

Often asked Code Enforcement Questions

1. How many letters are sent for a code violation?

One courtesy letter is sent a year per violation per property. If the issue is not resolved within the stated time frame, citations may be issued without further notice.

2. Can I get more time than what is stated in the courtesy letter to take care of the violation?

In some cases, yes. You will need to speak with the Code Officer who sent you the letter. They can be contacted at the phone number listed on the letter or call the City Hall.

3. I received a letter for rubbish and trash-but, I did not put it there. Am I still responsible?

YES. A property owner is responsible for any violations on their property.

4. I have a tenant living on a property that I own. Can I get a fine for their violation of an ordinance?

YES. If the City water is active in the tenant's name, they will receive the same letter as the owner and the tenant will be responsible for any citations. However, if the city water is active in the property owner's name or is inactive, citations may be issued to the owner.

5. Is there an ordinance against parking vehicles in the back yard?

NO. As long as the vehicles are operable and have current license. If the vehicle does not have a current license, it is considered by Texas Law to be abandoned and a nuisance.

6. If there is a vehicle on my property that does not belong to me, can I have the Code Enforcement remove the vehicle?

NO. You would need to contact a tow company to have the vehicles removed. If the vehicle is not removed in the stated time frame, the city may remove the vehicle and charge the owner of the property for monies incurred.

7. Is a property owner responsible for mowing the ditch in front of my property?

YES. Each property owner is responsible for keeping the grass mowed from the edge of the roadway, in front of or beside of the property, to the back of the property line. (Not just from the property line in front)

8. Can the Code Enforcement tell my neighbor to cut their tree limbs that are hanging over onto my property?

NO. That would be a civil matter between you and your neighbor.

9. Can Code Enforcement do anything about an abandoned or inoperable vehicle on the street?

YES. Contact City Hall and they will direct the Code Enforcement Officer to the location.

10. Does Code Enforcement handle complaints regarding basketball goals on the street?

YES. Contact City Hall and they will direct the Code Enforcement Officer to the location.