

Sec. 24-42. - Combustible materials accumulation prohibited.

It is unlawful for any person to allow to accumulate outside of and adjacent to any building or in any alley, sidewalk, street or premises within 30 feet of any building, any rubbish, trash, waste paper, excelsior, empty boxes or barrels or other inflammable materials.

Sec. 24-44. - Weeds to be removed.

It is unlawful for any owner, agent, lessee, tenant, or other person occupying or having charge or control of any premises to permit weeds to remain upon the premises or any area between the property lines of the premises and the centerline of any adjacent street or alley, including but not specifically limited to sidewalks, streets, alleys, easements, rights-of-way and all other areas, public or private.

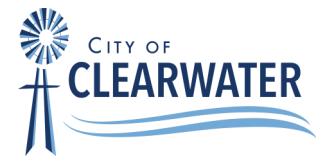
Sec. 38-421.—Landscape Requirements

No vegetation shall overhang a public street or sidewalk or obstruct views of pedestrian and vehicular movement

NEIGHBORHOOD QUALITY...

Keeping your neighborhood attractive through nuisance compliance

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Every citizen has a responsibility to protect property values by keeping our residential neighborhoods clean and attractive. This brochure highlights some City Ordinances to keep your neighborhood in compliance. The purpose of the ordinances is to maintain the public health, safety and welfare; to improve the appearance of our community and to protect property values. Please use this brochure to help you recognize potential violations and blights on your property and take corrective action to preserve your property value and the character of your neighborhood.



Sec. 24-1. - Definitions.

Noxious weeds means: kudzu, field bindweed, Russian knapweed, hoary cress, Canada thistle, quackgrass, leafy spurge, burragweed, pignut, musk thistle, and Johnson grass.

Nuisance means:

- 1) Unsheltered open storage of personalty, for a period of 30 days or more (except in licensed salvage yards);

- 2) Filth, excrement, lumber, brush, rocks, dirt, cans, paper, trash, metal or any other offensive or disagreeable thing or substance thrown, left or deposited upon any street, avenue, alley, sidewalk, park, public or private enclosure or lot whether vacant or occupied;
- 3) All dead animals not removed within 24 hours after death;
- 4) Any place or structure or substance which emits or causes any offensive, disagreeable or nauseous odors;
- 5) All stagnant ponds or pools of water;
- 6) All grass, brush, weeds or other unsightly vegetation not usually cultivated or grown for domestic use or to be marketed or for ornamental purposes;
- 7) Abandoned iceboxes or refrigerators kept on the premises under the control of any person, or deposited on the sanitary landfill, or any icebox or refrigerator not in actual use unless the door, opening or lid thereof is unhinged, or unfastened and removed;
- 8) All articles or things whatsoever caused, kept, maintained or permitted by any person to the injury, annoyance or inconvenience of the public or of any neighborhood;
- 9) Any fence, structure, thing or substance placed upon or being upon any street, sidewalk, alley or public ground so as to obstruct the same, except as permitted by the laws of the city.

Owner means: the owners, tenants, lessees, or occupants of any lot within the corporate limits of the city and also the owners and lessees of any personalty stored within the corporate limits of the city.

Personalty means: old, unused, stripped, junked, and other automobiles not in good and safe operating condition; equipment and personal property of any kind which is no longer safely usable for the purposes for which it was manufactured.

Weeds means any of the following:

- 1) Brush and woody vines;
- 2) Weeds and grasses which may attain such large growth as to become, when dry, a fire menace to adjacent improved property;
- 3) Weeds that bear or may bear seeds of a downy or wingy nature;
- 4) Weeds that are located in an area which harbors rats, insects, animals, reptiles, or any other creature which either may or does constitute a menace to health, public safety or welfare;
- 5) Weeds and grasses on or about any property which, because of their height, have a blighting influence on the neighborhood. Any such weeds and indigenous grasses shall be presumed to be blighting if they exceed eight inches in height.

Sec. 24-4. - Right of entry; investigation of premises.

Any police officer or compliance officer has the right of access and entry upon private property at any reasonable time for routine inspection or for investigation upon receipt of a complaint of a suspected *nuisance* and to record any identification numbers visible on personalty.

Sec. 24-41. - Rubbish accumulation prohibited.

Every person occupying property within the city limits shall keep his premises clean and shall not allow any hay, fodder, straw, manure or rubbish to accumulate on their property or in the adjacent alley.