



## COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

Please review the following common code violations to ensure that your property is in compliance with the City's Code of Ordinances. If you have any of these violations and do not know what to do, please contact City Hall at 892-2531 and we will assist you with bringing your property back into compliance.

### High Weeds and Vacant Lots

Property owners are responsible for maintaining the appearance of their lawns and/or vacant lots according to the following rules:

If grass or weeds grow more than 12 inches high or if trash, brush and property, the City may issue a notice to the property owner requesting that the property be mowed or cleared. If this notice is ignored, the City may contract for the property to be mowed or cleared at the owner's expense and the owner may receive a citation.

### Dangerous Structures

Homes or commercial buildings that have become dilapidated or rundown may be considered dangerous structures. These structures are often vacant and become home to rodents, snakes or illegal activities that may threaten the health and safety of the surrounding community. Depending on the condition of the property, the structure may be cleaned and secured or demolished by the City at the owner's expense.

### Minimum Housing Standards

Homes, apartments or commercial building are required to meet certain standards for occupancy. The interior and exterior of each property must be in good repair and maintained in a safe and sanitary condition, free of rodent infestation, sewer leaks and the accumulation of garbage. If the health and safety of the persons living in these structures is compromised by a lack of maintenance, the property owner will be required to make the improvements necessary to meet the City's standards.

### Obstructions on City property or rights of way

Sidewalks, streets and other public rights of way must be kept free of obstructions. Overhanging tree limbs, basketball goals, fences, dumpsters, shrubbery or other obstruction in City-controlled rights of way are prohibited and must be removed by the owner of the abutting property.

### Illegal Dumping

Brush, furniture, appliances or other items placed at the front curb or on sidewalks and streets, beside City owned dumpsters is a violation. The City provides two (2) brush pick-ups a year, two (2) Community Clean-up days, and weekly grass and leaf pick-up during the year.

Illegal dumpsites, including vacant lots are patrolled regularly by the City. Persons caught illegally dumping materials in these areas may be prosecuted.

### Junked Vehicles

Broken-down, junked vehicles should not be parked in yards, or on the street or in any location that can be seen in ordinary public view. By City Ordinance, a junked vehicle is any vehicle that does not have the proper registration, has flat tires, or has been parked on a City street for more than 72 hours or private property for more than 30 days. Please note that trailers, boats, and anything requiring registration will be considered by these same standards. A fine may be imposed for this violation and the vehicle may be towed by the City and destroyed if, after notification, it is not repaired or removed from these locations.

### Animals and Fowl

City residents are allowed keep a limited number of animals on their residential property.

City residents are prohibited from keeping livestock or fowl in the City Limits.

### Vendors, hawkers and peddlers

Persons engaged in any commercial outdoor retail activity must meet permit requirements at the City and are restricted from operating within the City without a permit. Please contact City hall if any approaches your door selling goods or services.

Again, the City appreciates your cooperation in our efforts to clean-up Idalou. If you notice any of the above violations, please contact City Hall at 892-2531 with the address of the property and the violation.

Thanks!