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Code Enforcement

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Telephone Numbers

Animal Control—386-986-2520
Code Enforcement—386-986-3764
Urban Forestry—386-986-3758
City Hall Main Number—386-986-2360

This booklet was created to provide brief summaries of the most commonly cited property issues in the City of Palm Coast.

The City of Palm Coast's Code Enforcement Division provides service to the entire City by proactively patrolling all neighborhoods. We also rely on the vigilance of our citizens. Citizens can report complaints or check the status of a complaint by calling 386-986-3764 or by going to the City's website at palmcoast-gov.com and selecting the "Palm Coast Connect" item on the menu.

The Code Enforcement Division makes every effort to produce the most accurate information possible. This brochure is informational only and not to be interpreted as the exact codes adopted by the City of Palm Coast.

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HOME CARE: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 35) Broken or missing building components, such as windows, walks, siding, or roofing materials, must be replaced, as well as broken fencing, screening or decorative elements. Grass must be kept mowed in keeping with the neighborhood; landscaping bushes must be trimmed and flower beds weeded.

PUBLIC NUISANCES: Public Nuisances are defined as excessive accumulation or untended growth of weeds, undergrowth or other dead or living plant life, stagnant water; rubbish, debris or trash including household furnishings and all objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary matter. Also included in this Chapter are a number of issues dealing with physical or unsanitary condition(s) which endanger the health or safety of human life. Examples of these issues are: fire hazards, unsound (unsafe) structures, abandoned wells, abandoned appliances or junk motor vehicles. If the owner(s) of property where these public nuisances exist do not eliminate the detrimental conditions, the City of Palm Coast may abate the conditions and charge the owners for the costs to do so.



TRASH: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 41) A contractor picks up garbage and trash twice a week and recyclables once a week in residential neighborhoods. Pickup days vary with the neighborhoods. Find your schedule at: palmcoastgov.com/trash/schedule. Yard waste is picked up on Wednesdays. Currently, waste removal services are provided by **Waste Pro** for a fee billed directly to the homeowner (call the City's Customer Service Department to sign up for service.) **Garbage and trash are not separated. Recycling** is encouraged, but not required. Each residential household receives one recycle bin. **Yard waste** will be limited to 2 cubic yards per week. Any large amount may be subject to an additional charge paid directly to Waste Pro. **Bulk trash,** which can include furniture, mattresses, TVs, etc. will be picked up on the second garbage pick-up day each week. Bulk trash items are limited to (3) cubic yards in size per household. **White goods** such as washers, dryers, refrigerators, hot water heaters, etc. should be placed curbside and must be scheduled for removal. Allow 3 to 5 days for pick-up. Please contact customer service at 386-986-2360 to make arrangements. Waste containers may be placed out for collection no earlier that 6:00 PM on the day before a scheduled collection day and must be removed no later than 6:00 AM on the day after the containers are emptied. Except when placed for collection, waste containers must be screened from the right-of-way. No littering or debris disposal is allowed on private or public property. Trash, Litter, and Debris on Construction Sites must be contained.



PARKING: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 44) Parking on the street or lawn is prohibited. Parking in the swales is prohibited between 1:00 AM and 6:00 AM. Only licensed **passenger vehicles,** which include an automobile, motorcycle, moped, passenger van, sport utility vehicle, or pickup truck may be parked in residential zones and must be parked overnight in garages, carports, or driveways.

Recreational vehicles such as motor homes, travel trailers, campers, boats and boats on trailers, may be parked in a residential driveway for no more than three(3) days in any seven(7) day period for the purpose of repair, maintenance, or preparation for use. However, a recreational vehicle owned by a guest of the resident may be parked temporarily not to exceed seven(7) days in the resident's driveway, but shall not be used for overnight lodging. No vehicles of any kind may be parked overnight on undeveloped private property.



IRRIGATION: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 24-183) Palm Coast water users are required to adhere to Palm Coast Water Conservation Policy. These restrictions include at least, but are not limited to the following: **Daylight Savings Time (MARCH—NOVEMBER):** Water use for irrigation including residential use shall be restricted to two(2) days per week. **Even numbered addresses:** Thursday and Sunday, **Odd numbered addresses:** Wednesday and Saturday. **Non-Residential:** Tuesday and Friday. **Eastern Standard Time (NOVEMBER—MARCH):** shall be restricted to one(1) day per week. **Even numbered addresses:** Sunday, **Odd numbered addresses:** Saturday **Non-Residential:** Tuesday. Irrigation with private wells is between the hours of **4:00 PM &10:00 AM** Irrigation with City supplied water on Level #1 is between **12:00 Midnight & 10:00 AM** Exceptions are as follows: (partial list-see Code for details)

• Irrigation using a micro-spray, micro-jet, drip or bubbler system is allowed anytime.

• Irrigation of **new** landscape is allowed at any time of day on any day for the initial 30 days and every other day for the next 30 days (a total of one 60-day period), provided the irrigation is limited to the minimum amount necessary for establishment.



STORAGE: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 44) Portable temporary moving or storage structures (also known as MODS, PODS, Big Box) may be parked temporarily (not to exceed seven(7) days) in the resident's driveway, but only one unit shall be used once in a calendar year for each location.



SIGNS: (Land Development Code Chapter 12) All signs are regulated by the Land Development Code as adopted by the referenced Ordinance. However, some signs are exempt. Sign regulations are determined by the type of land use (zoning) at the site or location of the sign. Signs must be permitted . Some types of signage are considered to be temporary, but still require permits. Outside banners, streamers, pennants, balloons or other moving objects shall only be allowed as temporary signs in conjunction with a grand opening of a new business. Real estate, construction, political campaign, portable and non-conforming signs are regulated. There are extensive regulations concerning size, type, location, maintenance and removal of signs. Code Enforcement is empowered to remove any prohibited signs placed on public property or rights-of-way. The City of Palm Coast may either remove the signs or refer the violation to the Code Enforcement Board for possible fines.

GARAGE SALES: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 16) Up to two garage sales per year, for a maximum of two consecutive days in each period, may be held at the same location, and up to four families may join in. Sale hours are restricted to between 8AM and 4PM. Garage sales must be registered at palmcoastgov.com/garage-sales/find-my-address. **ALL OFFSITE SIGNS ARE PROHIBITED.**



SWIMMING POOLS: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 15) Prior to construction or installation, swimming pools require a permit that ensures compliance with all codes which enhance the health, safety and welfare of residents, especially children. A swimming pool is defined as any pool more than 24 inches in depth. Swimming pools, spas, and hot tubs must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, and in a state of good repair and operating condition at all times. The water shall not be in a stagnant condition.



COMMERCIAL VEHICLES: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 44) It is prohibited and unlawful to park or store a commercial vehicle anywhere in City limits at any time unless at a residence for a residential service call. A commercial vehicle means any agricultural, construction or industrial equipment; any motor vehicle upon which advertising markings have been affixed which occupy in excess of three square feet per side; any motor vehicle having a carrying capacity of more than one ton; any motor vehicle to which a platform rack or other similar apparatus designed for carrying property or cargo has been added; any pickup truck to which a cargo box, or similar carrying device has been added , which is located outside the flatbed portion of the vehicle, or which is located within the flatbed portion but exceeds the height of the cab portion; any motor vehicle equipped with a hoist or other similar mechanical equipment. The term may include, but is not limited to, a bus, step van, tractor, semitrailer, semi-truck, limousine, cab, ice cream truck, tow truck, trailer or any other vehicle which requires a commercial driver's license to operate.

TRAILERS: It is prohibited and unlawful to park or store a Utility Trailer at any time on any improved or unimproved lot in a residential district, unless at a residence for a residential service call. Trailers must be stored in the garage or in an off-site storage area.



TREE REMOVAL: (Land Development Code Chapter11.02.05)

A tree removal permit is required to cut down, remove, damage or destroy by pruning any tree with a caliper of the trunk six (6) inches or greater in diameter at breast height, (four and ½ feet above grade) or the caliper of the trunk four (4) inches or greater in diameter at breast height which has been surveyed for credit.. Tree removal permits may be obtained by calling Urban Forestry at 386-986-3758. Additional criteria are also listed in this Land Development Chapter. Replacement trees may be required.

LAND CLEARING: (Land Development Code Chapter 11.02.05(B)) A permit is required before any land clearing or filling is done. For questions regarding land clearing or lot grading, call Zoning at 386-986-3751



TRASH CONTAINERS: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 41-11)

The location of garbage and trash facilities and containers located at residential properties, when not set out for the day of pickup, shall be shielded or sheltered by opaque objects or structures in such a manner that

they are substantially screened from the right-of-way. Examples of "shielding" or "shelter" include, but are not limited to, bushes, fences, walls, trees, buildings and enclosures. All residential solid waste and recyclables placed for collection shall be containerized so as to maintain sanitary conditions and facilitate handling.



SWALE MAINTENANCE: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 24-159) The drainage system of a permitted lot is an important part of the preservation of the health, safety and welfare of the community. Because each element of this system affects the system as a whole, no alteration of the drainage pattern shall be permitted, except by application to and approval from the Zoning Division. The property owner, following issuance of a certificate of occupancy (CO), shall be responsible for maintaining the approved drainage pattern on the permitted lot and the area between the roadway and right-of-way line. Such maintenance shall include, but is not necessarily limited to, mowing, prevention of erosion, and removal of obstructions to the flow of stormwater. The rights-of-way abutting the property, from road pavement to right-of-way line, shall be sodded.



NOISE: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 35) It shall be unlawful for any person to willfully make, continue, or cause to be made or continued, any loud and raucous noise, which term shall mean any sound which

because of its volume level, duration and nature, annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, health, peace or safety of reasonable persons of ordinary sensibilities within the City, which includes, but is not limited to: 1. The sounding of any horn or whistle 2.T he use of any amplifier, television or musical instrument as to cause loud and raucous noise. 3. Any animal which causes a long continuous loud and raucous noise. 4. Construction noise between the hours of 6:00 PM and 7:00 AM. **Please contact the Sheriff's Office at 386-313-4911 for any of these noise violations**



LANDSCAPING, BUFFERS and SCREENING:

(Land Development Code Chapter 11.03.01(H)) Structures such as dumpster enclosures, mechanical equipment, backflow preventers, wells, pumps, tanks, buffer walls, HVAC units, transformers, lift stations, utility cabinets, electrical panels, or cable television equipment shall be fully screened with planting beds in areas that are visible from the public right-of-way. Screen height shall be a minimum of thirty (30) inches at the time of installation.

WILDFIRE HAZARD: (Palm Coast Code Chapter 25-Article IV)

Brush on undeveloped lots averaging over three feet tall within 30 feet of an existing residential structure is considered a fire hazard. Brush shall mean plant species that by virtue of their arrangement, chemical composition, and growth pattern provide a ready path for uncontrolled fire to spread. Species included in this definition include saw palmetto, gallberry, fetterbush and wax myrtle. Pine trees less than five (5) inches in diameter at breast height (four and ½ feet above grade) are also included in this definition.