

NEIGHBORHOOD STANDARDS

The Neighborhood Standards Division of Community & Economic Development is responsible for inspecting ordinance violations that cover the exterior, non-structural maintenance of the property.

This brochure explains some common ordinance complaints such as:

Inoperable & Abandoned Vehicles

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Inoperable and abandoned vehicles

City of Rockford's Property Maintenance Code Section 302.8 regarding inoperable vehicles states:

All inoperable vehicles whether on public or private property and in view of the public, have been declared a public nuisance and are therefore prohibited. A vehicle is considered inoperable if there it is not currently registered or if the vehicle is visibly inoperable (missing or flat tires, missing or no engine parts, etc.) and cannot be driven on the street in a safe manner. The City has authorization to remove such vehicles at the property owner's expense.

Inoperable vehicles pose threats to the community as they:

- May become a home for rodents, mosquitoes, insects, and other unsanitary vermin.
- May be a fire hazard if they contain flammable substances.
- Contain fluids that, if leaked, may contaminate the environment and contribute to storm water pollution.
- May pose a danger due to loose, sharp, or jagged parts, to the public, particularly small children who are often attracted to junk motor vehicles.

Options for Storing Inoperable Vehicles

Many individuals park inoperable vehicles on their property with the eventual plan to make them road-worthy. Unfortunately, they reduce property values, contribute to blight, and pose a threat to the public.

Below are some options available to homeowners to prevent an ordinance violation:

- The vehicle may be placed in an enclosed garage.
- Contact a local towing company and have the vehicle removed.
- Repair or remove your vehicle from the property.

Get More Information

Neighborhood Standards was formed in 1998 by the City of Rockford to offer residents a single point of contact for all environmental issues and complaints.

If you would like to make a complaint or have a question regarding a City Ordinance, contact information is listed below. Our website contains forms for submitting complaints as well as this brochure and more violation information.

All complaints are kept confidential. Your name will not be asked. When inspectors respond to a complaint they generally inspect the surrounding neighborhood for other violations.



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