

# Structure Addressing



## Why Structure Addressing:

Having your address plainly displayed on your home or business is a must! How will first responders find your home in an emergency? How will mail carriers or home delivery carriers know where to deliver your mail or orders? Your home or business and your mailbox should be plainly marked.

## City Code – 2016-02

Any and all Structures located within the City limits, used for any purpose, as well as construction job sites shall display the assigned address number to said structure or job site at the front entrance of said structure or site. Numerals indicating the official numbers of each structure shall be posted in a manner as to be clearly marked and legible and distinguishable from the street on which the property is located, with the letters or numbers painted or applied in a contrasting color of the background. Said letters and numbers shall be no less than two and one-half (2 ½”) inches in height.

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## Public Notice



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## Enforcement

The violation of any such provision of this chapter shall be punished by a fine and court cost.

A fine may be given for each day during which the violation is committed.

# JUNKED VEHICLES

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The presence of junk vehicles threatens the character and safety of neighborhoods. They cause deterioration of neighborhoods partly due to the visual blight, which affects property values. Junked vehicles can create attractive nuisances for children, and provide harborages for rodents, insects, and other pests.

## Public Notice

A joint initiative of the Tool Code Enforcement and our HOA/POA will soon begin to give attention to areas within the city that have a concentration of junk/abandoned vehicles.



A junked vehicle, boat, parts of such vehicles and/or boats, and trailers which are located in any place which is visible from a public place or public right of way is hereby determined to be unlawful.

## City Code – Chapter 131

- **BOAT.** Every description of watercraft used or capable of being used as a means of transportation on water.
- **JUNKED BOAT.** Any boat that is rusted, wrecked, partially dismantled, inoperable, or abandoned, whether attended to or not.
- **JUNKED VEHICLE.** A vehicle that is self-propelled and:
  1. Does not have lawfully attached to it:
    - An unexpired license plate.
    - A valid motor vehicle inspection certificate.
    - A valid motor vehicle registration sticker.
  2. Is wrecked, dismantled, or partially dismantled or discarded.
  3. Is inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than seventy-two consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property, or thirty consecutive days if the vehicle is on private property.
- **MOTOR VEHICLE.** Any motor vehicle subject to registration pursuant to the Texas Certificate of Title Act.
- **TRAILER.** Any device which has no independent power mechanism of its own, but which can be attached to a vehicle.



## Enforcement

Violators may be mailed or written a citation on the spot and assessed a fine and court cost for each violation.

**A fine may be given for each day  
the violation remains.**



# Animal Registration & Law



Any person owning, keeping, or harboring one or more animals. An animal shall be deemed to be harbored if it is fed, sheltered, or allowed or permitted to remain on a person's property or property under the control of the person for three or more days without the person notifying the office of the regulatory authority.

## City Code – Chapter 90

**It shall be unlawful for any person who shall own animal or harbor any in the city, to:**

- **No person shall own, keep, or harbor within the city any dog or cat four months of age or older unless such animal has a current rabies vaccination. The animal must be re-vaccinated before the expiration of the first of each subsequent current vaccination period.**
- **The owner of a dog or a cat shall cause said dog or cat to wear, at all times, a secure collar or harness evidencing proof of current vaccination.**
- **It shall be unlawful for any person to keep more than four dogs or four cats or any combination of such animals.**
- **No owner or keeper of any animal shall permit or allow any animal to run at large within the city limits.**
- **All pets kept within the City of Tool must be registered with the city, the fee for registration will be \$10 per animal and will be valid for a term of one calendar year.**

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## Public Notice

It shall be a violation of this chapter for a person to dump, release or abandon any animal whatsoever on any property, whether public or private, within the city.



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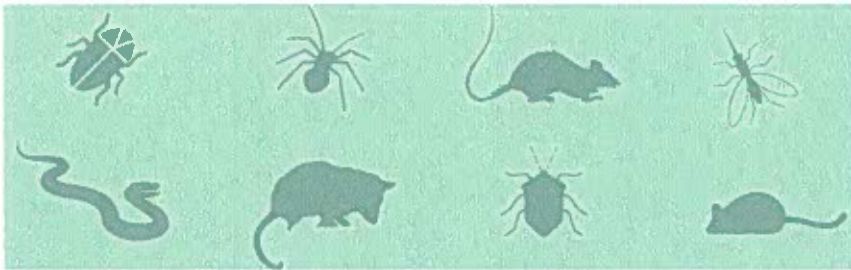
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# TALL WEEDS & GRASS

While short grass and weeds may look nice, it is also an important way to prevent rodents, insects and stagnant water from developing as a result of overgrowth. When grass and weeds are maintained below 12 inches, our community not only looks better, but it's also cleaner and safer.



## City Code – Chapter 91

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation who shall own or occupy any lot or lots in the city, to:

- allow weeds exceeding 12 inches in height,
- rubbish,
- brush, or
- any other unsightly, objectionable, or unsanitary matter to accumulate or grow on said lot or lots.

*Land zoned for agriculture purposes are exempt from the weed height.*



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A joint initiative of the City Code Enforcement and our HOA/POA is in effect to give attention to areas within the city that have a concentration of tall weeds and grass.



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## Enforcement

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# Burning Restrictions



## Materials prohibited from burning at any time:

domestic waste, bulk waste, construction or demolition debris that contains prohibited materials metal wiring, shingles or other asphaltic or petroleum based products, chemical waste, potentially explosive materials such as batteries and aerosol cans, asphalt materials such as shingles, rubber products (natural or synthetic) such as tires, electrical wiring insulation, fiberglass products, glass products or containers, metal cans or containers, plastics, oil products such as heavy oil, machine oil, motor oil, transmission fluids and any petroleum-based products not specifically identified above.

## City Code – Chapter 92

- Begin burning no earlier than one hour after sunrise, and end the same day, no later than one hour before sunset.
- Burning must be attended until extinguished.
- Residual fires or smoldering embers must be extinguished.
- Remaining debris from burning must be disposed of.
- Burning must not cause a traffic hazard.
- Burning shall not contain any prohibited materials.

*The county's volunteer Fire Department is for the purpose of preservation of life and property from fire.*

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## Public Notice

The Mayor, or his or her designee, after consultation with the City Police Chief and/or the County Emergency Services District #4, is hereby authorized and directed to execute an emergency order to ban all outdoor burning within the corporate city limits and its extra-territorial jurisdiction.



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CHAPTER 91: NUISANCES

Section

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*Authority of municipality to regulate weeds and grass, see Tex. Health and Safety Code, § 342.004*  
*Municipal authority concerning filth, carrion and other unwholesome matter, see Tex. Health and Safety Code, § 342.003*  
*Municipal authority concerning stagnant water, see Tex. Health and Safety Code, § 342.001*

**STAGNANT WATER, FILTH AND TALL WEEDS**

**§ 91.01 STAGNANT WATER PROHIBITED.**

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation who shall own or occupy any lot or lots in the city, to permit or allow holes or places on said lots where water may accumulate and become stagnant, or to permit same to remain.

(B) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation who shall own or occupy any lot or lots in the city, to permit or allow the accumulation of stagnant water thereon, or to permit same to remain. (1995 Code, § 6.101) (Ord. 96, passed 9-10-1992) Penalty, see § 91.99

**§ 91.02 FILTH PROHIBITED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation who shall own or occupy any house, buildings, establishment, lot or yard in the city to permit or allow any carrion, filth or other impure or unwholesome matter to accumulate or remain thereon. (1995 Code, § 6.102) (Ord. 96, passed 9-10-1992) Penalty, see § 91.99

**§ 91.03 TALL WEEDS AND GRASS PROHIBITED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation who shall own or occupy any lot or lots in the city, to allow weeds exceeding 12 inches in height, rubbish, brush or any other unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter to accumulate or grow on said lot or lots, lands used for agriculture purposes are exempt from the weed height. (1995 Code, § 6.103) (Ord. 96, passed 9-10-1992) Penalty, see § 91.99

**§ 91.04 DUMPING ON PROPERTY PROHIBITED.**

It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or corporation to dump, throw, deposit or leave any refuse, garbage, rubbish, trash, leaves, limbs, dead trees or tree trunks or junk on any street, right-of-way or easement, public property or private property within the city, whether or not the same or the property upon which it is dumped, deposited or left belongs to the person, firm or corporation dumping, depositing or leaving it.  
(1995 Code, § 6.104) (Ord. 96, passed 9-10-1992)  
Penalty, see § 91.99

**§ 91.05 CODE ENFORCER TO ENFORCE SUBCHAPTER.**

The fully appointed City Inspector is hereby authorized to inspect any and all property located in the city limits, for the purposes of enforcement of this subchapter, and is further authorized to order any property owner to eliminate any act or omission as set out herein to ensure compliance with this subchapter.  
(1995 Code, § 6.105) (Ord. 96, passed 9-10-1992)

**§ 91.06 NOTICE OF VIOLATION.**

(A) In the event that any person owning, claiming, occupying or having supervision or control of any real property, occupied or unoccupied, within the corporate limits of the city fails to comply with the provisions of this subchapter, it shall be the duty of the person designated by the City Council to enforce the provisions of this subchapter to give ten days' notice in writing to such person, or by letter addressed to such person at his or her post office address, or by publication two time within ten consecutive days in the city's official newspaper, or by posting the notice on a placard attached to the property to which the violation relates, or by posting the notice on a placard attached to a stake driven into the ground on the property to which the violation relates, if the property contains no buildings.

(B) In the notice herein provided for, the city shall have the right to inform the property owner that if he or she commits another violation of the same kind or nature on or before the first anniversary of the date of the notice, the city may, without further notice, correct the violation at the owner's expense and assess the expense against the property.  
(1995 Code, § 6.106) (Ord. 96, passed 9-10-1992)

**§ 91.07 STATEMENT OF EXPENSES.**

The Mayor or City Inspector shall file a statement of such expenses incurred under § 91.06, as the case may be, giving a legal description of the property, the amount of such expenses, the date on which said work was done or improvements made, with the County Clerk; and the city shall have a privileged lien on such lot or lots or real estate upon which said work was done or improvements made to secure the expenditures so made, in accordance with the provisions of said Tex. Health and Safety Code §§ 342.001 et seq., which said lien shall be second only to tax liens and liens for street improvements; and said amount shall bear 10% interest from the date said statement was filed. It is further provided that for any such expenditures, and interest, as aforesaid, suit may be instituted and recovery and foreclosure of said lien may be had in the name of the city; and the statement of expenses so made, as aforesaid, or a certified copy thereof; shall be prima facie proof of the amount expended for such work or improvements.  
(1995 Code, § 6.107) (Ord. 96, passed 9-10-1992)

**NOISES**

**§ 91.20 LOUD NOISES PROHIBITED; ENUMERATION.**

(A) No person shall make or cause to be made any loud and raucous noise in the city which is offensive to the ordinary sensibilities of the inhabitants of the city, which noise renders the enjoyment of life or property uncomfortable or interferes with public peace and comfort.

(B) The following acts, among others, are declared to be loud, disturbing and unnecessary noises in violation of this section; provided, however, that such enumeration shall not be construed to be exclusive to other noises, to-wit.

(1) *Radios, compact disc systems, speakers, stereo systems, phonographs and musical instruments.* The playing of any radio, compact disc systems, speakers, stereo systems phonographs or any musical instrument in such a manner, or with such volume, particularly between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., so as to create a noise such as reasonably calculated to disturb a person of ordinary disposition under the same or similar circumstances, residing in a dwelling or other type of residence in the vicinity shall be deemed a violation.

(2) *Vehicles and motorcycles.*

(a) The use of any automobile, motorcycle or other vehicle or motorized equipment so out of repair, or loaded or operated in such a manner as to create loud or unnecessary noises, such as spinning or squealing of tires, grating, grinding, rattling or other noises, shall be deemed a violation of this section.

(b) Also, the parking, storage or repairing of any motor vehicle, motorcycle or motorized equipment between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m., with any motors left in operation for an extended period shall be deemed a violation of this section.

(3) *Vehicle radios, compact disc systems, speakers and stereo systems.* The playing of any radio, compact disc system, speaker or stereo system, whether stationary or located within a motor vehicle, in such manner or with such volume as to disturb persons or substantially impair the use or enjoyment of public or private property, shall be in violation of this section (Heard within a 50-foot limitation on music volume.)

(Ord. 113, passed 10-19-2000) Penalty, see § 91.99

**§ 91.99 PENALTY.**

(A) Any person violating any provision of this chapter for which no specific penalty is prescribed shall be subject to § 10.99.

(B) Any person, firm or individual who shall violate any of the provisions of §§ 91.01 through 91.07 shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and upon conviction, shall be fined in accordance with the general penalty provision found in § 10.99 and such and every day's violation shall constitute a separate and distinct offense, in case the owner or occupant of any lot, lots or premises under the provisions of §§ 91.01 through 91.07 shall be a corporation, and shall violate any provision of §§ 91.01 through 91.07, the president, vice-president, secretary, treasurer of such corporation, or any manager, agent or employee of such corporation shall be also severally liable for the penalties herein provided. When two previous warnings have been issued on the same property within a continuous 12-month period, upon the issuance of a third notice of violation the person, firm or individual shall be immediately guilty of a misdemeanor and subject to the fines as set out in this section.

(1995 Code, § 6.108)

(C) Whoever shall be found guilty of violating any portion or portions of § 91.20 shall be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not more than the maximum amount permitted by state law, for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed for each day of violation. (Ord. 96, passed 9-10-1992; Ord. 113, passed 10-19-2000)