

Prohibited Businesses

Most businesses are not allowed to operate in residential areas as they disrupt residents and neighborhoods. This means that car and boat repairs, construction of cabinets and furniture and other activities that are not normally carried out in a residential district are prohibited. Remember, engaging in a business requires an occupational license.

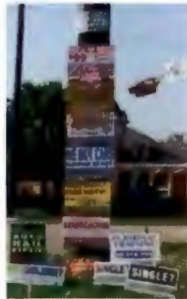


Trash Containers

We ask that residents roll the cart as close (within 3 ft.) to the curb or near the traveled portion of the road (by 7:00 a.m.) on the residences' pick up morning, or the evening before, whichever is most convenient. Carts not placed on the curb will not be emptied. The cart needs to be returned to its storage place by 7:00 a.m. the day after collection.

Signs

Signs are not allowed in any City right-of-way, island or on utility poles. Please contact the City Code Enforcement Division for further details and information on specific sign regulations.



Garage Sales

There are no more than three (3) garage sales allowed to one residence during any calendar year. Garage sales are to be limited in time to the daylight hours of two consecutive days.



Make Your Home a Happy Home

Homeowners and/or tenants are responsible for providing regular maintenance of home's exterior and landscaping. Front, backyard, and alleys should be well maintained, mowed regularly and free from trash, litter, debris, weeds and overgrown vegetation.

What Can You Do?

- Take pride in your neighborhood.
- Keep your yard clean and maintained.
- Know the City codes.
- Set an example by keeping your property violation free.
- Ask your neighbors to comply when you notice a violation.
- Report code enforcement violations at:

918-684-6235

Help us keep our city a safe and beautiful place to live!

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CODE ENFORCEMENT



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The **CITY OF MUSKOGEE** is committed to working with residents in a joint effort to preserve and improve our neighborhoods, open spaces and business corridors. By doing so, we not only improve the quality of life for our families and visitors, we also protect our property values.

The City of Muskogee has code enforcement officers to help uphold city ordinances such as mowing, parking, trash, debris, and derelict homes. When a violation is reported or discovered, the Code Enforcement Officer will identify and contact the responsible party. All complaints will stay anonymous and will be handled as soon as possible. Once identified and contacted, the responsible party is given a deadline with which to resolve the matter. At the time of the notice they are also advised that a refusal or failure to comply with the order can result in further legal processes being brought against them. However, in most cases involving a violation, the matter is resolved voluntarily.

To learn more about the Code Enforcement Process or to do your part in helping preserve and enhance our city, contact the Code Enforcement Division at (918) 681-6599.



What is a Public Nuisance?

A nuisance is defined by the City of Muskogee Code of Ordinance as anything or condition which either disturbs, injures or endangers the comfort, repose, health or safety of others; unlawfully interferes with, obstructs or tends to obstruct or render dangerous for passage any lake or navigable river, stream, canal or basin, or any public park, square, street or other public property; or in any way renders other persons insecure in life or in the use of property.

Dilapidated Property?

No person shall place, leave or cause to be placed or left on public property or outside any building, enclosed porch, areaway or other portion of a building or dwelling on private property any dilapidated personal property.

Dilapidated personal property means wrecked or derelict personal property, including, but not limited to, wrecked, inoperative or partially dismantled motor vehicles, trailers, boats, machinery, refrigerators, washing machines, stoves, hot water heaters and other household appliances, or any part thereof, plumbing fixtures, household or office furniture, machinery, equipment, or implements, or any personal property which is no longer used for the purpose for which it was manufactured or is no longer safely usable for the purposes for which it was manufactured.



Parking in the Yard

No parking will be permitted on unpaved or grassy surfaces within the area defined as the front yard or exterior side yard, unless recognized as the primary driveway serving a residence. No person shall stop, stand or park a vehicle between the sidewalk and the curb, over the curb, or over a water meter.

Swimming Pools

A swimming pool shall be completely enclosed by a permanent wall or fence, not less than six feet in height. A swimming pool shall not be located in the front yard. The walls of a swimming pool shall be at least ten feet from a side or rear lot line.

Overgrown weeds, grass and trash



It is unlawful for any owner or occupant of any lot, tract or parcel of land situated wholly or in part within the corporate limits of the city to allow trash or weeds to grow, stand or accumulate upon such premises. It is the duty of such owner or occupant to remove or destroy any such trash or weeds. The premises for which the owner or occupant is responsible includes his portion of the adjoining streets, rights-of-way, parkways, alleys, sidewalks, public utility easements, storm drains, ditches and gutters.



Derelict Structures

The City of Muskogee has adopted the International Property Maintenance Code, 2015 edition. As per Section 108; when a structure or equipment is found by the code official to be unsafe, or when a structure is found unfit for human occupancy, or is found unlawful, such structure shall be condemned pursuant to the provisions of this code. An unsafe structure is one that is found to be dangerous to the life, health, property or safety of the public or the occupants of the structure by not providing minimum safeguards to protect or warn occupants in the event of fire, or because such structure contains unsafe equipment or is so damaged, decayed, dilapidated, structurally unsafe or of such faulty construction or unstable foundation, that partial or complete collapse is possible.