

COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS

Unsafe Property (Tall Grass)

Sec. 10-7 (a) (1). Unsafe property.

The term "unsafe property environment" shall include any property which has more than six (6) inches of grass in height, dilapidated buildings or any other unsafe item as determined by the governing authority.

Motor Vehicle Parking

Sec. 13-7 (c) (1). Vehicle Parking

In the residential (R) districts, no parking of motor vehicles shall be allowed in any front yard with the following exceptions:

- a. Vehicles may be parked on a paved or concrete driveway.
- b. Vehicles may be parked between the driveway and the side property line nearest the driveway and on a hard surface (no grassed areas), so long as they do not encroach on neighboring properties and the vehicles is operable and has current motor registration.

R.V. / Trailer Parking

Sec. 13-7 (c) (2). R.V. / Trailer Parking

No major recreational equipment such as boats and boat trailers, travel trailers, campers, and similar items shall be parked or stored on any street or on any front yard in any residential district with the following exceptions:

- a. They may be parked on a paved or concrete driveway provided they are at least twenty (20) feet from the street.
- b. They may be parked between the driveway and the side property line nearest the driveway on a hard surface (no grassed areas), provided they are at least twenty (20) feet from the street and the grass and surrounding property is properly maintained, and provided they do not encroach on neighboring properties and the vehicle is operable and has current motor registration.
- c. They may be parked in the front yard of a corner lot on a hard surface (no grassed areas), which is to the side of or at the end of the house, provided they are at least thirty (30) feet from the street, provided they do not extend beyond the front of the house and the grass and surrounding property is properly maintained, and provided they do not encroach on neighboring properties and the vehicle is operable and has current motor registration.

Non-Conforming Vehicles

Sec 13-7 (c) (3). Non-Conforming Vehicles

Nonconforming vehicles shall not be parked or stored in any residential zone other than in a completely enclosed garage.

Commercial Vehicle Requirements

Sec 13-7 (c) (4). Commercial Vehicle Requirements

No commercial vehicle rated two (2) tons or more, school bus, trailer exceeding fifteen (15) feet in length, tractor or heavy construction equipment shall be parked or stored in any residential zone in the yard, the driveway or the street except for service and delivery purposes. Furthermore, commercial vehicles under two (2) tons are prohibited from being parked on the street or any front yard except on a paved driveway.

Nuisance Trash / Debris, Nuisance Accumulation

Sec. 7-17 Nuisance Trash / Debris, Nuisance Accumulation

It shall be unlawful for any person in possession, charge or control of any premises to keep, cause to be kept or allow the keeping on any premises within the corporate limits of the city any refuse in such manner that it will become offensive or deleterious to health or likely to cause disease, and the same is hereby declared a public nuisance. The DeSoto County health department, Southaven planning department, public works director and Southaven police department are hereby authorized to inspect any premises in the city for the purpose of seeing that the requirements of this title are being complied with.

Illegal Signs / Banners

Sec 13-6 (e). Illegal Signs / Banners

The following types of signs or prohibited under this chapter.

- (1) Pole signs;
- (2) Wall signs constructed of wood or metal on the exterior building surface;
- (3) Cabinet wall or box signs shall be illegal on exterior building surfaces;
- (4) Moving devices or search lights for advertising purposes;
- (5) Signs painted directly on exterior building surfaces;
- (6) Signs attached to trees or utility poles;
- (7) Obscenity or immoral signs;
- (8) Changeable letter marquees;
- (9) Portable signs;
- (10) Yard stake signs;
- (11) Signs or devices which by color, location or design resemble or conflict with traffic control signs or devices;
- (12) Signs attached to, suspended from or painted on any vehicle, included a trailer, which is parked on or visible from any street or public place. This prohibition shall not apply to those signs which are required to be affixed to service vehicles by the requirements of any state, federal or local regulations, nor is this prohibition to be construed as prohibited the identification of a firm or its principal products on a vehicle operated during the normal course of the business;
- (13) Signs which contain pulsating or strobe lights;
- (14) Banners or streamers are prohibited except as provided for in subsections above;
- (15) Sandwich board and pedestal signs and those carried by persons as sandwich board signs;
- (16) Off-premises signs, which includes subdivision locator signs;
- (17) Abandoned or dilapidated signs;
- (18) Real estate signs shall be removed within thirty (30) days of the rent, sale or lease of a property;
- (19) Exposed neon letters or logos;
- (20) Construction signs must be located on the developing property and is only allowed while construction is physically in progress, not to exceed one (1) year. These signs shall not exceed seventy-five (75) square feet;
- (21) Balloons;
- (22) Home based business signs;
- (23) Roof signs (which protrude above the roofline); and
- (24) Inflatable signs.

Swimming Pool Requirements

Sec 4-127. Swimming Pool Requirements

(a) The swimming pool chapters included in the International Residential Code 2003 edition are hereby adopted by reference as though fully copied herein. These adopted documents shall be utilized by the relevant design professional.

(b) The following amendments and/or exceptions apply:

Connection limitations. Indirect connection shall be made between any storm drain, storm sewer or other drainage system (approved by the administrative authority) for above ground pools. All direct connections shall comply with the provisions of this Code. It shall be unlawful to discharge or overflow any pool water in a manner to cause runoff on to adjacent properties.

(c) In addition to these provisions, the following shall also apply:

(1) Any pool system intended to be temporary or portable that does not exceed a depth of two (2) feet and regardless of width or diameter shall not be erected for a period of more than six (6) months without being disassembled and stored away out of site of public view.

(2) Any pool system of design that may be intended to be temporary or portable but that does exceed a depth of two (2) feet and regardless of width or diameter shall be required to be enclosed by a four-foot opaque fence as provided for in this Code. In this case, such pools may remain erected as if permanent.

(3) Any in-ground pool system shall be located at a distance of ten (10) feet minimum from any exterior face of a residence or any other building on the property. In the event, a pool cannot be placed in this manner on a site, a letter from a licensed engineer (authorized to practice in Mississippi) verifying that the foundations of all structures within ten (10) feet of the subject pool are not compromised shall be required before a permit shall be issued.