

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The Code Enforcement Division values pride in our community. The Code Enforcement Division strives to promote a positive community image working within the community striving for clean and attractive neighborhoods and business districts. Through enforcement and encouraging quick compliance, a safe and desirable living and working environment can be achieved.

Frequently Asked Questions

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1. My property has been tagged with graffiti. Does the city have any resources to help me remove it?
No. The division suggests checking with the local home improvement center for solvent that removes graffiti.
2. What should I do if I have been given a notice?
A 14-day notice is a form advising the residents of a violation on the property. The notice will indicate which ordinance(s) has been violated as well as further instruction regarding the compliance of the violation. **The notice is not a citation or a summons to appear in the Clearfield Justice Court.** The resident will have 14 days from the day of the violation notice to comply with the city ordinance. After the 14 days the compliance officer will re-inspect the property. If the violation is not in compliance or other violations are found, a citation or summons may be issued.
3. What if I have been given a notice of violation in the past (repeat offenders)?
The department shall have the authority to forego the 14-day violation notice when a person has received a notice within the past twelve (12) months and a similar violation is observed on the property within that time period.
4. What should I do if I am having trouble complying in the time frame given, to correct violations on my property?
Please call the Code Enforcement Hotline at 801-525-2845. Your call will be directed to an ordinance officer to discuss a possible extension.
5. What action may the city take if I have been issued a Notice of Violation and I do not comply?
The city may issue the property owner or responsible party a criminal citation which requires a mandatory court appearance and a possible fine of up to \$1,800 per count. Violations are class B misdemeanors.
6. If the City uses its resources or hires a private contractor to bring the property into compliance, the City is authorized to place tax liens on the property for the cost of the work performed and will assess an administrative fee.
For further information, please see *Public Health and Safety, Title 5-Chapters 1-4* in the City Code of Clearfield City, Utah at: http://www.sterlingcodifiers.com/codebook/index.php?book_id=372
7. Are there regulations on how trees must be trimmed?
Yes, depending on the location of the tree. All trees in the areas described in the *Clear Vision Ordinance, Title 11-Chapter 13-Section 10* of the City Code, must be trimmed at least seven feet (7') above the road in order to allow an unobstructed view for motorists as well as unobstructed use of the sidewalks and streets. This includes any trees planted in park strips.
8. Is there a maximum height for bushes and other shrubs?
Depending on the location of the bush or shrub, there is a maximum height restriction of thirty six inches (36"). Please see *Title 11-Chapter 13- Section 10* for areas of the property in which this restriction applies.
9. What is "Clear view," "Clear Vision," and the "Clear View/Vision Ordinance"?
Depending on the location of the bush or shrub, there is a maximum height restriction of thirty six inches (36"). Please see *Title 11-Chapter 13- Section 10* for areas of the property in which this restriction applies.
10. Does the city have any resources available to help me clean my property?
Yes. The City provides the following resources to help residents with cleanup:
Fall and Spring Cleanup: Usually held in April or May and again in September or October, dumpsters are provided at the city shops (located at 497 South Main Street) for citizens to dispose of materials (i.e. scrap metal, wood scraps, other miscellaneous junk, etc). Some dumping restrictions apply. Please call 801-525-4400 for

restrictions and exact dates and times.

Dump Trailers: These trailers are approximately 20 cubic feet in size and are available free of **charge if a resident has been issued a Notice of Violation** from the Code Enforcement Division. A request and use agreement form must be completed prior to scheduling a trailer. Please call 801-525-2845 to schedule a dump trailer.

POD Trailers: If three or more neighbors want to sign a request and user agreement, a large POD trailer can be scheduled free of charge for a neighborhood. The form and the scheduling are done by the Administrative Services Department at the City Building.

11. Does the city have information on private companies that may be able to help me clean my property?
No. Clearfield City does not have a list of companies available to assist residents with cleaning their property. Consult the yellow pages or an online search for such companies.
12. Who is responsible to maintain the sidewalks?
Per the ordinance *Maintenance of Property, Title 8-Chapter 1-Section 2*, it is the responsibility of the **property owner** to maintain the property to the curb line of the street. All sidewalks adjacent to the property must be kept free of obstructions which include (but are not limited to) snow, ice, weeds and other debris.
13. Why did I get a Notice of Violation for the vehicle(s) parked on my property?
The ordinance, *Declared Nuisance, Title 5-Chapter 1-Section 3 (H)*, "prohibits scrap metal, wastepaper products, discarded building materials or any abandoned vehicle or vehicle parts, machinery or machinery parts or other waste materials to be in or upon any yard, lot or piece of property within the city." The city code defines an abandoned vehicle as one which:
A. Is not registered and inspected thirty (30) days after the date on which such registration and inspection is required by law; or
B. Is wrecked, dismantled, partially dismantled or otherwise rendered inoperable. The ordinance, *Parking Area and Parking Lot Requirements, Title 11-Chapter 14-Section 5*, prohibits parking on the grass or any surface that is not approved under section B.
14. Can I obtain a vehicle restoration permit?
Yes. A vehicle restoration permit may be issued in writing by the Code Enforcement division to an owner allowing an inoperable and/or unregistered vehicle to be on the owner's premises for the purpose of repair or restoration for a period not to exceed six (6) consecutive months. One six-month permit extension may be issued at the discretion of the Code Enforcement officer. The fee for a vehicle restoration permit is \$25. Only two (2) vehicle restoration permits are allowed at a time per household or dwelling site. Only one vehicle restoration permit and one extension may be issued for the same vehicle. An extension is \$50.

Any vehicle for which a vehicle restoration permit has been issued shall be kept in an enclosed structure or covered with an appropriate car cover at all times during which it is not currently being repaired or restored. Tarps shall not constitute an appropriate car cover.
15. Whom do I contact if I have a complaint regarding animals in my neighborhood?
Clearfield City has contracted with Davis County Animal Care and Control to assist with animal related complaints and to enforce animal related codes. (See *Police Regulations, Title 6-Chapter 1*). A resident may call Davis County Animal Care and Control at 801-444-2200 for concerns regarding animals. The Code Enforcement Division can also assist with animal related ordinances.