

# CODE ENFORCEMENT NEWS

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Let's all work together to create a more beautiful Edinburgh!

Below are some of the more common issues and concerns related to code violations for the residents of the Town of Edinburgh that are often associated with warmer weather. The information provided on this flyer is very general, for more details please visit our website at [www.edinburgh.in.us](http://www.edinburgh.in.us) or contact the Building Commissioner at: (812) 314-5114. Thanks for your consideration of these critical issues.

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## PROPERTIES:

- Unwanted appliances and furniture must be disposed of by property owner. The trash removal services will not remove these items, if the Town removes these items, the property owner will be invoiced a minimum of \$100.00.
  - All grass, weeds, etc. taller than ten (10) inches must be mowed. The minimum charge for the Town to mow private property is \$100.00.
  - Miscellaneous debris, trash and other visible rubbish is a code violation
  - Trim, care and maintain all tree branches so they do not extend over or hang over any alley, sidewalk, corner sight or public right-of-way lower than ten (10) feet from the ground.
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## VEHICLES:

- Any motor vehicle parked on any public property must meet all legal requirements to drive on a public highway.
  - A vehicle on public property that has not been moved for 24 hours may be considered abandoned and may be towed away at owner's expense.
  - A vehicle that is at least 3 model years old, is mechanically inoperable and is stored on private property continuously in a location visible from public property for more than 20 days, may be considered abandoned and may be towed away at owner's expense.
  - No vehicle which is taller, wider and longer than a conventional station wagon, pick-up truck, or van is permitted to park on any street or alley within any residential district and no longer than one hour in any business district.
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## SIGNS:

- Contact the Office of the Building Commissioner before the erection of any sign. (812) 314-5114.
  - No sign may be attached to a utility pole, a fence or any traffic sign.
  - No off-premise signs are permitted anywhere within the jurisdiction.
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## BUILDING PERMITS:

- An improvement permit is required for any improvement which increases the "foot print" of any structure on the property (i.e., porches, decks, room additions, enlargement of any detached garage or utility shed, etc.).
- An improvement permit is required for any improvement involving any structural alterations (i.e., moving walls, altering roof structure, electrical service upgrade, relocating kitchens or bathrooms, etc.)
- An improvement permit is required for the addition of any accessory structure to any property (i.e., detached garage, utility shed, carport, swimming pool, etc.)
- NO improvement permit is required for cosmetic improvements not requiring any structural changes (i.e., re-roofing, re-siding, window replacement, painting, new drywall, etc.).
- NO improvement permit is required for landscaping, planting vegetation, driveways or fences.