

Property Maintenance Code

In the 2006 Citizen Survey, residents identified enforcement of codes for buildings and housing as one of the city issues that should receive the most emphasis over the next two years. Citizens expressed specific interest in the city enforcing maintenance of residential property. In response to this request, City Council adopted a Property Maintenance Code and an updated Nuisance Code in November of 2007. These codes apply to all existing residential and nonresidential structures and all existing premises and constitute the minimum requirements and standards for structures and properties.



The focus of the codes is on the exterior maintenance of buildings and the maintenance of properties. The City Code Enforcement Officer and Building Official are responsible for administration and enforcement of the code. Complaints may be phoned in, mailed in, or sent electronically by using the Feedback Form available from the city website. Once a complaint is filed, an inspector will complete an inspection within 48 hours. If a violation is found, a notice will be sent to the property owner and/or tenant to abate the violation.

Typical violations include:

- Grass over 12" in height.
- Trash or debris in the yard.
- Dilapidated fence or accessory building.
- Inoperable vehicle.
- Stairways, decks, or structure in disrepair.
- Blockage of any drainage swale.

Complaints may be filed by:

Phone: 816-892-3027

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Web: www.raymore.com use the Feedback Form

HOME IMPROVEMENTS . . . Is a Building Permit Required?

Planning on:

- Building a shed or accessory building?
- Installing a pool, hot tub or gazebo?
- Installing a fence?
- Replacing a hot water heater?
- Refinishing your basement?
- Building a deck?

A building permit is most likely required. Permits are required for sheds or any other accessory buildings or outbuildings over 120 square feet. There are policies that must be followed for any size building, though.

If in doubt whether a permit is required, be sure to contact the Building Inspections Department, 816-331-7916. You

can also check out the flyers on-line that will explain in further detail what is required.

