

# CODE ENFORCEMENT COMMON CONCERNS – RESIDENTIAL

Sheds must be at least 5 feet from fences (reduced to 3 feet if constructed of metal or non-combustible material). Over 120sqft or electrical requires a permit (OMC § 9.1.1802 (c))



Garbage/Recycle containers must be stored from public view 24 hrs. before or after pickup (OMC § 4.29.404 (c))



This area and the driveway are the ONLY approved parking areas when improved (provide for a mud-free and dustless surface)

Basketball hoops may not block the sidewalk or street



Concrete work in the Public Right of Way will require an encroachment permit from Public Works

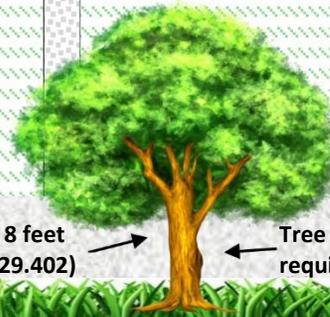
Patio cover- Requires a permit & has setback requirements. (CBC 105.1)



Inoperable vehicles are prohibited. This includes flat tires and/or missing/damaged body parts (OMC § 4.29.408)



Trees should be trimmed up from the ground 8 feet over sidewalks and 12 over streets (OMC § 4.29.402)

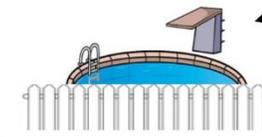


Tree removal in the Public Right of Way will require an encroachment permit from Public Works

Maximum Fence Height: 7 Feet. Less in front yards and the first 30 feet of side yards on corner lots. See fencing handout for full details (OMC § 9.1.1110)



Pools, hot tubs and spas require a permit and have setback and barrier requirements (CBC 10.5.1 H&S 115923)



When draining your swimming pool, contact Ironhouse Sanitary District for permission and directions. Do not drain pool into the storm drain.

Vehicles may only be parked on legally established driveways. They may not be parked on 2<sup>nd</sup> driveways (OMC § 4.29.408 (b))

Debris may not be visible from the public right of way (OMC § 4.29.404)



Front and/or side yards shall be maintained and free of weeds and/or overgrown vegetation (OMC § 4.29.402 (f))

The area between the sidewalk & street is called the "Planter Strip". It is maintained by the property owner and cannot be an improved surface

*Thank you for doing your part to keep Oakley beautiful!*

Visit our Permit Counter for further information, permit requirements or questions at 3231 Main St, Oakley (925) 625-7000

## City Ordinance Overview

*Code Enforcement's goal is to keep Oakley a healthy, safe, and beautiful place to live. This is accomplished by implementing City Ordinances to promote community standards, safeguard quality of life for our residents, and protect housing investments. This list was created to assist homeowners by identifying the most common code violations.*

- ❑ **Basketball Hoops:** May be out as long as they are not blocking the street or sidewalk (for street sweeping, garbage collection, and ADA). (OMC § 6.2.118)
- ❑ **Gutter Ramps:** No person shall construct, put on, maintain, or leave on a right-of-way any obstruction or impediment. These are commonly used to access widened or secondary driveways. (OMC § 6.2.108)
- ❑ **Trees Overhanging Public Areas:** Tree branches shall be trimmed at least 8 feet over the sidewalk, 12 feet over the street, and 16 feet over the street for bus routes. Shrubs or vegetation may not interfere with public right of way (street or sidewalk), (OMC § 4.29.402)
- ❑ **Unpermitted Driveways:** All driveways and parking areas shall only be accessible from legally established curb cuts and/or driveway approaches. (OMC § 9.1.1122)
- ❑ **Vehicle/RV/Boat Parking:** May be parked on a legally established driveway (cement, brick/pavers, asphalt). (OMC § 4.29.408)
- ❑ **Inoperable Vehicles:** Flat tires, missing parts, or vehicles sitting on jacks. Major automotive work cannot be performed in public view. (OMC § 4.29.408)
- ❑ **Landscape Maintenance:** Weeds and/or bare dirt are unacceptable. Grass must be kept less than 8 inches in length. Weeds & dead brush must be removed or cut to ground level. Decorative landscaping such as rock/bark, but not wood chips, are an alternative to grass when installed with a weed barrier. (OMC § 4.29.402 f)
- ❑ **Garbage Containers:** Must be stored out of public view behind a fence or permanent obstruction except for 24 hours before and after pickup. (OMC § 4.29.404 c)
- ❑ **Trash and Debris:** Appliances, tires, household items, boxes, furniture, junk, and building materials must be kept out of public view. (OMC § 4.29.404)
- ❑ **Garage Sale Signs:** "A-Frame" signs are a great way to advertise your sale instead of taping signs to poles as long as they don't block the sidewalk. (OMC § 9.5.114)
- ❑ **Fence Height:** Maximum Fence Height: 7 Feet. Less in front yards and the first 30 feet of side yards on corner lots. See fencing handout for full details.
- ❑ **Garbage Service is Mandatory:** Call (925) 682-9113 (OMC § 4.20.302)

- ❑ **Accessory Buildings and Sheds:** Sheds must be at least 5 feet from fences (reduced to 3 feet if constructed of metal or non-combustible material). Sheds over 120sqft or that have electrical require a permit. (OMC § 9.1.1802 c)
- ❑ **Patio Covers, Arbors, Gazebos, Cabanas, Pools, etc.:** All require a permit and have setback requirements. (CBC 105.1)

### What are Not Code Enforcement Violations?

Your valuable tax dollars are at work, and we want to expend our resources appropriately and efficiently. There are some neighborhood issues that either do not fall under our jurisdiction or are not violations. The most common are:

- RV's/Boats ARE allowed in a legally established driveway
- Unregistered Vehicles CAN be in public view on private property
- Neighboring trees overhanging property lines are NOT violations. This would be considered a civil matter between two private citizens
- Barking Dogs should be reported to CC Animal Control at (925) 608-8400
- Street parking related issues and abandoned vehicles should be reported to Parking Enforcement at (925) 625-8060
- Call 1-800-NO DUMPING if you see oil, pool water, and other contaminants going into the storm drain
- Code Enforcement does not enforce CC&R's (Covenants, Codes & Restrictions) associated with HOAs

### How Do I Report Something?

There are three ways to report a possible code violation. You can email us at [code-enforcement@ci.oakley.ca.us](mailto:code-enforcement@ci.oakley.ca.us), visit our web site (click on "Report a Concern") to file a complaint, or you can call us at (925) 625-7031. Please be prepared with specific information such as the address of the property and details of the situation. All complaints are anonymous!

*You can also report abandoned shopping carts, graffiti, homeless encampments, abandoned homes, substandard rental housing (mold, unsafe electrical, unsafe sanitation, etc.), and trash & debris that have been dumped.*

For additional information, visit us at <http://OakleyCity.ShortURL.com>

*This information is provided as a guideline. Please contact us at (925) 625-7000 or visit City Hall at 3231 Main St. for property specific regulations.*