



City of Rialto Code Enforcement Division

Understanding Common Code Issues





Exterior Maintenance & Sanitation

- All exterior property & premises must be ***maintained*** in a ***clean, safe*** and ***sanitary condition***.
- ***Disposal pickup service*** is ***required*** for all residential and commercial properties.
- Approved ***trash cans*** (or containers) must be ***stored out of view*** at all times, except on the days when placed out for pickup.
- The ***outside storage*** of boxes, construction materials and equipment, furniture, household equipment and appliances is prohibited; and must be ***removed*** immediately.
- All properties must be ***free from*** any ***accumulation*** of ***junk, trash, debris, rubbish*** or ***garbage***.



Landscaping

- Any **overgrown vegetation, bushes, hedges** and **trees** must be **cut** and/or **trimmed**.
- **Grass** or **lawn** in **excess of six inches** in height must be **cut** and/or **mowed**.
- Wild-noxious **weeds** must be **cut & removed** from property, except for cultivated flowers and gardens.
- All **dead** or **dying landscaping** must be **replaced** and/or **irrigated** on a regular basis.
- **Bare dirt** must have **approved ground cover** and maintained to prevent the erosion of soil.
- All parkway areas must be adequately **landscaped** and **maintained**.



Vehicle Storage

- All vehicles on any property must be **currently registered** and be in **legal operating condition**. Vehicles with accumulated debris & cobwebs, expired tags, flat tires, missing body components or engine parts are considered *inoperable* and must be *stored out of public view (example: storing in an enclosed garage)*.
- Vehicles, boats, trailers, recreational vehicles or similar type vehicles **can not** be **parked** on dirt, lawns or any other **non-paved surfaces**.
- Vehicles displayed “**For Sale**” must be parked in the driveway and be registered to the address where the vehicle is being displayed.
- **Automotive repair** on vehicles *other* than those owned and registered by the resident is specifically **prohibited**, and must be discontinued immediately.



General Building & Structure Conditions

- All structures must be ***maintained*** in ***good repair***, ***structurally sound*** and in ***good condition***.
- All ***broken windows*** must be ***repaired*** or ***replaced*** immediately.
- ***Address numbers*** must be ***posted*** on the buildings to be ***clearly visible*** from the street (and alleyways). The numbers must be in a contrasting color from their background.
- Any ***deteriorated***, ***flaking***, ***chipping paint*** must be completely ***removed*** and have surface ***repainted***. Metal surfaces that are subject to rust or corrosion must be ***surface coated***. Exterior ***wood surfaces*** (except decay-resistant wood) must be ***weatherproofed***.
- All damages to the ***exterior of the structure*** must be ***repaired*** immediately and ***maintained weatherproofed***.
- All ***accessory structures*** (fences, storage buildings, etc.) must be ***maintained structurally sound***, in ***good repair*** and meet all City ***zoning requirements***.



Swimming Pool Maintenance & Safety

- Swimming pools, spas and hot tubs must be ***maintained*** in a ***clean*** and ***sanitary condition***. Any water that has been allowed to stagnate due to lack of maintenance constitutes a ***hazardous condition*** and a severe health hazard to residents.
- ***Proper enclosure*** is required to be maintained completely surrounding the pool at ***all times***.
- Pool enclosures must be at least ***five feet in height*** with openings not greater than ***four inches wide***; and not creating a ***ladder effect***. Wire mesh fences must not have openings greater than ***two inches***.
- Gates must be ***self-closing, self-latching*** and capable of being properly secured at times when not in actual use.



Defacement of Property

- All types of *markings*, *carvings* and *graffiti* on property must be removed immediately.
- Owners of private property must restore such surface to an approved state of maintenance and repair. Graffiti cover-ups must color match the rest of the building or structure.

For graffiti in public areas, please call
the City's **Graffiti Hotline** at
(909) 820-2670





Information

These are *only common code issues* and are not all-inclusive or code-specific. A code inspection may reveal different issues not indicated here and all issues are addressed on a case-by-case basis.

If you have any questions about possible code violations, please contact;
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