

TEN COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

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ACCUMULATION OF JUNK, TRASH, AND DEBRIS

It is a violation to accumulate junk, trash and other debris on residential property. This includes, discarded items, auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, tires, paper, cardboard, plastics, dead limbs and branches. All garbage should be disposed of by placing it in the appropriate container and placing on the curb for collection. **IPMC Code 302.1, 308.1**



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OPEN STORAGE OF MATERIAL AND FURNISHINGS

It is a violation to openly store on residential property any equipment, materials, or furnishings that is dangerous to public health, safety or welfare or that creates unsightly condition that would reduce property value or promote urban blight. This may include, but is not limited to the use of indoor furniture, outside storage of household appliances, auto parts, or building materials. **IPMC Code 302.1, 308.1**



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PARKING AND STORING INOPERABLE (JUNKED) MOTOR VEHICLES

It is a violation to park, store or leave any vehicle that is rusted, wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, inoperable or abandoned upon any property for ten (10) days unless the vehicle is completely enclosed within a building. **IPMC Code 302.8**



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EXCESSIVE WEEDS, GRASS, TREES AND SHRUBBERY

It is a violation to allow grass or weeds to grow over twelve (12) inches high, allow plants, shrubs, trees to grow in a manner that will obstruct traffic or the visibility of motorists. This includes overgrowth of trees and vegetation that block sidewalks or hang into public streets or utility services. **IPMC Code 302.4**



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SUBSTANDARD STRUCTURES AND FENCES

It is a violation to neglect accessory structures, including storage sheds, garages and fences. They are to be maintained structurally sound and in good repair to serve their intended purpose. This includes damage to any framing, walls, ceilings, floors, decking and roofs. **IPMC Code 302.7**



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OFF-STREET PARKING

It is a violation to park or store any vehicle on the lawn/grass of any residential property. All vehicles must be parked on concrete, asphalt, or other hard, dustless surface that is approved by the city. The number of vehicles parked at a residential dwelling shall not exceed more than four (4) vehicles. **IPMC Code 302.8**



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SPECIAL USE/ RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

No person shall park or store any non-motorized vehicle or equipment such as boats, campers and trailers on an unimproved surface. No person shall park or store more than one (1) boat and boat trailer and no more than one (1) camping trailer or recreation vehicle per household. No parts of such parking or storage area shall be located in the front yard. It shall also be unlawful for any person to park or store any such vehicles on any residential street. **IPMC Code 302.8**



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COMMERCIAL VEHICLES AND EQUIPMENT

It is a violation to park, stand or store any commercial vehicle exceeding 8,000 pounds in weight or truck, tractor on a residential property or a residential street. **IPMC Code 302.8**



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ABANDONED AND DERELICT STRUCTURES

It is a violation for any property owner to refuse to properly secure any structure he or she owns to prevent loitering of vagrants or criminal activity. This includes, but is not limited to any vacant house, building or structure, where the doors and windows are broken or open to casual entry. **IPMC Code 304.1.1, 109.2**



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GENERAL SERVICE AND REPAIR SHOPS

It is a violation to own or operate a commercial business in a district zoned residential without proper permits. Certain commercial establishments are strictly prohibited in residential zoned areas. This includes any for profit general repair services, such as automotive, equipment or appliance repair shops. Contact Shelby County Code for further information (901) 222-2575.



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