

# NEIGHBORHOOD PRESERVATION ORDINANCE

## OVERGROWN WEEDS & GRASS

Overgrown weeds and grass are unsightly, can produce allergies and harbor rodents and other pests. It is illegal to allow grass or weeds to grow beyond 6 inches in height.

Please maintain your property and keep your weeds or grass below 6 inches in height. You are also responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds in the abutting sidewalks, street easements, and one half of the width of the alley that abuts your property.

## VEGETATION ENCROACHMENT

Vegetation, such as trees, bushes or shrubs, that encroaches or overhangs into the abutting public right-of-way constitutes a safety hazard and impedes safe passage of vehicles and pedestrians. You are responsible for trimming your vegetation to keep these areas free of obstructions.

## RESIDENTIAL STORAGE

Outside storage in residential areas must comply with the following conditions specified in the City of Tucson Land Use Code (section 3.2.5.1):

- Items can only be stored in the rear or side yards. They are not permitted in the front yard.
- Storage is limited to a maximum of 25% of the total lot area.

Items must be screened from the street by an opaque barrier such as a fence or wall that is a minimum of 5 feet in height or in an enclosed structure

## JUNK, LITTER, AND DEBRIS

- Properties must be maintained to be free of accumulated junk, litter, debris and refuse. Such materials must be disposed of properly and may not be left in the yard or on abutting sidewalks, alleys or easements or illegally dumped on public or private property.
- Auto parts, appliances, furniture, building or landscaping materials, tires, paper, cardboard, plastics, tree trimmings and any other discarded items should also be disposed of properly.

## ILLEGAL DUMPING

Illegal dumping is the disposal of junk, litter, debris or refuse in any unauthorized place such as public or private property, streets, alleys, easements or washes.

It is illegal for a property owner to keep debris, litter or refuse on their property unless it's in an approved container. Please remember that residents may place items out for collection only during designated Brush and Bulky service dates.

Collection dates and guidelines for your neighborhood are available on the Environmental Services website at [www.tucsonaz.gov/esd](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/esd) or by calling Environmental Services customer service center at 791-3171.

## JUNKED or INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Junked or inoperable motor vehicles, trailer or camper shell which exhibit one more of the following conditions is deemed a JMV:

- Wrecked • Dismantled ■ Abandoned • Inoperable
  - Scrapped • Stripped ■ Cannot be safely operated
- A junked or inoperable vehicle is permitted to be stored on a property provided it is stored within:
- A garage or permanent building constructed of opaque materials without holes or gaps other than doors or windows.
  - A carport with an opaque car cover designed for that purpose and that completely covers the vehicle (no tarps, bed sheets, etc.)
  - Any legal barrier (such as a fence or wall) at least 5 feet high, constructed of opaque materials without holes or gaps that completely encloses the vehicle. The barrier must be free from disrepair and deterioration and may not be constructed or covered with materials not normally used for that purpose (such as pallets or tarps). The barrier must be properly anchored to ensure there is no danger of failure or collapse.

## Code Enforcement Procedures

Inspectors are responsible for enforcing the Tucson Code. The code section that governs the items listed in this brochure can be found in Chapter 16, Neighborhood Preservation Ordinance and in the Land Use Code.

A violation of the City Codes and regulations described in this brochure will initiate the following actions by an Inspector:

- On-site inspection to verify the condition. If the violation is verified, a notice of violation will be issued to the property owner and/or tenant or business operator.
- Re-inspection of the property to ensure compliance.
- Failure to correct the violation may result in the City pursuing a civil or criminal action by the issuance of a citation. Any findings of responsibility or liability for violations noted shall incur fines of \$100 to \$2,500 per violation. If the City is ordered to abate the violations, a lien will be assessed against the property.
- A re-inspection fee of \$75 will be charged for follow-up inspections when no compliance has been met.

## Code Enforcement

**320 N. Commerce Park Loop  
Tucson, AZ 85745**

**Report by phone**

**(520) 791-5843**

**Report on-line**

**[www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/code-enforcement-violation-report](http://www.tucsonaz.gov/pdsd/code-enforcement-violation-report)**

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