

# ***PRESTON COMMONS GUIDELINES***

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## **HOMEOWNER DUES**

Annual homeowner dues are collected each spring. Homeowner dues are used to pay for maintenance of the commons area, entryway landscaping and lighting, street sign painting, etc.

## **LANDSCAPING**

All landscaping must be kept "properly maintained, properly cultivated, and free of trash and other unsightly material".

## **EXTERIOR HOME IMPROVEMENTS**

All external home improvements must fall within the rules of the Preston Commons deed restrictions and should get prior approval from the homeowners' association and also the City of Columbus when applicable. Please check with the Preston Commons Homeowners' Association before building decks and patios or replacing roofs, siding, etc. Your cooperation will keep our neighborhood looking uniform and aesthetically appealing as it was set out to be upon conception.

- All mailboxes are to be of uniform appearance (dark green).
- All driveways are to be paved with black top.
- All shingles are to remain their original color and style (Weatherwood gray).
- Siding and paint to remain a color standard in the neighborhood.
- No fences allowed.
- No pools are permitted.

## **SIDEWALK MAINTENANCE**

Homeowners are responsible for maintaining the sidewalks and driveway entrances on their property. Please reference the Columbus City codes below.

### **905.04 Maintenance and repair.**

The maintenance and repair of all sidewalks and driveway entrances shall be done by the use of materials of the same or nearly the same kind as used in the original construction as permitted by current specifications. Sidewalks must be maintained or repaired using Portland cement concrete.

The property owner of record is responsible for the proper maintenance and repair of all such sidewalks and driveway entrances in the right-of-way of any improved or unimproved street, alley or other public way in the city, which provide access around, in or to any private property, as provided herein. This includes for driveway entrances, any curb dropped or otherwise within the driveway entrance opening, including flairs and radii at the curb line. (Ord. 2226-88.)

### **PARKING OF TRAILERS, BOATS, AND RECREATIONAL VEHICLES**

Parking of trailers, boats, campers, and recreation vehicles are only permitted up to 48 hours within a 30 day period in your driveway per our deed restrictions. The City of Columbus has very strict regulations against such parking on any of our neighborhood streets as well (see below). Please store all trailers, boats, and recreational vehicles in your garage or somewhere out of the neighborhood. Thank you for your cooperation.

[Below are some of the notable Columbus City codes regarding parking on our neighborhood streets:](#)

#### **2151.20 Limitations on truck, bus and trailer parking.**

"(a) No owner or driver of a truck, bus, tractor, trailer, semitrailer or house vehicle shall park or stand such vehicle on any street for a period longer than one (1) hour. However, this section shall not apply to trucks or trailers used for conveying the necessary tools and materials to premises where labor, using such tools and materials, is to be performed during the actual time of parking such trucks or trailers, nor to motor trucks or buses conveying passengers to any public meeting, assembly, church, convention or entertainment during the actual session of any such public meeting, assembly, church, convention or entertainment, nor to the actual time during which a motor truck, motor truck tractor, trailer or semitrailer is being loaded or unloaded or used to deliver or hoist property or merchandise for completion of delivery.

(b) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 2150. (Ord. 3440-86: Ord. 2120-03 § 1 (part).)"

#### **2151.09 Maximum continuous street parking in same location.**

"(a) No person who is the owner, agent, operator or other person in charge of any vehicle shall permit such vehicle to remain parked, standing, or abandoned upon any street for a continuous period longer than seventy-two (72) hours. This section shall

not be construed as affecting any other parking regulation now in effect or that may hereafter become effective but shall be construed as an additional parking limitation. Likewise, the impounding procedures of vehicles on any freeway, expressway or accessway are not affected by this section. The purpose of this section is to prohibit continuous long-time parking and the storage of vehicles on city streets.

(b) A violation of this section constitutes the commission of a parking infraction to be handled pursuant to and governed by the provisions of Chapter 2150. (Ord. 1445-80: Ord. 2120-03 § 1 (part).)"

#### **2151.24 Prohibition against leaving junk motor vehicles on private property.**

"No person shall leave a junk motor vehicle as defined in Section 2101.56 on private property for more than seventy-two (72) hours. This prohibition is effective even if the person with the right to possession of the property has given consent or if the person leaving such vehicle owns, leases or otherwise lawfully possesses the property upon which the vehicle is parked. (Ord. 0787-02 § 5.)"

#### **STREET LIGHTS AND STREET MAINTENANCE**

The streets and street lights within our neighborhood are maintained by the City of Columbus. Columbus is responsible for paving, patching, and snow removal.

#### **FIRE HYDRANTS**

Fire hydrants must be left their original yellow color. Please do not paint them.

#### **SAFETY REMINDERS**

Here are some reminders to help keep our neighborhood safe.

- For your safety, please keep garage doors shut and doors locked *at all times*.
- Watch your speed while driving through the neighborhood.
- Hide belongings left in vehicles while parked outside.
- Control aggressive dogs at all times.
- Call the Columbus Police if you see any suspicious activity.

#### **FRIENDLY REMINDERS**

Here are a few ways to be a good neighbor.

- Pick up after your dog and have them leashed while walking.
- Do not block sidewalks with vehicles to allow pedestrians room to walk.

- Keep yard mowed and landscaping well maintained.
- Keep sidewalk free from ice and snow in the winter (it's the law!).
- Do not park boats, campers, and trailers in the neighborhood for long periods.