City Code Frequently Asked Questions

Can I park a Recreational Vehicle, boat, trailer, etc. on my property?
One recreational vehicle or piece of equipment up to 24 feet in length may be stored outdoors. If equipment is on a trailer, the trailer and equipment shall be considered as one. Equipment must be setback 15 feet from the curb, five feet from the side and five feet from the rear property lines. Recreational vehicles and equipment shall be on an established driveway surface, such as concrete or blacktop.

Are there any ordinances affecting the placement of play structures, etc.?
Swing sets, sandboxes, play structures, dog kennels, concrete slabs, satellite dishes and similar structures shall be at least five feet from side and rear lot lines, and may not be within the front yard.

Can I store my trash can in the driveway?
All trash containers and recycle bins shall be stored indoors, or be fully screened from view.

I would like to expand my driveway. Are there any ordinances affecting this?
Driveways shall be a minimum of 10 feet in width, with a maximum width of 30 feet at the property line. Driveways within the R-4 zoning district shall be constructed of plant mixed bituminous or concrete surface. Driveways shall be set back at least five feet from side and rear lot lines.

Can commercial equipment be parked in residential areas?
Commercial vehicles and equipment may not be parked or stored in a platted residential district except when loading, unloading or rendering a service. This includes vehicles over three-quarter ton capacity, maximum 8000 pounds GVW, and commercial trailers.

My neighbor has a dismantled lawnmower, ladders, and old appliances in his backyard. Can he store these things outside?
All materials and equipment shall be stored within a building, or be fully screened by a five foot fence, so as not to be visible from adjoining properties.
Exceptions:
- Equipment currently being used on the premises. Agricultural equipment and materials, if they are used or intended for use, on the premises.
- Off-street parking of passenger vehicles and pickup trucks on approved surfaces.
- Firewood must be five feet from property lines and in side or rear yards only. Quantities over one cord must be fully screened from view.

Do I need a permit to put up a fence?
A Permit is not required to build a fence. See Fence Ordinance summary on website.

Each development may have its own private covenants that may be more restrictive than the city’s ordinances. The Homeowner Association is responsible for enforcing the development’s private covenants.

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