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Did you know?

Common Code Violations Deteriorate Our Neighborhoods.

The Code Compliance Officer works with the citizens of Newberg to encourage safe and healthy neighborhoods. The City of Newberg has adopted a number of ordinances to help guide the enforcement process.

The goal of the City is to ensure a safe, attractive, and vibrant community through volunteer compliance. If you feel that a code violation exists in your neighborhood, first speak with your neighbor. It may be difficult, but your neighbor will appreciate that you respectfully brought the matter to their attention before getting the City involved. If a tactful, neighbor-to-neighbor conversation does not resolve the issue and you would like to file a complaint, you may fill out a complaint form found on the Code Compliance page on the City's Website. This may be submitted in person at City Hall, mailed, or emailed. Additionally, you may report an issue with eTRAKIT, the City's new system that allows submission and tracking of code-related questions and complaints.

Below is a list of the more common code violations found in Newberg. Please review and pass the word on to your neighbors. Help your neighbors to know what is allowed and what contributes to safety hazards and deterioration in our neighborhoods.

1. Did you know? Discarded vehicles are not allowed to be stored on private or public property for more than 72 hours.

Discarded motor vehicles bring down the appearance of neighborhoods. The definition of "discarded vehicle" is: Any vehicle which does not have lawfully affixed thereto a license plate or has affixed to it an expired license plate, and is in one or more of the following conditions: (1) Inoperative; (2) Wrecked; (3) Dismantled; (4) Partially dismantled; (5) Abandoned; or (6) Junked.

Please see § 8.05 of the Newberg Municipal Code for more details.

2. Did you know? Campers, boats, trailers, and R.V.s may not be parked in the front yard setback on private property for more than 48 hours.

The front yard setback in residential areas is the first 15 feet back from the front property line (often the interior edge of the sidewalk). Parking of these types of vehicles is allowed in interior yards, but the vehicles must still be located outside of the front setback (15 ft back).

Please see § 15.410.070(E) of the Newberg Municipal Code for more details.

3. Did you know? Using a recreational vehicle (R.V.) as a permanent living space is not allowed.

The City does not allow individuals to occupy a recreational vehicle as a permanent living space. Vacation trailers and pickup campers may be used by visitors of residents for a period of time not to exceed 14 days per calendar year. Campers and trailers must still comply with all applicable parking regulations (see above).

Please see § 15.445.165 of the Newberg Municipal Code for more details.

4. Did you know? Signs placed in the public right-of-way are regulated by the Newberg City Code.

The public right-of-way generally includes the street, the planter strip, and the sidewalk. Portable signs may be placed in these areas without a permit, but must comply with certain restrictions. Restrictions vary depending on zoning district and location. Any temporary signs within the right-of-way that violate these restrictions, including garage sale signs, are subject to confiscation and removal. All signs are regulated by city ordinance and a permit is required for most permanent signs.

Please see § 15.435 of the Newberg Municipal Code for more details.

5. Did you know? Garbage and junk accumulation on properties is not allowed.

Garbage, trash, and/or junk accumulation reduces property values and harbors pests and disease. The City Municipal Code addresses both garbage and junk accumulation in § 8.15.040, 8.15.050, and 8.15.090 respectively (see below).

§ 8.15.040 Garbage Accumulation: It shall be unlawful for any person to place, leave, dump or permit the accumulation of any garbage or trash in any building, structure or premises so that the same shall afford food or harborage for rats, or to dump or place on any premises, land or waterway any dead animals, waste vegetable, or animal matter of any kind.

§ 8.15.050 Junk Accumulation: It shall be unlawful for any person to accumulate or permit the accumulation on any open lot or other premises of any lumber, boxes, barrels, bricks, stones, scrap metal, motor vehicle bodies or parts, or similar materials, rubbish or any articles of junk which could provide rat-harborage, unless the same shall be placed on open racks that are elevated not less than three inches above the ground and shall be evenly piled or stacked.

§ 8.15.090 Scattering rubbish: No person shall deposit upon public or private property any kind of rubbish, trash, debris, refuse or any substance that would mar the appearance, create a stench or fire hazard, detract from the cleanliness or safety of the property, or would be likely to injure a person, animal or vehicle traveling upon a public way.

6. Did you know? The Building Division requires a permit for multiple applications.

A Building Permit is required for structural, mechanical, electrical and plumbing changes, as per the Oregon Residential Specialty Code. However, there are some exceptions to Oregon State Law. Here are a few common residential exceptions:

- 1) Porches or decks, where the floor or deck is not more than 30 inches above adjacent grade at any point and where the edge of the porch, deck or floor does not come closer than 5 feet to property lines.
- 2) Except for barriers around swimming pools as required in Appendix G, fences not over 6 feet in height.
- 3) Non-Habitable one-story detached accessory structures, provided the floor area does not exceed 200 square feet and a height of 10 feet measured from the finished floor level, to the average height of the roof surface.
- 4) Retaining walls that are not over 4 feet in height measured from the bottom of the footing to the top of the wall, unless supporting a surcharge.
- 5) Patio and porch covers not over 200 square feet and supported by an exterior building wall.

For more information regarding State Building Codes, contact the City of Newberg Building Division at (503) 537-1240.

7. Did you know? Overgrown brush, grass and weeds are a fire hazard and are required to be cut at least once between May 15 and July 15.

Tall grass and weeds are unsightly, can lead to rodent populations, and can reflect that the property is not cared for – a potential invitation to crime. During the hot months, tall vegetation (over 10 inches in height) is a fire hazard and is required to be cut at least once per year between May 15 and July 15. In addition, the Fire Chief may require that vegetation be cut at any time of the year as necessary to control fire hazards.

For more information on brush, grass and weed control, see § 8.20 of the Newberg Municipal Code.

8. Did you know? It is unlawful to violate public utilities in any manner, including connecting to a water meter without a permit, injury to or obstruction of a water line or water meter, or by putting harmful substances into the City waste water system.

For more details about public utilities, see § 13 of the Newberg Municipal Code or call the Newberg Public Works Maintenance Division at 503-537-1234.

9. Did you know? Sidewalk repair is the responsibility of the homeowner abutting the sidewalk.

Damaged or dangerous sidewalks must be repaired by the owner of the property adjacent to that particular section. A sidewalk repair permit is required and may be obtained at City Hall.

For more information, see § 12.05 of the Newberg Municipal Code or email Code Compliance at bryan.corn@newbergoregon.gov.