

## Did You Know?

- You may remain anonymous when filing a complaint.
- The Public Response Office fields over 6,000 complaints per year.
- 97% of our complaints are resolved through voluntary compliance.
- Neighborhood CC&Rs may supersede less restrictive zoning codes or regulations. However, covenants must be enforced through civil remedies, and cannot be enforced by the Public Response Office.
- The Public Response Office has an abatement program in place that can secure abandoned residences, swimming pools and dangerous buildings; can clean vacant lots of dead overgrown vegetation and debris; have junk, trash and debris removed from residences, and demolish unsafe buildings and structures.
- The Building Department requires permits for almost all construction, except for minor repairs and replacements, flat concrete work, painting, papering and paneling.
- Nevada Revised Statute 118-A may help solve landlord-tenant problems.

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## Clark County Public Response Office

## Neighborhood Code Requirements



### Our Mission

*Promoting the preservation, safety and  
beautification of neighborhoods  
in Clark County.*

**Clark County Board of Commissioners**

# Clark County Code Enforcement

The Clark County Public Response Office (CCPRO) primarily addresses code violations and the removal of trash, debris, graffiti and illegal signs.

CCPRO partners with citizens to support their neighborhood beautification efforts in the unincorporated area of Clark County.

Clark County codes are designed to protect and maintain the residential atmosphere of neighborhoods and to prevent unsafe or offensive uses of property, while promoting and maintaining the quality of life in our communities.

The list of code requirements in this brochure outlines how to be a responsible property owner. If you feel that your property and neighborhood is appropriate for a particular land use or activity prohibited by the code, you may apply for a Special Use Permit, Waiver of Standards, Variance, or Zone Change depending on the circumstances. The application must be submitted with a non-refundable fee to Current Planning and there is no guarantee of approval. These requests are considered by the Planning Commission and may be appealed to the Board of County Commissioners.

## Special Use Permit

A Special Use Permit allows a special exception in a zoning district, to do something that would not normally be allowed. To be approved, this special use must be in the best interest of the general public and must not be detrimental to the surrounding area.

## Waiver of Standards

A waiver of standards is a request application to allow relief from requirements of the code for a mitigating alternative standard. There is a non-refundable fee and no guarantee of approval.

## Variance

This is a request application to allow relief from requirements of the code for mitigating allowable standards, but is only allowed if a waiver of standards is denied.

## Zone Change

A zone change allows certain activities to be conducted on a particular property parcel that were not previously permitted. Approval typically hinges upon the impact the activity will have on the surrounding community. Activities might include commercial or business uses, specific building densities and land uses.

## Helpful Phone Numbers:

<b>Building Department – Inspections</b>	455-7410
<b>Building Department – Plans Check</b>	455-3020
<b>Clark County Animal Control</b>	455-7710
<b>Clark County Business License</b>	455-4125
<b>Clark County Current Planning</b>	455-4314
<b>Clark County Family Law Self Help Ctr.</b>	455-1500
<b>Clark County Health District</b>	385-1291
<b>CC Neighborhood Justice Ctr</b>	455-3898
<b>Clark County Neighborhood Services</b>	455-3530
<b>Clark County Public Response Office</b>	455-4191
<b>CC Public Works (Road Maintenance)</b>	455-7540
<b>Las Vegas Metropolitan Police Dept.</b>	229-3111
<b>Las Vegas Valley Water District</b>	870-2011
<b>Republic Silver State Disposal</b>	735-5151
<b>Secret Witness</b>	385-5555
<b>Southern Nevada Graffiti Hot Line</b>	455-4509
<b>State Contractors Board</b>	486-1100



# Know Your Code Requirements

## 1. Junk, Trash and Debris

All junk, trash and debris must be removed from property and disposed of properly. This includes auto parts, furniture, appliances, tires, plastics, cardboard, paper, building materials, tree trimmings and dead vegetation.

## 2. Inoperative Motor Vehicles



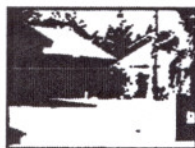
An inoperative vehicle is one which is not equipped with all parts required to legally operate on public streets or one that cannot be driven under its own power. These vehicles cannot be stored outside a residence and must be removed from the property.

## 3. Outside Storage

Outside storage is prohibited. All storage must be contained or removed from the property. Any materials ordinarily not used outside may not be kept outside. For example: indoor furniture, appliances, auto parts, etc. You may have swing sets, patio furniture, barbecues, etc., outside.

## 4. Vegetation

Overgrown or dead vegetation must be removed. Grass and weeds over four (4) inches high must be cut and vegetation blocking right-of-way (public access) must be trimmed so as not to cause a safety hazard.



## 5. Parking

Vehicles parked at a residence must be operable. Trailers, RVs, campers and boats belonging to the property owner may be parked on property but

cannot obstruct public right-of-ways, sidewalks, streets or alleys or any sight zone.

Vehicles may be parked on a public street for up to 72 hours. They must be operable and have current plates and registration.

## 6. Illegal Structures

Houses, room additions or sheds over 120 square feet constructed without valid building permits are illegal, regardless of the age of the structures. Proper permits must be obtained and proper zoning setbacks must be met.



## 7. Accessory Structures

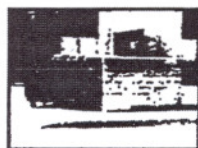
Accessory structures, i.e. guest houses, cannot contain a kitchen or cooking facilities.

## 8. Walls and Fences

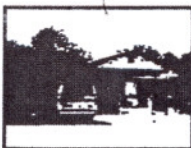
Building permits are required for residential perimeter rear walls over 24 inches high. An administrative deviation is required from Current Planning for walls over six (6) feet high. Fences in rear yards without permanent foundations and not over four feet high do not require permits.

## 9. Trash Containers and Enclosures

Trash enclosures are required in all but single family residences. They are to be constructed of masonry or concrete and have screened gates. Trash containers are to be kept in the enclosure, except on trash pick up days.



## 10. Carports and Shade Structures



Carports and shade structures are addressed the same as covered patios, the requirements of which are outlined in a Building Department handout. If you do not follow these guidelines, engineered plans are required. Zoning setbacks are required for any such structure.

## 11. Commercial Equipment and Vehicles

Commercial equipment and commercial vehicles cannot be parked or kept in a residential area. Commercial equipment and vehicles must be kept at a commercial location. This does not include a single, commercially licensed automobile.



## 12. Graffiti

The majority of walls and fences in Clark County are private property. Our Graffiti Abatement program assists with the initial removal of graffiti vandalism from private residential properties. Permission from the property owner is required. Upon request Clark County will provide paint so the property owner can cover any subsequent graffiti vandalism.

Business or commercial property owners are responsible for graffiti removal from commercial properties including apartments, townhomes, gated communities, power easements, utility boxes and mailboxes.

## 13. Swimming Pools

Swimming pools are a permanently or temporarily installed body of water in excess of 18 inches deep. An access barrier must enclose the entire pool and must be at least 60 inches (5 feet) high. The pool enclosure must have a self-latching and self-closing gate inoperative from the outside.

Pools must be drained to the public sewer through a permanently installed waste line or a hose connected to the sewer. Waste water may not be discharged to a septic system or to the public right-of-way.

## 14. Garage or Yard Sales

Garage or yard sales are allowed for six (6) days per calendar half-year. Items for sale must be from your home. New items cannot be brought in for the sale.

## 15. Basketball Hoops

Basketball hoops must be kept on your property and are

not allowed in the right-of-way.

## 16. Home Occupation

Home occupation is a commercial use conducted entirely within a residence and conducted by family members residing in the home. The use is incidental and secondary, does not alter the exterior, or affect the residential character of the neighborhood. No employees or foot traffic are allowed at the residence.



## 17. Signs

Signs placed in the right-of-way are subject to immediate removal by the Public Response Office due to safety concerns. Other illegal signs are issued a Notice of Violation and given fifteen (15) days to come into compliance or be removed.

## 18. Posting

Posting notices or other advertising on utility poles is prohibited. Contact the Public Response Office for any information regarding signs.

## 19. Sheds

Sheds over 120 square feet require building permits and must comply with zoning setbacks.

## 20. Grading

Grading plans must be filed with the Public Works Department and a grading permit must be obtained from the Building Department before beginning actual work on your property. Grading must be done according to the approved plan and generally the property must drain to the right-of-way. Under normal conditions drainage cannot cross another owner's property.