

# The Top 10 Environmental Code Violations

- 1. High Grass and Weeds (seasonal). *The Problem.*** Any property that has grass or weeds taller than 12 inches is declared a nuisance. Property owners should be notified one time via certified mail to mow down tall weeds and grass. If property owners fail to keep the grass mowed, the City will send in a mowing contractor to mow and clean the property. ***The Solution.*** Property owners must monitor their property and keep grass below 12 inches.
- 2. Trash and Debris. *The Problem.*** Whatever is dangerous, hazardous, offensive or detrimental to human life or health. ***The Solution.*** Remove from property debris, rubbish, trash, dismantled furnishings or items stored in the yard or on porches.
- 3. Junk Vehicles. *The Problem.*** Any motor vehicle that meets the State of Texas definition of a junked motor vehicle. A junk vehicle is identified as: not having a valid license plate or inspection sticker; being wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled or discarded; being inoperable for more than 30 consecutive days; and being visible from public property or rights-of-way. ***The Solution.*** Make sure vehicles meet requirements of the City Ordinance.
- 4. Front Yard Parking. *The Problem.*** Parking any motor vehicle, trailer, or boat on any portion of unpaved front or side yard. ***The Solution.*** Park motor vehicles on hard, concrete or asphalt surfaces or six inches of gravel bounded by permanent borders of concrete or stone.
- 5. Substandard Structures. *The Problem.*** Not meeting or conforming with one or more of the minimum building standards or ordinances to an extent that endangers the life, health, morals, property, safety or welfare of the public. ***The Solution.*** Maintain property and ensure that it meets the City's minimum building standard codes.
- 6. Animal Related Issues. *The Problem.*** Having more than the maximum number of animals permitted by City Ordinance. ***The solution.*** Maintain the number of animals as required by City Ordinance.
- 7. Open and Vacant Structures. *The Problem.*** An unoccupied building that is open and unsecured. ***The Solution.*** Maintain and secure property at all times as required by City Ordinance.
- 8. Zoning Issues. *The Problem.*** Any person operating a motor vehicle junk/storage yard or a business from a residentially zoned property, any encroachment of public right of way, installation of illegal fences, the accumulation of outside storage or any illegal land use that is contrary to the City's comprehensive zoning ordinance. ***The solution.*** Conform to the City's ordinance.
- 9. Oversized Vehicles. *The Problem.*** Any oversized commercial or recreational vehicle. ***The Solution.*** Do not park any oversized commercial or recreational vehicle in a residential area.
- 10. Graffiti. *The Problem.*** Property owners who fail to remove graffiti from their property. ***The Solution.*** Remove any visible graffiti from property.

