



City of Las Vegas • Department of Planning

CODE ENFORCEMENT



What is Code Enforcement?

Code Enforcement officers provide for the safety, health and welfare of citizens living and working in neighborhoods throughout the city of Las Vegas through enforcement of building, zoning, housing, environmental, nuisance and other codes and ordinances. These top 20 questions and answers are provided to you to assist in becoming a responsible property owner or tenant and prevent unsafe or offensive uses of property, while promoting and maintaining the quality of life in our communities.

Can I park a vehicle in the front or side yard of my property?

Front yard- Only on an approved driveway of concrete, asphalt or two-inch pavers that extends the full length and width of the vehicle. If your property is zoned R-A or R-E a surface of decomposed granite no less than two inches thick with defined borders is also an option.

Side yard- Obscured by a six-foot high fence to permanently screen the vehicles from view or on an approved driveway of concrete, asphalt or two-inch pavers that extends the full length and width of the vehicle.

Note: *Approved driveway has curb cuts that meet specifications established by the city.*

Can I keep a vehicle that is inoperable?

No more than one, up to 60 days. All vehicles must start/run or be stored in a garage and out of public view.

Note: *It is a safety hazard and violation to leave a vehicle unattended on a ramp or on jacks.*

Can I keep a vehicle that is missing parts?

No, a vehicle that is wrecked, partially wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled unless it is stored in a garage and out of public view, cannot be stored on property.

Can I repair vehicles at my house?

Only a vehicle owned by the property owner. The vehicle must be registered to a permanent resident at that location. Repairing vehicles belonging to family members, co-workers, friends, etc. for money or barter in a residential district is prohibited.

Can I park a commercial vehicle in a residential district?

No, the primary function of all vehicles in a residential district must be for the transportation of passengers and must be under a weight limit of one (1) ton.

Can I sell a vehicle from my house?

Yes, a property owner can have one (1) vehicle for sale at a time and is allowed to sell two (2) vehicles in one calendar year in a residential district.

Can I display my vehicle for sale in an empty lot?

No, Parking Enforcement can issue you a ticket.

To report a violation, call Parking Enforcement at 229-6432.

Can I park or store a vehicle in the street?

It is unlawful to abandon or park a vehicle in the street for more than 72 consecutive hours. Moving a vehicle every three (3) days a few feet will not avert a violation. To report vehicles parked on the street, call Parking Enforcement at 229-6432.

Can I store a recreational vehicle or trailer on my lot?

Unless vehicles are stored or parked within an enclosed building they must meet the following requirements:

Rear Yard - Allowed to be parked or stored on surface of pavers blocks of uniform appearance that are at least two inches thick or surface of decomposed granite no less than two inches thick with defined borders, or use concrete or asphalt, gravel or chat that extends the full length and width of the RV or trailer.

Side Yard - Obscured by a six-foot high fence to permanently screen the vehicles from view or on an approved driveway of concrete, asphalt or two-inch pavers that extends the full length and width of the RV or trailer.

Front Yard - *If rear or side yard access is not available the front yard may be utilized but must meet these requirements.*

If your property is zoned R-A, R-E, R-D or R-1 you are allowed to parked or store RVs or trailers on surface of pavers blocks of uniform appearance that are at least 2 inches thick or use concrete or asphalt, gravel or chat that extends the full length and width of the RV or trailer.

For R-A and R-E zoned properties a surface of decomposed granite no less than two inches thick with defined borders is also allowed.

Residential properties under .2 acres may not have recreational vehicles or trailers or combination over 24 feet in length measured from end to end including hitches and bumpers.

Can a person live in a motor home or trailer parked on my property or on the street?

No, motor homes or trailers cannot be connected to residential utilities or lived in unless they are in a RV park regardless if parked in front or rear yard. Mobile homes are only allowed in permitted and approved mobile home parks.

What can I keep in my front or side yard?

Items must be concealed from public view, or neighboring properties, unless they are designed to be outside. Barbecue grills, children's play toys and lawn furniture are allowed. Items that are not allowed include, couches, recliners, appliances, tires, wood, mattresses, box springs, tree limbs, temporary shade structures and other items that are not intended for outdoor use.

Can I build an addition or wall on my property?

A building permit is required to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert or demolish a building or structure. Contact Building and Safety at 229-6251 for information on permits.

Can a business be conducted from a residence?

Only if the owner receives a home occupation permit from the Planning Department 229-6301. A home occupation is an incidental or secondary use. The average neighbor under normal circumstances should not be aware of its existence. No storage of materials, equipment or supplies is allowed.

Can I drain my pool into the street?

No, it is unlawful to pour, throw, drain, pump or place any water, fluid, liquid matter or objects onto a street, ditch, lane, court, square, alley or vacant lot within the city of Las Vegas. The sewer clean-out should be used for drainage.

How many garage/yard sales can I have in a year? Do I need a permit?

No more than two (2) garage/yard sales shall be conducted on the premises in one calendar year. No sale shall last more than three (3) consecutive days in length. One outdoor sign may be used to advertise the sale. Such sign must not exceed 16 square feet in size and must be located within the boundaries of the lot on which the sale is to take place. A permit is not required.

Can I post signs on utility poles and/or other devices in public rights of way?

No, signs shall not be placed on public property, rights of way, utility pole or device. All signs are required to have a sign permit issued from the Planning Department 229-6301.

When and where can I place my trash can?

It is unlawful to place, keep, store or locate recyclables, or solid waste receptacles within the rights of way of a street, sidewalk, alley, or within a front yard. Receptacles may be placed within such areas for the purpose of the collection of solid waste and recyclables from midnight to midnight on the day designated for the pickup thereof, and for a period not to exceed ten (10) hours prior to midnight of the day of pickup.

Note: Green dumpsters are also deemed receptacles.

What is the code on high/overgrown weeds and dead vegetation?

All weeds, turf grass, and uncultivated plant growth can not exceed eight inches in height when visible from public property. Dead trees, plants and other vegetation that present a fire hazard or are otherwise a threat to property or to the health and safety of the public, must be removed.

Who do I call to report graffiti, open/vacant buildings or other neighborhood concerns?

There is a hotline provided by the city of Las Vegas to report violations. The number is 229-6615. Please provide the exact location of the violation or problem to help us expedite our response. If Code Enforcement does not handle it, we will refer the problem to the correct jurisdiction or department.



**For more information, please call
Code Enforcement at 229-6615.**

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