

# Common Code Violations

## Do you know your city codes?

### Illegal Signs



Imagine a city in which anyone could post signs about businesses, garage sales, or any other type of advertisement they wanted along roadways

and in your neighborhood. Our community would look like a mess! These types of signs are a code violation. They create a traffic hazard, damage mowing equipment and become litter that blights your neighborhood. Permits are required. (Sec. 82-20 and 86-48)

### Weeds & Grass



A property is in violation if the grass/weeds grow above 12 inches. All property owners

maintain their property and adjacent right-of-way extending beyond the property line to any streets or alleys, regardless of whether or not a curb line has been established. High grass/weeds are a fire hazard, harbor rodents & snakes and contribute to pests like mosquitoes and chiggers. (Sec. 38-161)

**View the City Code of Ordinance online:**  
[https://library.municode.com/tx/deer\\_park](https://library.municode.com/tx/deer_park)

### Low Hanging Tree Limbs & Overgrown Vegetation



Safety is a big concern for everyone. Low hanging limbs and overgrown vegetation not only

cause a traffic hazard, they also put pedestrians, including school children, at risk.

Each property owner is responsible for ensuring there are no low hanging branches over roadways and sidewalks. Bushes should also be trimmed so there is a clear path on sidewalks.

*City Code Sec. 94-1(c) states "that any portion of such tree, shrub, vine, palm or any similar plant may overhang or obstruct upon or cover any sidewalk, city right-of-way or easement in the city, unless there is 8-foot of clearance, or a street in the city, unless there is 14-foot of clearance between the surface of all portions of such sidewalk or street and the overhanging tree, limb, shrub, vine palm or plant.*

### Illegally Parked Vehicles



Cars, boats and/or recreational vehicles parked on the grass for longer than two consecutive hours is a violation. All vehicles must be parked in a

garage or driveway. Sec. 66-79(a)

“Commercial Vehicles” - any person in control of commercial vehicles are prohibited from “leaving, parking or standing” of such vehicle within any area of the city zoned as residential, with the exception of expeditiously delivering or picking up merchandise to or from a specific location while in the normal course of business for that vehicle. Sec. 66-80(c)

### Stagnant Water



It's important to maintain pools, spas and hot tubs in a clean and sanitary condition. The entire bottom of the pool must be clearly visible. (Sec. 50-128) (Sec. 38-160)

It is also very important to not have anything on your property that would hold water and become stagnant, such as old pots, tires, buckets, etc. Doing so creates a breeding ground for mosquitoes. (Sec. 38-46)

### Trash, Debris & Rubbish



Piles of trash, debris and rubbish on your yard is a violation. They pose a fire hazard, retain stagnant water and become a nest for rodents and

snakes. They also blight neighborhoods. As a property owner, you are responsible for any trash on your property and any debris left behind from hired contractors. (Sec. 38-160 & 161)

As a reminder: Trash bags are not allowed to be placed at the street before 6pm the night before your scheduled pickup. (Sec. 90-5)

### Building without a Permit



A building permit gives you legal permission to start work, this includes building, plumbing, electrical and HVAC.

A person, firm or corporation shall not erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, install, convert or demolish any building or structure (including fences & storage buildings) within the city without first obtaining a permit. (Sec. 18-21)  
Call 281-478-7253 and ask if you require a permit.