehicle, or portion thereof, nor anything therein or thereon shall extend into, onto or over such paved portion of the right-of-way by more than 18 inches.
- 🌐 **Any vehicle lawfully parked within a swale area, wholly or partially, shall be parked parallel to the paved portion of the right-of-way and with the flow of traffic.**
- 🌐 **It shall be unlawful to park any vehicle within a swale area between the hours of 10:00 a.m. and 6:00 p.m., unless otherwise permitted.**
- 🌐 It shall be unlawful to park, store or keep any commercial or recreational vehicle on the pavement of, or in the swale area adjacent to, any public street within the city except in accordance with other provisions of the code.
- 🌐 **No person shall park a motor vehicle within a swale area which abuts the private real property of another without the express permission of the owner, lessee and/or occupant of the private real property abutting such swale or swale area.**

Commercial vehicle shall mean any vehicle which either has permanent or nonpermanent outside lettering displaying information identifying a business or other non-personal use of any kind, exclusive of front license plate, or which is defined by state statutes to include but not be limited to trucks, trailers, hearses, limousines, taxies, vans, pickup trucks equipped with detachable toolboxes or camper tops that do not extend above the height of the cab of the pickup, and motor vehicles modified, altered or customized for the purposes of a commercial business, so that supplies, equipment or materials are not stored in the vehicle to a height in excess of the permanent sides of the vehicle, or such that supplies, equipment or materials are not visible, or enclosed in a professional made container and extends no more than 12 inches above roof line and not beyond the windshield line.

-  Commercial vehicles shall be parked entirely upon a paved driveway, within a garage, within a carport, or on an area in the side yard screened on three sides by a wall, fence or hedge a minimum of six feet in height, except where markings are removed or covered, in which case they may be parked upon a paved driveway.
-  Commercial vehicles parked on a paved driveway shall not have any ladders, or other attachments, which exceed the height of the vehicle by more than two feet, and such vehicle shall have any signage thereon covered entirely by a permissible opaque vehicle cover. Signage may also be covered with a magnetic cover provided it is the same color as the vehicle.
-  No commercial equipment may be stored on a commercial vehicle that is parked on a residentially zoned lot. No commercial equipment or material which is hazardous, obnoxious, offensive, or has bad odors or dust emanating therefrom may be stored on any residentially zoned property.

STORAGE OF RECREATIONAL VEHICLES

Recreational vehicle shall mean any vehicle which may be further defined by reference to the state statutes as a mobile home, travel trailer, camper trailer, motor coach, motorhome, boat, boat trailer, personal utility trailer, ultralight aircraft, airboat, horse trailer, or off-road vehicle.

-  Recreational vehicles shall be parked within a garage, a carport, or on an area in the side yard opaquely screened on three sides by a wall, fence or hedge a minimum of six feet in height, but shall not encroach into any rear setback or easement.
-  Recreational vehicles shall be permitted to be temporarily parked in the front of single-family homes, to allow for loading, unloading, cleaning and minor repairs, provided such time period does not exceed 24 hours prior to or after the recreational vehicles have been used by the resident, but in no case shall the loading and unloading period exceed a total of 48 hours within a 7 day period.
-  Recreational vehicles shall not be occupied and may not maintain electrical, water or sewage connections at any time while parked upon a residentially zoned property except that electrical service connections may be attached for a maximum of 24 hours prior to and in preparation for departure from the property.

VEHICLE CONDITION AND REPAIRS

SECTIONS 86-14 & 86-15

- 🌐 A motor vehicle that does not possess a current state license tag and/or is not in running condition, or does not have equipment required by F.S. Ch. 316, is deemed to be inoperative.
- 🌐 It shall be unlawful to park, store, or leave or permit the parking or storage of any vehicle which is in rusted, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled or inoperative, or abandoned condition upon any private property for a period of time in excess of 72 hours, unless the vehicle is completely enclosed within a building.
- 🌐 The maximum time allowed to initiate and complete minor motor vehicle repairs is 1 calendar day. Repair hours of operation shall be from 7:00 a.m. to 9:00 p.m.
- 🌐 Major motor vehicle repairs shall be prohibited within any residential zoned district, except that the owner or tenant may perform major motor vehicle repairs on their privately-owned personal vehicles within their residential garage.
- 🌐 The placement or storage of vehicle parts or equipment shall be prohibited at any time outside of an enclosed structure.

VEHICLE COVERS

SECTION 86-11

- 🌐 It shall be unlawful to cover the license tag of a motor vehicle, boat, trailer, or recreational vehicle in any manner while it is parked. All car covers shall permit license registrations to be visible from the roadway.
- 🌐 Vehicle covers shall be opaque in color, constructed of sound material which fits reasonably well, and shall be maintained in good condition, such that there is no fading, tearing, or holes.
- 🌐 Vinyl or canvas tarps, or other covers not designed for use as a car cover shall be prohibited.
- 🌐 Vehicles that are covered must be parked entirely within a paved driveway and in no case shall be permitted to be temporarily or permanently parked in a swale or right-of-way.
- 🌐 Any vehicle stored under a vehicle cover must be maintained in compliance with the code.

STORAGE IN/ON VEHICLES

SECTIONS 86-11 & 86-18

- 🌐 No other article or material, including but not limited to rugs, carpeting, clothing, plastic, fabric, rock, wood, toys, furniture, etc., shall be permitted to remain upon or be attached to any vehicle, covered or otherwise.
- 🌐 Materials, supplies or equipment stored in or on a vehicle shall be stored within a permanent storage compartment and shall not be visible from any adjacent property or right-of-way.
- 🌐 No person shall allow any debris, refuse, trash or rubbish to remain in or upon any truck or other vehicle within the city for a period in excess of 24 hours and in no case shall the storage period exceed a total of 48 hours within any 7 day period.

CODE COMPLIANCE (CONTINUED)

HOW TO REPORT A POSSIBLE CODE VIOLATION

Call: (954) 535-2760

Email: CodeCompliance@LauderdaleLakes.org

Visit: Development Services Building
3521 NW 43rd Avenue
Lauderdale Lakes, FL 33319

Office Hours: Monday – Friday 8:00am to 3:30pm (call until 5:00pm)

IF YOU HAVE RECEIVED A NOTICE FROM CODE COMPLIANCE

- 🌐 Please read the notice carefully to find out why the notice was issued and how you may bring the violation into compliance within the time allotted.
- 🌐 If you should require additional information regarding the violation(s) and/or the corrective action required **or** if you should need more time to bring the property into compliance, please contact the individual that issued the notice at the phone number or email address provided, keeping in mind however, that the correction of certain violations may not be delayed.
- 🌐 If action is not taken to correct a violation, there are several possible consequences, including a notice to appear before the Code Enforcement Board, Special Master, Unsafe Structures Board or County Court Judge. In some cases, the city may arrange for the violation to be corrected and file a lien to recover the costs.

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