

Codes and Ordinances Governing Your City

Nuisance Code

Main Code Violations

Roaming dogs, noxious weeds, failure to clear brush and ladder fuels, junked or unlicensed cars, trailers-RVs-Boats improperly parked in yards, and vehicles parked on the street seem to be the main culprits in the city.

1. Dogs must be kept on your property or on a leash.
2. Native grasses must be trimmed under 6 inches. Oak trees must be cleared within 30 feet of any structure unless irrigated and then must be cleared within 10 feet.
3. Vehicles that have flat tires, are in general disrepair, or are unlicensed are not allowed unless garaged.
4. Trailers, RVs, Boats, ATVs, etc. are to be parked within property setbacks on a permanent parking surface.
5. Vehicles may not be parked on the street for more than 8 hours. No vehicle can be parked along city streets at any time, which may interfere with snow removal.
6. All outbuildings need to comply with city code titles 10-11-2A and 10-11-2B
7. All site improvements require a permit.

What Do I Do If I Have Been Noticed That I Have a Nuisance Problem?

There are 4 ways to abate a nuisance:

1. Courtesy Letter: The city will first try to contact you or give you a courtesy letter informing you of the problem and giving you a reasonable amount of time to correct it.
2. Finding of Nuisance: If the problem is not corrected in the time given, then a Finding of Nuisance will be issued requiring the problem to be corrected within 2 weeks.
3. Voluntary Correction Agreement: If you need more time you can enter into a contract with the city in which you agree to abate the nuisance within an agreed-upon time and according to specific conditions.
4. Administrative Citation: If voluntary correction does not work, the city may issue you an Administrative Citation. It comes with a \$50 per day fine and a completion date by which the nuisance must be abated. If a nuisance is corrected by the completion date, any fines accrued shall be canceled.
5. Abatement by the City: The city may abate a nuisance when the terms of a Voluntary Correction Agreement or the requirements of an Administrative Citation have not been met. Whenever a nuisance is occurring which constitutes an immediate and emergent threat to the public health, safety, or welfare or the environment, the city may summarily and without prior notice abate the condition. Abatement by the city can include the city removing the nuisance and billing the responsible person or owner of record for the abatement costs.

Can The City Work with Me?

The city wants to work with you to rectify the problem. Please understand that our biggest complaint from citizens (your neighbors) is nuisance issues. We will do what we can to work with you on a voluntary basis and within a reasonable timeline to help you correct a nuisance problem.

What If My Neighbor Has a Nuisance?

We recommend that first, you try to work with them to correct the problem. If that doesn't work, come into the city offices, and file a petition, and we will come and look to see if it violates the city code. We will do what is possible to protect your name, but we cannot guarantee anonymity.

So, What Are All the Rules?

A copy of the current city code can be found on the city website or viewed at the city offices.