

CITY OF JONESTOWN TOP TEN CODE VIOLATIONS

1. HIGH GRASS & WEEDS

The Problem: Any property that has grass or weeds taller than 12 inches is declared a nuisance. High grass and weeds provides a nesting ground for insects and rodents, creates a fire hazard, and reduces the value of private property.

The Solution: Property owners must monitor their property and keep grass below 12 inches.

2. TRASH, DEBRIS, & BRUSH

The Problem: Whatever is dangerous, hazardous, offensive, or detrimental to human life or health. All household trash must be stored in a container with a lid. Including automotive tires & brush

The Solution: Remove from property all debris, rubbish, trash, dismantled furnishings, tires, brush, and/ or items stored in the yard or porches.

3. CONSTRUCTION WITHOUT PERMIT

The Problem: Performing any electrical and/or plumbing work, or constructing any accessory building, porch, deck, carport, etc. without the City's approval and proper issued permit.

The Solution: Before performing any construction work, check with the City building department to verify if a permit is needed. Failure to do so could result in double permit fees and possibly having to remove the structure from the property.

4. ZONING ISSUES

The Problem: Any person operating 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 zoning ordinance.

8. TREE TRIMMING/ REMOVAL

The Problem: Trimming or removing any tree from property (dead or alive) without the City's approval and proper permit issued.

The Solution: Contact the City before trimming or removing any tree from property.

6. 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 current license plate or motor vehicle inspection sticker; being wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled, or discarded; on private property, any vehicle not working for more than 30 consecutive days, or on public property, any vehicle not working for more than 72 consecutive hours. Junk vehicles may not be visible from public view.

The Solution: Make sure all vehicles meet requirements of the City ordinance.

7. OVERSIZED VEHICLES

The Problem: Storing and/or parking any commercial vehicle in a commercial or residential district.

The Solution: Store all commercial vehicles outside the City limits or in a dedicated storage lot.

8. SUBSTANDARD BUILDINGS

The Problem: Not meeting or conforming with one or more of the minimum building standards ordinance 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 standards code.

9. CONSTRUCTION MATERIAL

The Problem: The storage of any and all construction material ie: landscaping rock, flooring tiles, lumber, dirt, etc.

The Solution: Eliminate all construction material from property, or store all construction material inside garage or storage shed.

10. BOAT DOCKS

The Problem: All boat docks must be permitted through the City and must have appropriate inspections done during the construction.

The Solution: Submit application and all plans to the City building inspection department for approval and permit issuance.