



CITY OF CARSON

Code Enforcement

Maintain and preserve the integrity, appearance, value of properties and neighborhoods within the City. To develop successful and professional partnerships with residents and businesses to invoke pride and improve the quality of life in our neighborhood.

COMMON VIOLATIONS

Building Maintenance

Roof, siding, paint, windows, and other exterior parts must be in good repair.

Temporary lighting

Holiday lights must be removed by February. All other temporary lighting is prohibited.

Vegetation

Abutting sidewalks, parkways, and all yard areas shall be free of overgrown, dry, and dead vegetation. Tree and plants shall not encroach the public right-of-way.

Construction

Any type of new construction or alterations require a permit and site plan approval. Contact Planning and Building and Safety before you start your project.

Fences

Rear and side yard fences/walls must be in good repair not exceeding 6 ft in height or 7 ft with permit. Front yard fences shall not exceed 4ft in height.

Outside Storage

Outside storage is not permitted in front yard, driveways, or any other areas visible from the public right-of-way

Temporary carports

Canopies, tarps, and other similar devices utilized as temporary carports are prohibited.

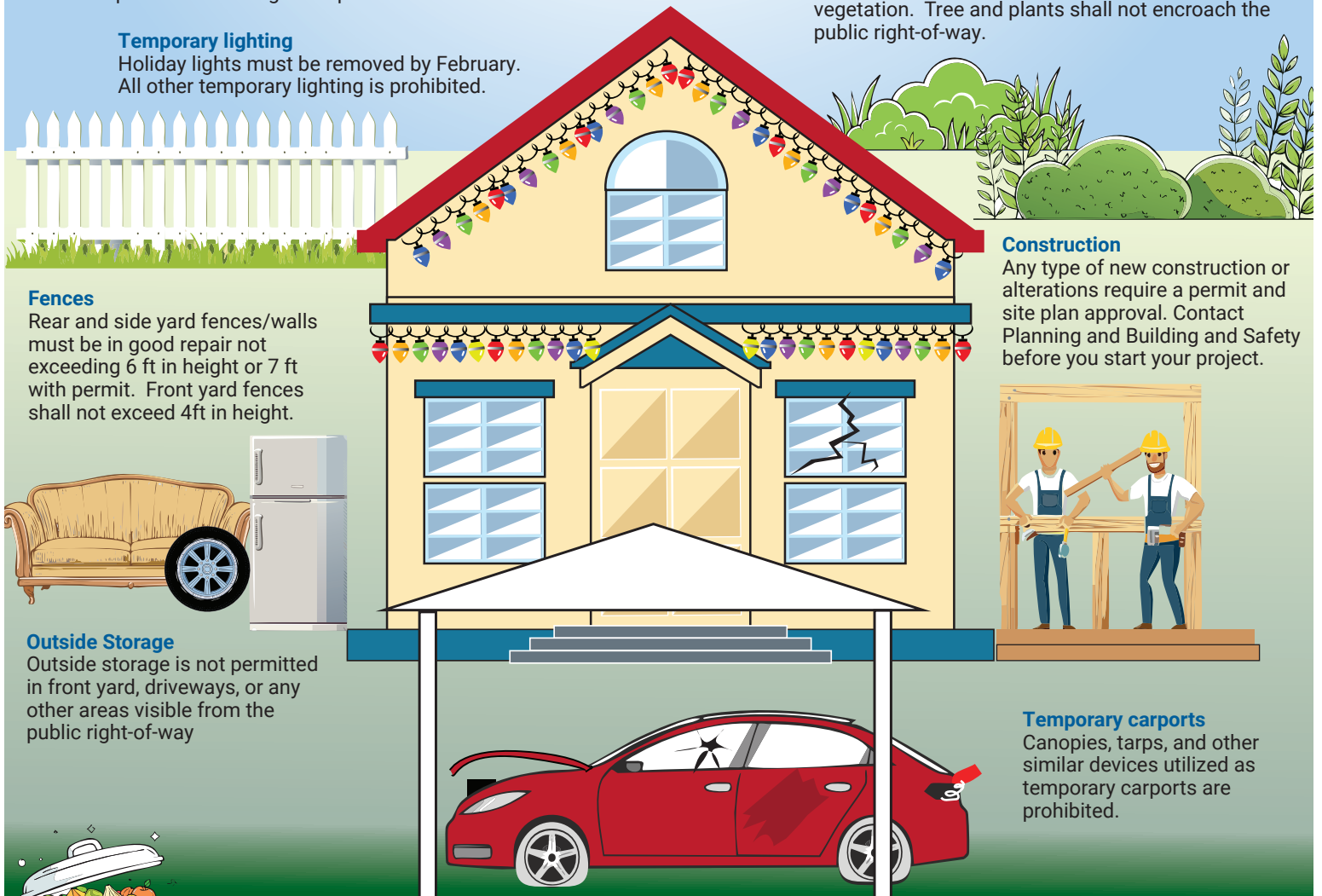
Refuse Containers

Refuse containers shall not be visible from public view unless in collection areas 6pm the day before until 10pm the day of collection.

Vehicle parking

Parking on the lawn and other unpaved surfaces is prohibited.

Vehicles parked in the driveway must be maintained in a neat and clean condition and supported by inflated tires.



Report an issue

You can report a violation by calling the code Enforcement at 310-952-1786

DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC SAFETY AND EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT





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Code Enforcement Common Questions



What types of codes or ordinances does Code Enforcement enforce?

Code Enforcement enforces the Carson Municipal Code as well as other codes adopted by City Council. These include Health Codes, Building Codes, Fire Codes, etc.

How do I report a code violation?

You can report a violation 1 of 3 ways. You can call Public Safety at (310) 952-1786; Monday-Sunday, 7 a.m. – 6 p.m. with the exception of holidays. Report online at cityofcarsonca.tylerportico.com. Lastly, you can report violations via downloadable mobile app, Carson311.

What happens after I file a complaint?

After a complaint is received, it is assigned to a Code Enforcement Officer to investigate the complaint and take enforcement action. Enforcement action can consist of a verbal warning, written warning, or citation.

Who can I report illegal dumping to?

Illegal dumping can be reported to the Sanitation Officer's through Public Works at **310-847-3520**

What makes it illegal dumping?

Anything that is placed in the public sidewalk, parkway, street, or other public owned areas. Items can only be placed in the parkway the day before a bulky item pick up is scheduled through Waste Resources at **310-377-7600**

Do I need a permit for home improvement?

Depends on the improvement. A building permit is required for any alterations or modifications made to a structure. Site plan approval may be required through the Planning Division depending on your project. Improvements such as new paint, cabinets, or flooring do not require permits.

Can I park my RV or trailer on the street?

Yes, the trailer must be attached to a vehicle pulling the trailer, the trailer cannot be left unattached. Also, an oversized vehicle permit is required for any vehicle or combination exceeding a length of 20ft, width of 80 inches, or height of 85 inches. Application for permit can be obtained from Public Safety Department.

What are the rules for abandoned or inoperable vehicles on private property?

Per the Carson Municipal Code, vehicles stored in the driveway, visible from public view must be maintained in a neat, clean, and operable condition. Vehicles not in this condition shall be stored in areas not visible from public view.

I just purchased a house and there were improvements made without permits, is it grandfathered in?

No, you would be responsible for obtaining the required permits to legalize the improvements or unpermitted structures.

Can I run a business out of my home?

Home occupancy permits can be obtained through the Business License Department at **310-952-1748**. More information pertaining to these permits can be obtained through Business License.

What is the timeline for correcting a code violation?

The timeline differs depending on the violation. However, if an extension is needed, you can contact the Code Enforcement Officer for an extension request.

What happens if I don't fix the violation?

Failure to correct the violations can result in different outcomes. The first outcome would be issuance of administrative citations against the property. Additional outcomes could lead to legal action such as abatement warrants, receivership, and/or civil or criminal court.

Can I pay my citation at City Hall/Public Safety?

No, all citations are paid online, via phone, or online through our Citation Processing Center. Information on how to pay citation or where to send payment is located on the bottom or back of the citation.

Can I place a roll off bin in the street if it is related to permitted home improvements?

Yes, however, an encroachment permit would have to be first obtained through the Engineering Department at **310-952-1795**.

Can I paint the curb in front of my house to prevent people from parking there?

No, signs, cones, curb markings, etc. cannot be used to prevent parking. The street is publicly owned, and parking is on a first come basis. Any unpermitted placement of items or curb markings may result in issuance of administrative citation.

Can I remove the tree in the parkway adjacent to my house to install something better?

No, trees in the parkway are City owned and shall not be removed without a permit from the Public Work Tree Maintenance Division. Any modifications to the parkway shall also be permitted through the Tree Maintenance Division.

Are there regulations on trash container storage or pickup times?

Yes, trash and recycle containers shall not be stored in areas visible from public view. Trash containers may be placed in areas of collection 6pm the day before and must be removed by 10 p.m. the day of.

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