

Code Violations

The City understands code violations are a major concern. When you report a code violation to us, an inspector goes to the address you gave us to check your complaint. If there is a code violation, the inspector issues a notice to correct the problem.

Sometimes a courtesy notice is the first step. Other times official legal notice is posted. We take enforcement action if the problem isn't corrected on the inspector's next visit.

Enforcement

Enforcement action the City can take varies. Inspectors write citations for violations such as exterior property maintenance and illegal outdoor storage. In other cases, such as overgrown lots and junk, the City can clean up the location then bill the property owner for the work. Inoperative vehicles on private property or cars abandoned in the street can be towed away.

Confidentiality

All problems reported to the Action Center are confidential. The City is the complaining party – not you or your neighborhood. You don't have to give us a name or phone number.

How to Report a Violation

web okc.gov/action

email action.center@okc.gov

call 297-2535

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Helpful Numbers

Action Center	297-2535
Alarm Permits	297-1109
Arson Hotline	232-7766
Drug/Gang Hotline	232-6272
Garage Sale Permits	297-2606
Trash/Bulk Waste Inquiries	297-2833
Pothole Hotline	631-1111
Utility Billing	297-2833
Water/Sewer Emergency	297-3334

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Illegal Outside Storage: Outside storage in a residential area is prohibited. (The only commercial district that allows outside storage is C-4.) To find out about a property's zoning, log on to www.okc.gov/planning or call the Action Center at 297-2535.

Municipal Code Chapter 59, Section 9350.47

Business Operations and Auto Repair in Residential Areas: Most business operations are not allowed in single family residential areas. Major auto repair, even done by a homeowner, is a code violation.

Municipal Code Chapter 59, Section 6100.1

Illegally Placed Signs: Any sign placed in a public or private right of way is subject to removal and disposal without notice by the City. Examples are signs placed on utility poles, traffic sign poles or medians.

Municipal Code Chapter 3, Section 81, (d)

Illegal Parking: Parking on an unpaved surface or on a city sidewalk or right-of-way is a violation. This includes boats, trailers and RV's.

Municipal Code Chapter 59, Section 10250.8

High Grass and Weeds: City ordinance defines grass to be in violation when it reaches a height of 12 inches. Property owners are also responsible for maintaining alleys and right-of-ways adjacent to their property.

Municipal Code Chapter 35, Section 63

Graffiti: It is against City ordinance to allow graffiti to remain on a property. The property owner is responsible for removing it.

Municipal Code Chapter 35, Section 147

Junk and Debris: Property owners are required to keep their property, including alleys and right-of-ways adjacent to their property, clean and free from trash. Trash is defined as, but not limited to, refuse, litter, debris, or any other matter that is uncared for, discarded or abandoned.

Municipal Code Chapter 35, Section 103

Exterior Property Maintenance: Property owners are required to keep their property in good repair and properly maintained. Examples include but are not limited to roofs, fences and painted surfaces.

Municipal Code Chapter 24, Article IV

Dilapidated and Unsecured Structures: Dilapidated and unsecured structures not only pose a safety hazard to the community they are a violation of Oklahoma State Statutes. Dilapidated structures are those with foundation damage, collapsing roof, major structural damage and decay. Unsecured structures are those with broken windows, unlocked or open doors and holes in the roof or outer walls.

Title 11, Oklahoma State Statute, Section 22

Maintenance of Screening and Fencing: All sight-proof screening (trees or other barriers) and fencing must be maintained and kept in good repair.

Municipal Code Chapter 59, Section 11150

Dilapidated Signs: Signs must be kept in good repair, clearly legible and free of damage, deterioration and/or defacement.

Municipal Code Chapter 3, Section 83

Dead or diseased trees: If you own a tree that has limbs overhanging a sidewalk or street, it is your responsibility to keep them trimmed.

Municipal Code Chapter 53-21, (a)

Inoperable Vehicles: Inoperable vehicles are not allowed on public or private property, including driveways. Examples include wrecked cars, vehicles partially or completely dismantled, rusted, junked or abandoned. Vehicles with flat or no tires or with an expired or missing tag are also included.

Municipal Code Chapter 35, Section 37

Commercial Vehicles: Commercial vehicles shall not be parked or stored in residentially zoned areas.

Municipal Code Chapter 59, Section 10450

Livestock or Poultry: Raising livestock or poultry on a lot/parcel less than one acre is a violation of City code.

Municipal Code Chapter 59, Section 9350.8

Bulk Waste: Bulk waste can be put out to the curb for collection no more than three days before the scheduled pick up date.

Municipal Code Chapter 45, Section 25

Big Blue: Big Blue can be put at the curb after 7 p.m. or at dusk the day before collection day and must be wheeled back and legally stored at the side or rear of the structure, no later than 8 p.m. the day after collection.

Municipal Code Chapter 49, Section 45