

**Standards Guide  
for quality  
neighborhoods**

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## A Message from the Code Enforcement Manager

Dear Citizens:

We are proud to have this opportunity to present our 7<sup>th</sup> edition of our “Standards Guide.” Our goal is not only to perform fair and equitable enforcement of the codes, but also to educate citizens of the codes. We are constantly seeking a partnership approach with the community in our code enforcement efforts.

Often, it has been a difficult task in maintaining the balance between the rights of individual property owners and the welfare of the general public when enforcing the codes.

We continue to refine the skills, practices, and professionalism of our code enforcement staff through continuing education, re-organization, and technological advances.

Our goal is, and will continue to be, voluntary compliance of the codes before pursuing further enforcement action. Your Code Enforcement Officers are here to serve you. They will do it honestly and fairly – keeping in mind they are charged with protecting your civil rights.

Your Brevard County Code Enforcement Officers are professional Board Certified members of the Florida Association of Code Enforcement (F.A.C.E.), having completed different levels of certification on Fundamentals of Code Enforcement, Administrative Aspects of Code Enforcement, and Legal Issues in Code Enforcement.

Sincerely,

Bobby A. Bowen, Sr.  
Manager

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# **Brevard County Board of County Commissioners Code Enforcement Program**

The Board of County Commissioners funds and operates a Code Enforcement Program for the unincorporated areas of Brevard County.

Brevard County Code Enforcement is a division of the Permitting and Enforcement Department. Staff in this section investigates complaints of alleged code violations regarding *Zoning, Solid Waste, Marine Turtle Lighting and Overgrowth*.

The following services are provided:

Investigate Zoning and Solid Waste complaints

Investigate immediate health and safety issues brought to our attention

Assist citizens with compliance measures before resorting to prosecution

Assist the public courteously and expeditiously

Refer other complaints to other government agencies for investigation (i.e.; Building Code Compliance; Natural Resources; Roadways and Landscaping; Licensing, Regulation & Enforcement; Land Development; Water Resources, State of Florida Environmental Health; Brevard County Tax Collector/Occupational Licenses etc.)

The mission of Code Enforcement is to ensure and enhance the quality of life of county residents by requiring owners of property in non-compliance with county codes to come into compliance.

The jurisdiction of Brevard County Code Enforcement extends **ONLY** to property located in the unincorporated areas of Brevard County. Please contact your city Code Enforcement for concerns on property located within the city limits of any municipality within Brevard County.

Brevard County Code Enforcement is located at the Brevard County Government Complex, 2725 Judge Fran Jamieson Way, Building A, Room 103, Viera, FL 32940, phone (321) 633-2086 and fax (321) 633-2167.

If you have any questions about Brevard County Code Enforcement and the information in this booklet, you may contact the Code Enforcement Manager, Bobby A. Bowen, Sr. or Permitting and Enforcement Department Director, Edward Lyon at (321) 690-6875.

**Emergency Situations:** If our office is closed and the activity you want to report may cause environmental damage or create a safety concern, call Brevard County Emergency Management at 637-6670. They will dispatch emergency complaints and route them to our on-call staff for response.

**Routine Complaints:** All complaints are processed in the order that they are received. However, complaints are prioritized according to their impact on the environment and public safety. The most significant impacts may be investigated first. Therefore, the accuracy and completeness of the information you provide may affect the time it takes to investigate your complaint. Please be as specific and complete as possible when filing your complaint.

## **Authority of the Special Magistrate**

The Code Enforcement Section of the Permitting and Enforcement is responsible for ensuring compliance with those ordinances and portions of the Brevard County Code dealing with non-criminal matters such as public nuisances, zoning violations, solid waste disposal violations, adult entertainment violations and turtle lighting violations.

Florida Statute § 162 enables the Board of County Commissioners to establish a Code Enforcement Board and/or a Code Enforcement Special Magistrate. The purpose of these entities is to provide an equitable, expeditious, effective and inexpensive method of enforcing the technical codes in force in Brevard County, Florida. The Board of County Commissioners further determined that the creation of a Code Enforcement Board/Special Magistrate for the unincorporated areas of Brevard would serve to promote, protect and improve the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the County.

The Special Magistrate has the power to subpoena alleged violators and witnesses to its hearings; to subpoena records (including public records, surveys, plats and all other documentary evidence) deemed relevant by the Special Magistrate; to take testimony under oath; to issue orders having the force and effect of law; and commanding whatever steps necessary to bring a violation into compliance. Additionally, the Special Magistrate, pursuant to the provisions of chapter 2-175 of the Code of Ordinances of Brevard County, Florida, may levy fines of up to \$1,000.00 for each day a violation continues past the date set by the Special Magistrate for compliance. This penalty, if not paid, will become a lien on the property, which can be satisfied by foreclosure, and sale of said property. Also pursuant to chapter 2-175 of the Code of Ordinances of Brevard County, Florida, if the County prevails in prosecuting a code violation case the Respondent may be required to pay all costs incurred by the County to bring this matter before the Special Magistrate. The costs may also be attached as a lien on the property.

**NOTE:** Pursuant to Chapter 2-176 (b)(1) of the Code of Ordinances of Brevard County, Florida, when the Special Magistrate rules in favor of the County and the violation occurs again on the same property, it becomes a repeat violation and the Code Enforcement Officer may, without giving the person reasonable time to correct the violation, issue a notice of hearing to appear. A fine may be assessed up to \$5,000.00 per day for a repeat violation.

Additionally, an aggrieved party, including Brevard County, may appeal a final administrative order of the Special Magistrate to the Circuit Court. Any such appeal must be filed within thirty (30) days of the date of the order.

# Common Complaints



## **Dumping (Solid Waste)** **Chapter 94**

Illegal dumping sites are often hidden from public view. Dead end streets and large vacant properties are easy targets of illegal dump sites. Violators caught in the act can be arrested and charged with a felony.

Unless otherwise exempted or prohibited the disposal of solid waste in the County other than at the County's Solid Waste Management Facilities or at a permitted Solid Waste Management Facility is prohibited.

The disposal of solid waste, including litter and dead animals, in any manner or amount whatsoever, into or on any public or private lands or water bodies in the county, in any manner except where in compliance with this chapter is prohibited.



## **Fences** **Building Code Violations** **(321) 633-2072**

On February 22, 2000, the Board of County Commissioners amended the Brevard County Code to require Building Permits for residential fences installed within the unincorporated areas of the county.

Failure to obtain the appropriate permit may result in a double permit fee and/or a code violation fine. If you have any questions, need a permit, or require additional information, please call Building Code Compliance at (321) 633-2072.

## **Garage Sales** **Chapter 62 Section 2111**

Residents may offer their personal belongings and household effects for sale to the general public in a garage or yard sale, however, a garage sale shall not be carried on for more than a 48 hour period, and no more than two such sales shall be permitted within a 12 month period from any single lot, parcel or tract of land within the unincorporated areas of the county.

At the conclusion of such garage sales, all unsold articles and items shall be removed or packed in such a manner so as not to be visible from any public street or abutting property.

The individual conducting the garage sale shall provide for and control adequate parking for motor vehicles so as to reasonably prevent unsafe conditions and traffic congestion on the public street adjacent to the premises upon which the sale is being conducted.

A person who conducts a garage sale in compliance with the conditions and provisions of this section shall not be required to obtain an occupational license for such garage sale or otherwise be controlled by the provisions of Chapter 102, Article II.

**Glare and Lighting**  
**Chapter 62, Section 2257**

Any lighting elements or structural materials installed on a residential site shall not cast or reflect glare or light beyond the boundaries of the site.

Newly built structures are subject to Building Code Compliance. Lighting issues concerning new construction should be directed to the Building Code Compliance Section at (321) 633-2072.

For lighting issues not related to new construction, contact Code Enforcement at 633-2086.

**Farm Animals and Fowl**  
**Chapter 62, Section 1927**

The keeping of farm fowl and farm animals, including but not limited to cattle, fowl, goats, bees and rabbits, or no more than one hog, may be permitted as a conditional use on a 2 ½ acre minimum lot in the rural residential zoning classification (RR-1) and the rural residential mobile home zoning classification (RRMH-1, RRMH-2.5 and RRMH-5), on the specific condition that the farm fowl or farm animal, including but not limited to cattle, goats, bees, rabbits or one hog, are for the personal, noncommercial use of the occupants only. The applicant for a conditional use permit shall specify the number and type of farm animals and fowl at the time of application for the conditional use permit.

**Home Occupations**  
**(Zoning Approval for Occupational License)**  
**Chapter 62, Section 115**  
***(321) 633-2070***

For the purposes of this section, a home occupation is defined as any occupation where the work is performed in the home in connection with which there is not commodity sold upon the premises, no more than one person employed other than a member of the immediate family residing upon the premises, and no mechanical equipment used except such as is normal in a residence or might be used incidental to hobbies (such as small drills, sanders, etc.). A non-illuminated window or wall sign of one square foot or less may be permitted. Such home occupations are permitted in all residential zoning classifications. The principal use and appearance of the structure shall continue to be that of a residence.

A home occupation permit may be issued administratively or after public hearing as specified in subsection (b)(1) of this section.

For more information, contact the Department of Planning & Zoning at (321) 633-2070.



**Junk Vehicles**  
**Chapter 94, Section 311**

Stored or parked junked or abandoned vehicles or parts thereof, on private property are prohibited.

It shall be unlawful for any person to park, store or leave; or permit the parking, storing or leaving of any junked, inoperable or abandoned vehicle, or part thereof, upon any private property within the unincorporated areas of the county unless such vehicle, or part thereof, is in compliance with the provisions of Chapter 94, or is completely enclosed within a building or unless such vehicle, or part thereof, is stored or parked on private property in connection with a duly licensed business or enterprise operated and conducted for the repair or storage of vehicles in full compliance with all applicable laws, ordinances and regulations.

## **Junk Vehicles**

### **(Storage requirements of junk or abandoned vehicles)**

#### **Chapter 94, Section 311**

The maximum number and storage requirements of junked or abandoned vehicles on residentially zoned and agriculturally zoned properties are as follows:

Unlimited number in a garage or other completely enclosed structure; or

No more than one per lot located in a rear yard completely screened on all four sides and the vehicle does not exceed the height of an opaque visual barrier; or

No more than one, which is visible anywhere on the lot if located in a carport with a standard cover.

## **Junk Vehicles**

### **(Prima facie evidence of abandonment or junked vehicle)**

#### **Chapter 94, Section 313**

The following circumstances provide prima facie evidence that a vehicle has been abandoned or junked.

The absence of a license plate for the current year and/or the absence of a current vehicle registration shall be prima facie evidence that such vehicle has been abandoned, junked or discarded, unless such vehicle type is not required to be registered with the state because its designed use qualifies for an exemption under Chapter 320 of Florida State Statutes; or

Prima facie evidence includes whether the vehicle is usable for its intended purpose or incapable of operating under its own power due to extensive damage, disassembly, deterioration, or the extensive accumulation of trash or undergrowth in or around the vehicle indicating disuse; or

Any vehicle which causes the property to become infested or inhabited by rodents, vermin or wild animals, or which may furnish a breeding place for mosquitoes or threaten the public health, safety or welfare, or may reasonably adversely affect aesthetics and impair the economic welfare of the adjacent property shall be prima facie evidence that a vehicle is abandoned or junked.

## **Land Use (Penalty for Unauthorized Use of Land)**

### **Chapter 62, Section 1254**

It shall be unlawful for any person to use any land in a manner not specifically permitted in the zoning classification applicable to such land, not permitted under the conditions applicable to a designated special use, or not permitted by a conditional use authorized under the provisions of this chapter, or contrary to any of this chapter. Any person found guilty of violating this section shall be deemed guilty of an offense and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$500.00 or by imprisonment in the county jail for a period not to exceed 60 days, or both such fine and imprisonment. Enforcement of this section may also be sought through the Code Enforcement Special Magistrate.



## **Maintenance of Property (Trash and Rubbish Accumulation)**

### **Chapter 94, Section 48**

All owners, residents or occupants of property utilized or zoned for residential use located within the unincorporated area of the county, whether improved or unimproved, shall maintain their property in a litter-free condition, including vacant areas, sidewalks, grass strips and contiguous alleys and curbs.

**Noise (Measurement of Sound)**  
**Chapter 62, Section 2271**

Sound shall be measured with a sound level meter. Sound meters utilized for enforcement action shall have data logging capability and output to preserve a graphical record of measurement. Sound measurements shall be taken to secure and ensure an accurate representation of the sound. Sound level meters shall utilize an A-weighted filter, set to slow response, with a 3 dBA doubling rate and no cut-offs. Measurements of sound in support or defense of an enforcement action shall be performed by individuals with documented training and/or experience in the collection and interpretation of sound level data.

**Maximum Allowable Noise Sound Pressure Levels for Receiving Uses**

**Type of Use**

<b><u>Pressure Level</u></b>	<b><u>Maximum Time Period</u></b>	<b><u>Allowable Sound</u></b>
<b>Residential</b>	7am – 10pm	60 dBA
	10pm – 7am	55 dBA
<b>Commercial</b>	7am – 10pm	65 dBA
	10pm – 7am	55 dBA
<b>Industrial</b>	7am – 10pm	75 dBA
	10pm – 7am	65 dBA

State law reference: Motor vehicles noise generally, Florida Statutes 316.272 et seq., 403.415; noise for watercraft, Florida Statutes 327.65.

**Obstruction of County Right-of-Way**  
**Law Enforcement**

It is unlawful to park any motor vehicle or trailer across or upon any sidewalks for pedestrians, or park on the road right-of-way in any manner that would create a health/safety concern for the public. The Sheriff’s Department may issue citations to violators.

**Contractor Licensing**  
**Chapter 102 Section 44**  
**(321) 633-2058**

No person shall engage in any business or occupation or manage any business, business location or occupation in the incorporated or unincorporated areas of the county for which an occupational license tax is required by this article unless a local occupational license has been procured from the tax collector of the county. Such local occupational license shall be issued to each person upon payment of the local occupational tax provided in this article and upon full compliance with all requirements or conditions specified under the classification requested, by this article in general, and by any other provisions of this code.

Fees or licenses paid to any board, commission or officer for permits, registration, examination, inspection or other regulatory purposes shall be deemed to be regulatory and in addition to and not in lieu of any occupational license required by this article unless otherwise expressly provided by law.

For more information, contact the Licensing, Regulation & Enforcement Section at (321) 633-2058 or one of the Brevard County Tax Collector's Offices at (321) 264-6910 Titusville, (321) 455-1413 Merritt Island, (321) 255-4453 Melbourne, and (321) 952-6325 Palm Bay.



**Overgrowth  
Excessive Accumulations and Growth  
(Weeds and Grass)  
Chapter 114**

It is hereby found that the abatement of flies, mosquitoes and other harmful insects within the unincorporated area of the county is advisable and necessary for the maintenance of the comfort, safety, health and welfare of the citizens of the county, and such abatement is hereby found and declared to be for a public purpose.

The existence of excessive accumulation or untended growth of weeds, overgrowth or dead or living plant life, including trees, upon any lot, tract or parcel of land, improved or unimproved, within 100 feet of any improved property within the unincorporated area of the county, or within 100 feet of any federal, state, or county highway, street, road or road right-of-way, to the extent and in the manner that such lot, tract or parcel of land is or may reasonably become infected or inhabited by rats, mice, other rodents, snakes, vermin, pests or wild animals, or may furnish a breeding place or harbor insects, or threatens or endangers the public health safety or welfare or may reasonably cause disease, or adversely affects and impairs the economic welfare of adjacent property or which tends to degrade the appearance of a neighborhood, is hereby declared a public nuisance and thereby prohibited. This section is not intended to apply to vegetation, which has not been previously removed or maintained.

**NOTE:** Violations involving vegetation crossing private property boundary lines: The general rule for this type of issue is that the encroachment of trees, shrubbery, or other vegetation across private property boundary lines is a private legal matter for which the remedy of self-help is typically the only remedy available. This rule, however, will not prevent Code Enforcement from proceeding against a violation of Chapter 114 Section 28, Brevard County Code, where the overgrowth presents a public nuisance.



**Parking, Locating & Storage  
Chapter 62, Section 2117**

The Board of County Commissioners voted to amend Chapter 62, Section 2117. The effective date of the amended ordinance is September 15, 2005. A complete copy of the revised ordinance is

available on-line at [www.municode.com](http://www.municode.com) is a link at <http://www.brevardcounty.us/codeenforcement> .

The ordinance has relaxed the parking, locating and storage requirement for residential zoning and has allowed some commercial vehicles in residential zoning. Generally, the following conditions apply to residential zoning.

**Note:** This listing is intended to identify the most common complaints and should not be considered all-inclusive.

BOATS	OK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anywhere within the property lines.</li> <li>• Boats that must be moved by means of a trailer must be stored on a trailer</li> <li>• No limit on number or size.</li> </ul>
COMMERCIAL VEHICLES (See list in column to right)	OK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Pick-up Trucks, Passenger Vans and Cargo Vans under 24'</li> <li>• 2 Axle Step Vans</li> <li>• Tow Trucks only if parked behind the front building line and behind a 6' fence.</li> <li>• Anywhere within the property lines.</li> <li>• No limit on number</li> </ul>
FOR SALE (Cars or Trucks)	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not permitted in Right-of-way</li> <li>• Not permitted on vacant property</li> <li>• Not permitted on improved vacant property (closed business or abandoned house etc.)</li> </ul>
RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT	OK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anywhere within the property lines.</li> <li>• No limit on number or size.</li> </ul>
R.V.'s	OK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anywhere within the property lines.</li> <li>• No limit on number or size.</li> <li>• Can temporarily park in R.O.W. for up to 24 hours for loading/unloading (must not block sidewalk.)</li> <li>• Can be used for 14 consecutive days in a 30 day period.</li> <li>• Must NOT be for permanent living arrangements.</li> <li>• Must NOT be for commercial purposes.</li> </ul>
Tow Trucks	OK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Must be parked behind the front building line &amp; behind a 6' fence.</li> </ul>
Trailers/Semi-Trucks	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Not permitted anywhere on residential property.</li> </ul>
Trailers	OK	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Anywhere within the property lines.</li> </ul>
Unimproved Property	NO	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>• Unimproved property can not be used for parking, locating or storing.</li> </ul>

## **Roadside Stands**

### **Chapter 62, Section 1945.5**

**(321) 633-2058**

It shall be unlawful for any person to operate or cause to be operated any roadside stand or farmer's stand within any right-of-way along any public road in the county. There shall be no parking associated with a roadside stand or farmer's stand on the public right-of-way.

The only commercial activity permitted in a public right-of-way is the operation of a mobile vendor along roads located in residentially zoned areas and with speed limits not exceeding 25 miles per hour.

All roadside stands and farmer's stands must meet the setback requirements for structures in the applicable zoning classification. An occupational license is required to operate a roadside stand.

For more information, contact the Licensing, Regulation & Enforcement Section at (321) 633-2058 or one of the Brevard County Tax Collector's Offices.

## **Signs**

### **Chapter 62, Section 3301**

**(321) 633-2072**

On-premises, temporary signs and advertising structures are addressed under Chapter 62, Section 3301. This article is comprehensive in its guidelines, which regulate the type, number, size, location and maintenance of signs within the unincorporated areas of Brevard County.

Generally, permits are required to display a sign. As such, they are regulated by the Building Code Compliance Section. Contact the Building Code Compliance section for more information at (321) 633-2072 and PRIOR to placement of signs.



### **Structures (Substandard Structures) Building Code Violations (321) 633-2072**

A structure is considered substandard when it does not meet the standards or specifications established in the Standard Building Code, i.e., construction without a permit, possible life and safety issues, open (unsecured) swimming pools, and not built to code. Fences and sheds are structures and are regulated by the Standard Building Code. Contact the Building Code

Compliance section for more information at (321) 633-2072.

Building related complaints received by Code Enforcement are referred directly to Building Code Compliance for investigation by their Inspectors.

## **Resort Dwelling Chapter 62-1102**

Resort Dwelling means any single family dwelling or multifamily dwelling unit which is rented for periods of less than 90 days or three calendar months, whichever is less, or which is advertised or held out to the public as a place rented for periods of less than 90 days or three calendar months, whichever is less. For the purpose of this chapter, a resort dwelling is a commercial use. For the purposes of this definition, subleases for less than 90 days are to be considered separate rental periods. This definition does not include month-to-month hold-over leases from a previous lease longer than 90 days.

### **Prima facie evidence.**

Prima facie evidence of a resort dwelling.

The following circumstances provide prima facie evidence that a property is being used as a resort dwelling:

On a non-homesteaded property, different occupants have been observed on at least two separate occasions within any 90 day period; or

On a non-homesteaded property, different vehicles with different license plate tags have been observed parked on at least two separate occasions in any 90 day period; or

The property is advertised or held out to the public as a vacation rental, vacation resort, short-term rental, short-term resort, or resort rental.

Amortization of Non-conforming Uses – If the enactment of this ordinance creates any non-conforming uses, then the provision of Section 62-1191 shall apply. The term “the effective date of the division” referred in Section 62-1191, shall be deemed to expressly mean the effective date of this ordinance.

# FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

**Q: Can additions to houses be built without a permit?**

A: No. Structures must meet Standard Building Code. Contact the Building Code Compliance Section (321) 633-2072 before beginning any building, mechanical, electrical or plumbing project.

**Q: Who should be contacted to report a derelict boat/vessel that is located in the water?**

A: The Florida Fish and Wildlife Commission/Division of Law Enforcement (formerly Marine Patrol) address derelict vessels located in the water. Their phone number is 1-888-404-3922. Derelict or junk vessels located on land are addressed by Brevard County Code Enforcement.

**Q: Are permits required to repair my boat dock?**

A: Yes. Structures must meet Standard Building Code. Contact the Building Code Compliance Section (321) 633-2072 before beginning any building, mechanical, electrical or plumbing project.

**Q: Does Code Enforcement accept anonymous code complaints?**

A: Yes. The Board of County Commissioners has directed Code Enforcement to accept anonymous complaints. Complaints may mailed, called in (321) 633-2086, faxed (321) 633-2167, or e-mailed to [code.enf@brevardcounty.us](mailto:code.enf@brevardcounty.us). NOTE: Faxes and e-mail services often contain identifying information.

**Q: Will Code Enforcement drive through my neighborhood and addresses all of the code violations they see at all of the properties?**

A: No. We are not "pro-active." The Board of County Commissioners has directed Code Enforcement to respond only to citizen complaints at specific addresses/locations except for health and safety issues.

**Q: What should be done if a dog is running loose?**

A: Call Animal Control to report an animal at large. (321) 633-2024.

**Q: What should be done if a neighbors' dog barks all the time and creates a nuisance?**

A: Call Animal Control to report the disturbance (321)633-2024.

**Q: Are permits required to install a fence?**

A: Yes. Please consult with the Planning & Zoning Department (321) 633-2070 and Building Code Compliance Section (321) 633-2072 PRIOR to starting to obtain a permit.

**Q: Landlord-Tenant Disputes Who should be called if an apartment complex fails to repair broken items or provide/maintain common amenities?**

A: Pool maintenance: State of Florida/Division of Environmental Health at 633-2100.

Dumpers overflowing: Brevard County Code Enforcement  
Electrical issues, no heat, roof leaks, plumbing: Brevard County Building Code Compliance at 633-2072.

The State of Florida/Division of Landlord Tenant Disputes may also be able to provide assistance. They can be contacted at (800) 435-7352.

Q: **Do I need an Occupational License to run a landscape business?**

A: Yes. Contact Brevard County Occupational Licenses at the Tax Collector's Office for a business license. The Tax Collector has various telephone numbers in different areas of the county. Please call the office most convenient to you.

Q: **Will I need a permit for an above ground pool?**

A: Yes. Structures must meet Standard Building Code. Contact the Building Code Compliance Section (321) 633-2072 before beginning any building, mechanical, electrical or plumbing project.

Q: **Can old refrigerators be placed at the curb for trash with the refrigerator doors on and unsecured?**

A: No. If you see a refrigerator with the doors left on it, please call the Sheriff's Office or Code Enforcement immediately. There is an immediate health and safety hazard – especially for children.

Q: **Are roosters allowed on residential property?**

A: No. You may keep one chicken, rabbits, and up to four adult dogs. To keep roosters, you must have the proper zoning. Contact the Department of Planning & Zoning to inquire about proper zoning (321) 633-2070.

Q: **Is it allowed to have a skateboard ramp in the road?**

A: No. It is illegal to place permanent basketball hoops or permanent skateboard ramps in the roadway or in the right-of-way.

Q: **Are permits required to install utility sheds?**

A: Yes. Structures must meet Standard Building Code. Contact the Building Code Compliance Section (321) 633-2072 before beginning any building, mechanical, electrical or plumbing project.

Q: **Are Tow Trucks allowed to be in my neighborhood?**

A: Yes, with storage requirements. Tow Truck must be parked behind the front building line and behind a 6' fence.

Q: **Can a tractor-trailer/18-Wheeler park in a residential neighborhood?**

A: No. You may not park or store either the tractor or the trailer in a residentially zoned neighborhood.

Q: **Who should be contacted if a septic tank is overflowing?**

A: Contact the State of Florida/Division of Environmental

Health immediately at 633-2100.

**Q: Do I need a permit to cut down a tree?**

A: Before cutting down a tree, please contact the Department of Natural Resources to determine what requirements need to be met. (321) 633-2016.

**Q: What can be done about trees or shrubs overhanging a property line?**

A: If the overgrowth blocks visibility to a roadway or blocks the public right-of-way, Code Enforcement can address the issue. If the overgrowth is limited to infringing upon private property, property owners have the right to remove overgrowth that crosses the property line. Caution should be used as pruning is limited to the overgrowth only and should not cause the death of the plant.

**Q: Can I keep two old vehicles/cars I'm restoring at my house?**

A: As long as the vehicles are operational and are not more than 50% rusted, there is no restriction. Please refer to the Junk Vehicle Code for specifics. Contact Code Enforcement at (321) 633-2086 for more information.

**Q: Is it legal to keep a vehicle on the right-of-way on jack stands with parts missing?**

A: No. Junk and/or abandoned vehicles sitting along the roadway are subject to citation by law enforcement. If not removed in the specified time, they may be towed at the owners expense.

**Q: Can a vacant lot be used to sell a vehicle/car?**

A: No. Vehicles cannot be parked on the right-of-way, on vacant undeveloped or vacant developed properties for sale.

**Q: Are recreational vehicles permitted to be parked or stored on residential property?**

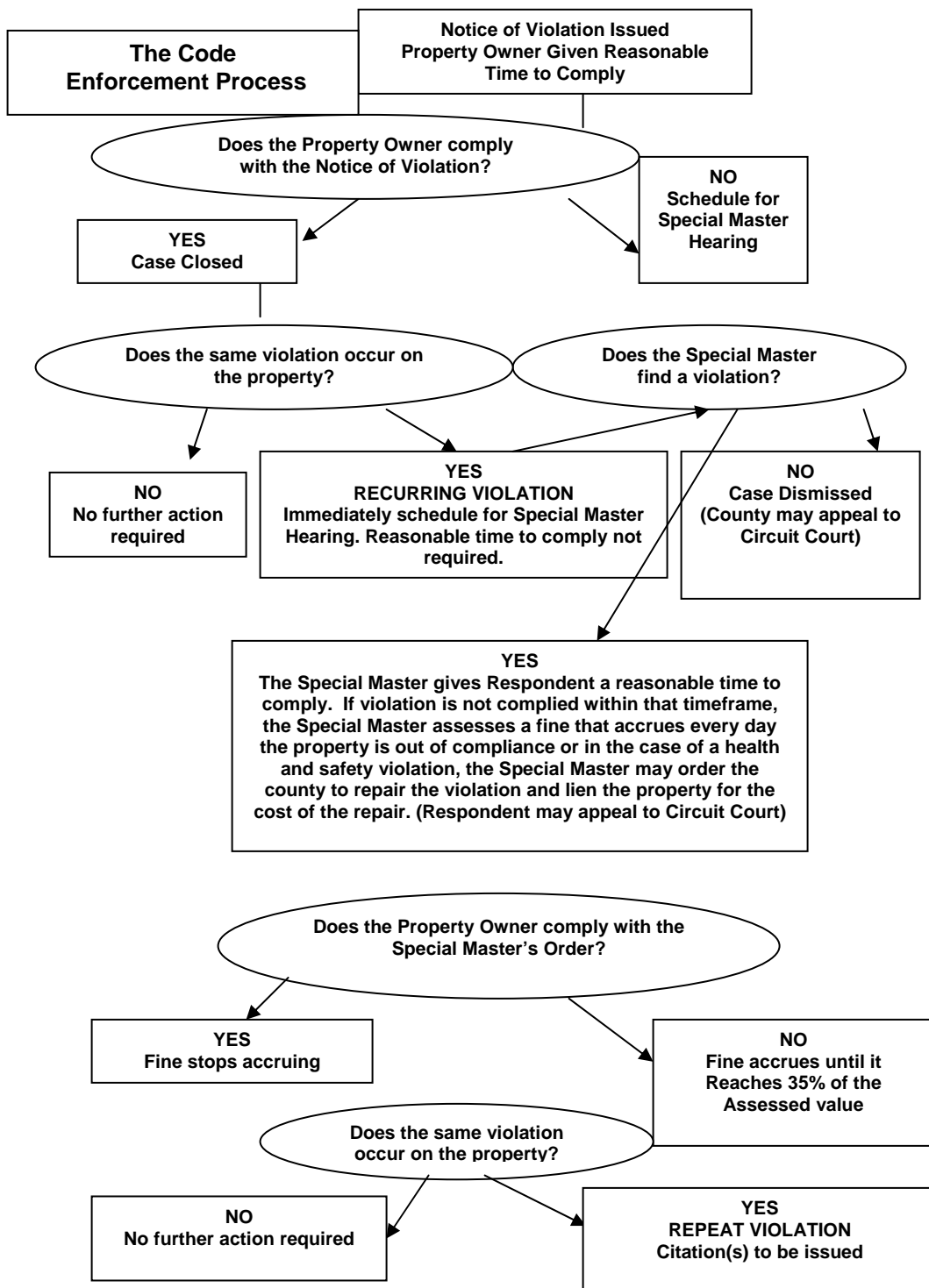
A: Yes. Recreational vehicles can be parked anywhere within the property lines. There is no limit of the number that may be parked there.

**Q: Can overnight guests stay in my recreational vehicle?**

A: Recreational vehicles can be used for up to 14 consecutive days within a 30 day period. They cannot be permanent living arrangements.

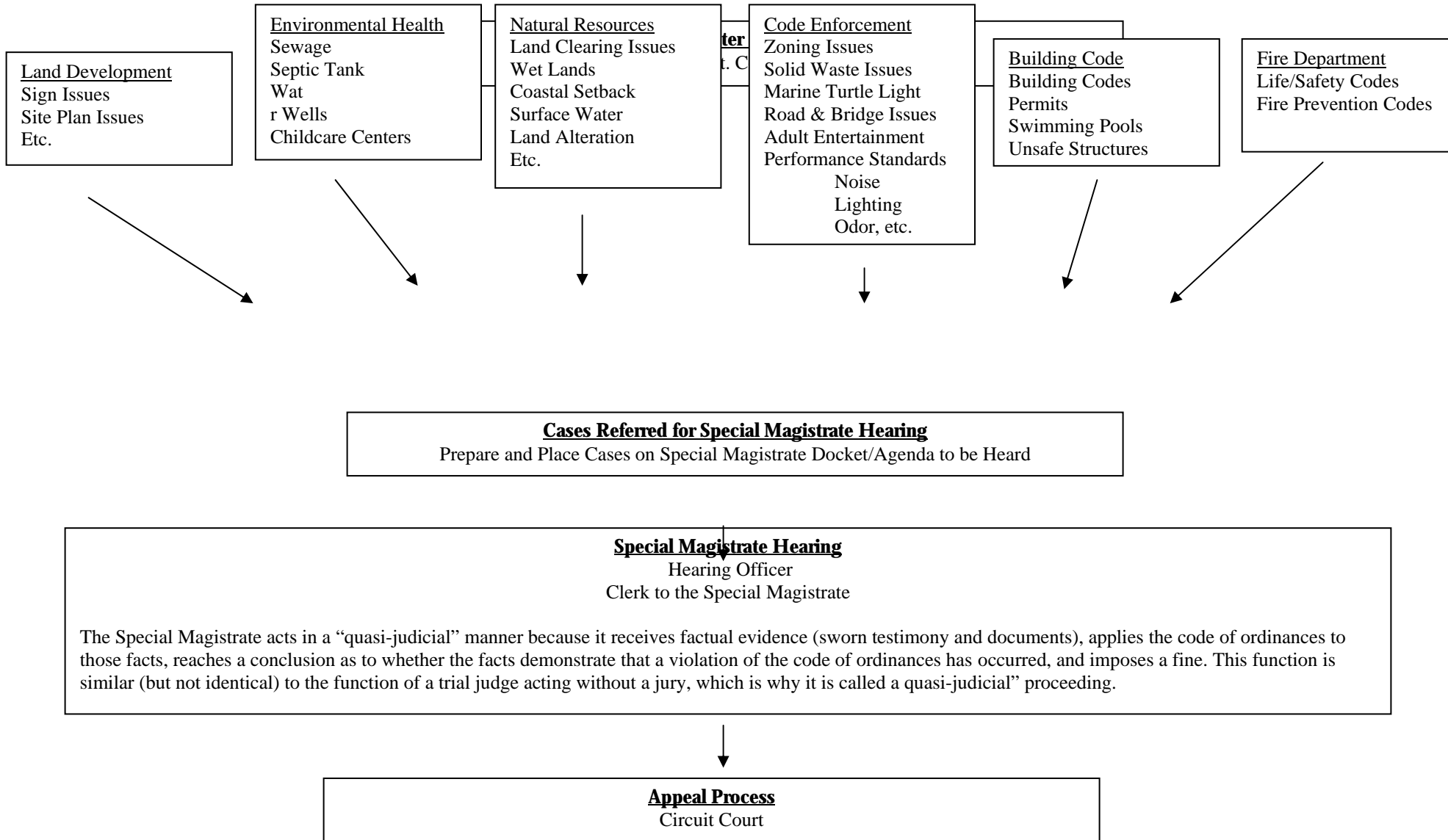
**Q: Are commercial vehicles permitted in residential neighborhoods?**

A: Yes, with restrictions. Commercial pickup trucks, passenger vans and cargo vans under 24' in length, and 2 axle step vans are permitted to be parked anywhere within the property lines. There is no limit on the number of commercial vehicles that can be parked there.



# THE ENFORCEMENT PROCESS FOR PROSECUTION OF CODE VIOLATIONS

The Various Enforcement/Regulatory Agencies Utilizing the Process



<b>Address Assignment, Brevard County</b>	(321) 633-2061
<b>Animal Services &amp; Enforcement</b>	(321) 255-4327
<b>Animal Services &amp; Enforcement</b> 7am – 7pm Monday through Friday, 8am – 5pm Saturday	(321) 633-2024
<b>Animal Services &amp; Enforcement</b> After Hours Emergencies	(321) 633-9880
<b>Brevard County Commissioner</b> District 1, Truman Scarborough, Jr.	(321) 264-6750
<b>Brevard County Commissioner</b> District 2, Ron Pritchard	(321) 455-1334
<b>Brevard County Commissioner</b> District 3, Helen Voltz	(321) 952-6300
<b>Brevard County Commissioner</b> District 4, Sue Carlson	(321) 633-2044
<b>Brevard County Commissioner</b> District 5, Jackie Colon	(321) 253-6611
<b>Brevard County Manager</b> Peggy Busacca	(321) 633-2001
<b>Brevard County Operator</b>	(321) 633-2000
<b>Brevard County Sheriff</b> North Precinct	(321) 264-5353
<b>Brevard County Sheriff</b> South Precinct	(321) 952-4642
<b>Brevard County Sheriff</b> West Precinct	(321) 633-2104
<b>Brevard County Sheriff</b> Malabar Sub-Station	(321) 952-4571
<b>Brevard County Sheriff</b> Barefoot Bay Sub Station	(321) 664-6603
<b>Brevard County Sheriff</b> East Precinct	(321) 455-1448
<b>Brevard County Sheriff</b> Canaveral Precinct	(321) 868-1113
<b>Brevard County Sheriff</b> Port St. John Sub Station	(321) 633-7189
<b>Brevard County Sheriff Dispatch (non-emergency)</b>	(321) 264-5100
<b>Building Codes Compliance, Brevard County</b>	(321) 633-2072
<b>Burn Permits</b> Florida Div. of Forestry	(407) 856-6512
<b>Clerk of the Courts, Brevard County</b> Traffic Tickets	(321) 637-2000
<b>Code Enforcement, Brevard County</b>	(321) 633-2086
<b>Code Enforcement, Cape Canaveral (City of)</b>	(321) 868-1222
<b>Code Enforcement, Cocoa (City of)</b>	(321) 639-7567

<b>Code Enforcement, Cocoa Beach (City of)</b>	(321) 868-3296
<b>Code Enforcement, Indialantic (Town of)</b>	(321) 727-3377
<b>Code Enforcement, Indian Harbor Beach (City of)</b>	(321) 773-3181
<b>Code Enforcement, Malabar (Town of)</b>	(321) 727-7764
<b>Code Enforcement, Melbourne (City of)</b>	(321) 727-2900 X358
<b>Code Enforcement, Melbourne Beach (Town of)</b>	(321) 724-8860
<b>Code Enforcement, Palm Bay (City of)</b>	(321) 952-3430
<b>Code Enforcement, Palm Shores (Town of)</b>	(321) 242-4555
<b>Code Enforcement, Rockledge (City of)</b>	(321) 690-3978
<b>Code Enforcement, Satellite Beach (Town of)</b>	(321) 773-4409
<b>Code Enforcement, Titusville (City of)</b>	(321) 383-5796
<b>Code Enforcement, West Melbourne (City of)</b>	(321) 727-7700 X136
<b>Contractor Licensing, Brevard County</b> Licensing, Regulations & Enforcement, Brevard County	(321) 633-2058
<b>Criminal Justice Services Dept., Brevard County</b> Probation (misdemeanor)	(321) 633-2006
<b>Derelict Vessels</b> Florida Fish & Wildlife Conservation Commission Div of Law Enforcement	(888) 404-3922
<b>Emergency Management, Brevard County</b> Hurricanes	(321) 637-6670
<b>Fire Inspections, Brevard County</b>	(321) 633-2138
<b>Florida Div. of Forestry</b> Burn Permits	(407) 856-6512
<b>Florida Division of Environmental Health</b> Septic Tanks	(321) 633-2100
<b>Florida Division of Environmental Health</b> Wells (private)	(321) 633-2100
<b>Florida Fish &amp; Wildlife Conservation Commission Div of Law Enforcement</b> Derelict Vessels	(888) 404-3922
<b>Housing &amp; Human Services, Brevard County</b>	(321) 633-2007
<b>Hurricanes</b> Brevard County Emergency Management	(321) 637-6670
<b>Land Development, Brevard County</b>	(321) 633-2065
<b>Landlord Tenant Dispute</b> State of Florida Department of Agriculture (listen to menu prompts)	(800) 435-7352
<b>Licensing, Regulations &amp; Enforcement, Brevard County</b> Contractor Licensing	(321) 633-2058

<b>Merritt Island Redevelopment Agency</b>	(321) 454-7090
<b>Natural Resources, Brevard County</b>	
Land Clearing Permits	(321) 633-2016
<b>Occupational Licenses, Brevard County Tax Collector</b>	
North Office	(321) 264-6919
<b>Occupational Licenses, Brevard County Tax Collector</b>	
Central Office	(321) 455-1413
<b>Occupational Licenses, Brevard County Tax Collector</b>	
South Office	(321) 255-4453
<b>Permits</b>	
Building Code Compliance, Brevard County	(321) 633-2072
<b>Probation (misdemeanor)</b>	
Brevard County Criminal Justice Services Dept.	(321) 633-2006
<b>Public Defender's Office, Brevard County</b>	(321) 617-7373
<b>Retention Ponds</b>	
Brevard County Storm Water	(321) 633-1700
<b>Roadways &amp; Landscape, Brevard County</b>	(321) 637-5438
<b>Septic Tanks/Sewage</b>	
Florida Division of Environmental Health	(321) 633-2100
<b>Signs (advertising)</b>	
Brevard County Building Code Compliance	(321) 633-2072
<b>Solid Waste Services</b>	
Harris Sanitation	(321) 723-4455
<b>Solid Waste Services</b>	
Garbage pickup	(321) 636-6894
<b>Solid Waste Services, Brevard County</b>	(321) 633-2042
<b>Special Event Permits</b>	
Brevard County Building Code Compliance	(321) 633-2072
<b>Storm Water, Brevard County</b>	
Retention Ponds	(321) 633-1700
<b>Tax Collector, Brevard County</b>	
Occupational Licenses – North Office	(321) 264-6919
<b>Tax Collector, Brevard County</b>	
Occupational Licenses – Central Office	(321) 455-1413
<b>Tax Collector, Brevard County</b>	
Occupational Licenses – South Office	(321) 255-4453
<b>Traffic Tickets</b>	
Brevard County Clerk of the Courts	(321) 637-2000
<b>Utilities – Water/Wastewater, Brevard County</b>	(321) 633-2091
<b>Wells (private)</b>	
Florida Division of Environmental Health	(321) 633-2100
<b>Zoning, Brevard County Planning &amp; Zoning</b>	(321) 633-2070