

CODE ENFORCEMENT



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Oh, the TROUBLE With Vehicles, Trees and CODE VIOLATIONS

Parking Issues, Overgrown Trees Cause Complaints in City

Many of us own cars. Many of us have fun campers or boats. And, most of us have yards which include trees and other vegetation. These things help us enjoy our time off, our time at home, and our time in Fruit Heights.

But, like most things in life, rules or codes must apply in order to keep people safe, and keep Fruit Heights beautiful.

All cities have municipal codes to help govern communities. These codes contain rules ranging from where businesses may be located, to what kind of animals may be kept on property, to parking restrictions, and the required upkeep of property.

In a new program, Fruit Heights City will now issue a "Courtesy Notice" when action is needed. It is the goal of the Code Enforcement Department to work together with residents to obtain voluntary compliance without the risk of fine or penalty.

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TOP FIVE Code Violations



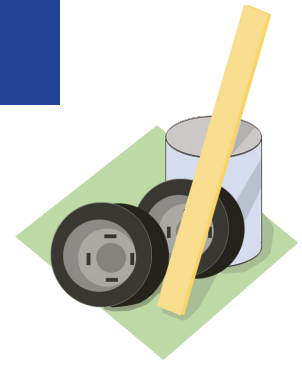
OVERGROWN VEGETATION

No owner shall permit weeds on property to exceed 12 inches at any time.



ABANDONED VEHICLE

It is unlawful to park, store or leave any inoperable or "for sale" vehicle within city limits for an excess of 72 hours.



JUNK AND DEBRIS

No owner shall permit refuse/debris to remain on property in excess of 20 days.



OVERGROWN TREES

Property owners shall trim trees and vegetation abutting sidewalks or within park strips to 12 feet above street and 8 feet above sidewalk.



RV ON STREET

It is unlawful to park any RV, trailer, boat or similar on public streets except for immediate loading, and never for more than 24 hours.

Code Enforcement in Fruit Heights CONTINUED

When there is an issue, residents will receive a "Courtesy Notice" stating what the area of concern is, what city code requires, and a date for when work should be completed.

"We want to work with residents. We know things come up and life gets busy," said Assistant City Manager Darren Frandsen. "If you have a problem or need more time resolving the issue, let us know. Once we know, we can and will work with you."

After courtesy notices, if the issue hasn't been resolved, an official notice of violation letter will be sent to a resident. This sets the final date by which work must be

completed, or citations and fines will be issued.

"Our goal is voluntary compliance without citations," said Frandsen.

"We are not looking to issue fines, but rather to draw attention to the issue, and get it fixed."

Most often, residents receive a notice after a neighbor has complained

about parking issues, or unsightly debris in yards and driveways. Notices are also sent after street sweepers, garbage trucks, or snow plow drivers report not being able to properly do their job because of tree branches or other vegetation in park strips.

"Our goal is a partnership with residents to make our city the best it can be."

Darren Frandsen
Assistant City Manager



FRUIT HEIGHTS CITY

COURTESY NOTICE

Fruit Heights City issues a courtesy notice to inform residents of items needing attention. Please correct areas noted below to comply with city code.

AREA OF CONCERN:

- ☐ Abandoned/inoperable vehicle
- ☐ Storage of vehicle/trailer/boat on street
(Parked on street for more than 24 hrs.)
- ☐ Overgrown grass/weeds
- ☐ Overgrown trees/shrubs at street or sidewalk
(Trim to 12' above street, 8' above sidewalk)
- ☐ Accumulation of refuse on private property
(See reverse side for specific code information)
- ☐ Other _____

ACTION REQUIRED:

FOLLOW-UP INSPECTION:

Property will be inspected after: _____

Questions? Please contact Assistant City Manager, Darren Frandsen, at: fhccodes@fruitheightscity.com or call 801-546-0861.

Why Do We Have Codes?

Municipal codes are set by the mayor and city council. These codes address street, building and property conditions that can jeopardize the health, safety, and well being of residents.

Enforcement of codes is the responsibility of the Code Enforcement Department. Once a problem has been identified, or reported by a resident, employees work to investigate the issue and respond in a manner to correct any unsafe, unsightly, or illegal conditions. The goal is to maintain the highest level of safety and quality of life standards in our neighborhoods.

Have a Complaint?

Residents may review municipal codes for Fruit Heights by visiting <https://www.fruitheightscity.com/201/Municipal-Code>.

If you need to report an issue with a code, or ask a question regarding codes, you may email: fhccodes@fruitheightscity.com or by calling 801-546-0861.

Founder's Day Celebration

Saturday, August 26

Harvey Park

6 - 10 pm

- Car Show
- Food Trucks
- Live Band
- Ice Cream
- Quilt Show
- Chalk Art Contest
- Fun Activities



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