

NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARDS

The Neighborhood Standards Division of Community & Economic Development is responsible for inspecting ordinance violations that cover the exterior, non-structural maintenance of the property.

This brochure explains some common ordinance complaints such as:

- Inoperable and abandoned vehicles
- Vehicles parking on the grass
- RV, trailer and boat storage
- Excessive garbage
- Fencing
- Tall grass
- Signs and banners
- Other Zoning Ordinances

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Off-Street Parking \ Parking on Grass

City of Rockford's Zoning Ordinance 40-002F regarding off street vehicle parking states:

Automobiles, motorcycles, vans and trucks with passenger car or "B" plates must be parked on a paved surface in side and rear yards, and must be parked in a drive-way in front yards of 1 and 2 family residences or in a parking lot of multifamily residences (3 or more units).

Improper parking of your vehicle:

- Can be a general health hazard if the vehicle is not parked on a paved surface. Vehicles contain fluids that may contaminate the environment if leaked.
- Can also create a visibility hazard for police and fire.
- Is unsightly and takes away from the beauty of our city.

Tips for Proper Storing of Vehicles

- A paved surface may be constructed so the vehicle can be parked in compliance with the ordinance. (permit required)
- Vehicles that are no longer used may be towed away or stored at an off-site storage facility.

Gravel is not considered an acceptable surface. However, when the parking ordinance was changed to eliminate gravel as driveway material, any current gravel driveways were allowed to remain as they were with the understanding that when the gravel driveway became in need of repair, blacktop or cement material would replace it. Gravel driveways cannot be maintained by adding more gravel onto them.

Get More Information

Neighborhood Standards was formed in 1998 by the City of Rockford to offer residents a single point of contact for all environmental issues and complaints.

If you would like to make a complaint or have a question regarding a City Ordinance, contact information is listed below. Our website contains forms for listing complaints as well as this brochure and more violation information.

All complaints are kept confidential. Your name will not be asked. When inspectors respond to a complaint they generally inspect the surrounding neighborhood for other violations.



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