



Top Property Code Violations

Property code violations, if left unresolved, can deplete the value of your real estate assets. Penalties incurred can add up over time and small items can become big fines. Here is a list of the top violations to watch out for:

- **Trees, Grass, and Weed Violations**

Heights exceeding 12 inches are considered excessive. Property owners are given 72 hours to abate before the municipality will issue a ticket. Trees, tree limbs, brush or shrubs that are dead, damaged and hazardous by nature shall be removed and disposed of in a legal manner.

- **Unsheltered Storage**

Unsheltered Storage is inoperable or abandoned motor vehicles, and any other vehicles, machinery, implements, equipment, junk or personal property of any kind to be a danger to the public health and safety. The use of tarps shall not be considered an acceptable form of shelter.

- **Snow Removal**

All snow and ice remaining upon public sidewalks is hereby declared to constitute a public nuisance and shall be abated by the owner or tenant of the abutting private property within 48 hours after the snow or ice has ceased to be deposited.

- **Substandard Structures**

Detached garages, sheds and decks that are in disrepair or are structurally unsound may require extensive repairs or removal altogether. The services of structural engineers or licensed contractors may be required. Permits are required for demo work and rebuilding.

- **Minimum Housing Standards**

These standards cover the overall condition and usability of the property. Violations can occur whenever any part of the structure is not maintained in weather-tight, sound condition or in good repair.

- **Missing House Numbers**

Property owners shall affix address identification numbers to the front of the building; so as to be clearly visible at all times from the public street in front of the building when traveling in either direction. Address identification numbers shall be at least 4 inches high, at least 1/2-inch wide and in Arabic numeral form. The color of the address identification numbers shall contrast with the color of the principal building.

- **Parking Regulations/RV Storage**

In all residential zoning districts, no vehicle shall be parked in a front yard or in a side yard that is adjacent to a street unless parked on an asphalt or concrete surface.

No more than one (1) currently licensed recreational vehicle/equipment or commercial vehicle/equipment may be parked in a driveway on a residential lot and it must also be 8 feet or less in height.

Recreational vehicles/equipment can be parked in a driveway for a period not to exceed 72 hours for the purpose of loading and unloading.