



CODE ENFORCEMENT

COMMON VIOLATIONS

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To assist our residents, the following are some of the most common violations that can be easily avoided:

Unsanitary conditions with trash and debris strewn across the property - *Solution:* Trash and debris should be gathered and then placed curbside on the next collection day.

Abandoned, unlicensed or inoperable vehicles, which includes cars, trucks boats, trailers, etc. - *Solution:* Inoperable vehicles cannot be stored on any property. Cars, trucks, boats and trailers must have current licenses, without flat tires and be capable of legally operating on public streets.

Vehicles parked on lawns: - *Solution:* Cars and trucks must be parked on dedicated concrete or asphalt parking areas, such as your driveway or garage. If you need additional parking spaces you will need to provide a site plan for approval. When approved, you will then be able to obtain a building permit for paving the additional spaces.

Grass and weeds that exceed 8 inches in height - *Solution:* Mow the grass yourself or hire someone to do it for you.

Fire protection (smoke detectors) - *Solution:* Do not unplug smoke detectors and make sure batteries are operating. Check the batteries by depressing the red test button at least every six months. Replace the batteries every October.

Peeling paint or unprotected surfaces - *Solution:* All siding and exterior wall surfaces shall be kept free from dirt, grime, grease, stains and peeling paint. When necessary, pressure clean the exterior surfaces and repaint.

Lack of utilities - *Solution:* All occupied residences must be supplied with water, hot water, sewer or septic tank and electric service to meet minimum housing standards. Without these basic services the residence cannot be occupied.

Pest infestation - *Solution:* Call in a local exterminating company to keep your residence or

commercial property free of insects, rodents and other pests. When air conditioning is not in use, all open windows and doors shall have screens that are free of tears and holes, plus must fit the opening.

Commercial vehicles parked in residential areas overnight - *Solution:* Remove the vehicles from the residential area and park them overnight in commercial or industrial areas, after receiving property owner approval.

Construction, repairs and remodeling without a permit - *Solution:* Before undertaking a project, contact the Development Department for assistance. Do not allow licensed, and especially unlicensed, contractors to make repairs or do remodeling on weekends, unless you have seen the permit. The permit should have your address on it and must be posted at the site in plain view from the roadway.

Operating a business without a license - *Solution:* Businesses cannot operate in the City without a Local Business Tax Receipt. The license application and procedures are contained on the City of Stuart website.

Operating a business out of your residence, except as provided by code - *Solution:* Call our Development and Zoning Department before attempting to operate a business out of your home. Only certain types of businesses are allowed in residential areas.

Lack of a street address on the building - *Solution:* Go down to the local hardware store, purchase the necessary numbers and install them on the house in a place easily visible from the street. The numbers must be a minimum 1-½ inches wide and 4 inches high and contrast in color of the residence.

Illegal signs and banners - *Solution:* Before installing banners and signs on your property or the public streets, check with the Development Department for any requirements. Note: A permit is required.

Improper pool and water maintenance - *Solution:* If the water has turned green or systems are inoperative, get advice from a local pool company and follow through with proper treatment or repair. This condition promotes mosquito breeding and creates a health hazard.

Flea markets in parking lots, which are not permitted - *Solution:* Call the Development Department or Code Enforcement Divisions before initiating a flea market on private property.

Erection of tents within the City, without proper approval - *Solution:* Call the Development Department before erecting a tent within the City for any purpose.

Green garbage carts and cans not being removed immediately after collection - *Solution:* All green garbage carts and cans should be removed immediately after collection, or as soon as you get home in the evening. Do not allow empty cans and carts to remain out overnight. If you will

not be home that night, have a neighbor move them to the side or rear of your house. This also applies to your blue and yellow recycling bins. They must be removed by Code within twelve hours of pickup.

Sale of Vehicles, Watercraft, Trailers and alike is not permitted on vacant lots or public right-of-way and is subject to fines and towing costs billed to the owner – *Solution:* Contact Code Enforcement for advice prior to undertaking any such sale.

If you have any questions, problems or want to file a code complaint, feel free to phone one of our Code Enforcement Officers at (772) 288-5325 or 288-5354

If you would prefer to mail in a complaint, download a complaint form [here](#) and mail it to the Code Enforcement Division, City of Stuart, 830 SE Martin Luther King, Jr Blvd, Stuart, Florida 34994