

## SIGNS CODE 1107.400

### TEMPORARY SIGNS

Signs that do not require a permit but are limited in their size, area and number such as yard sale signs, election signs or similar temporary signage.



#### **DO NOT Place Temporary Signs:**

- Within the street right-of-way. Instead, locate the signs on the building side of curbs and sidewalks.
- On corners, the approximate right-of-way line can be determined by measuring 50 feet along the curb line on each street, and drawing an imaginary line connecting these two points to form a triangle.
- No sign taller than 2 ½ feet can be within this triangle.
- Onto utility poles or light standards.
- On any publicly owned property, such as parks, wetlands and city buildings.

#### **ALL OTHER SIGNS**

Yard Sale signs may be displayed seven days prior to the sale on private property and must be removed immediately after the end of the yard sale. Most all other signs require a permit and are limited in their size, area, placement, and number. Home occupation signs are prohibited. All signs shall be maintained in a safe, presentable and sound structural condition at all times.

## More Information:

### STANDARD ENFORCEMENT POLICY

City of Prior Lake residents are supported in their efforts to maintain the physical environment of their neighborhoods through standards set in local ordinances. Code Enforcement has a policy that details the standard inspection process, including criteria for extensions, enforcement, compliance and citations. The complete code enforcement policy and city code is available online at [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com).

### CODE VIOLATION CONCERNS AND REPORTING

A resident can contact the Code Enforcement Officer with a question or concern and a site visit will be made. If a violation is confirmed at the inspection, the property owner is notified and given a deadline to make the correction. If it becomes necessary, a misdemeanor citation may be issued following reasonable amount of time for continued non compliance. A citation requires the property owner to appear at Scott County District Court, typically resulting in a fine and confirmation that the violation has been corrected.

## For Questions Contact:

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## GOOD NEIGHBOR GUIDE TO CODE COMPLIANCE

**Code Enforcement**

# CODE COMPLIANCE



We at the City of Prior Lake know you take pride in the maintenance and upkeep of your property. You expect others to display the same care and concern for their properties as well. So we put together this handy pamphlet so everyone will know what to do to keep their property free of basic code violations.

If you have any questions, please contact Dale at (952) 447-9811. Specific code language can be found in the City's online Document Center at [www.cityofpriorlake.com](http://www.cityofpriorlake.com). **Thanks for doing your part.**

## WEEDS CODE 609.700

Proper yard maintenance reduces fire and safety hazards; therefore, the city requires that the owner of any lot maintain any vegetation growth to a maximum 12 inches high. This requirement does not apply to all lots or lands. Remove or cut weeds, grass, brush or other poisonous or harmful vegetation as often as necessary from April 1 to Nov. 1.

## LITTER AND JUNK CODE 601.100

Storage of litter and junk is unsightly and can create a danger to public health, safety and welfare; therefore, junk such as old, used, or second-hand material of any kind is not allowed on private property unless housed within a lawfully-erected building. Litter such as garbage, refuse, rubbish and all other waste material are not permitted on private lands except in authorized private receptacles for collection.

## STORAGE OF GARBAGE AND REFUSE CONTAINERS CODE 601.502

Garbage cans and other refuse containers shall be located out of public view except on pickup day.

## JUNK VEHICLES CODE 606.100

Junk vehicles (inoperable or unlicensed) are not allowed on private property unless stored in a lawfully-erected building except in a permitted junk yard or salvage business. Junk vehicles are defined as any unlicensed, unregistered, inoperable motor vehicle including automobiles, motorcycles, ATVs, snowmobiles, go-carts or any components or parts thereof.

## VEHICLE PARKING CODE 1107.204/1102.700

Vehicles are required to park on a hard-surface driveway. Parking in any of the required yard or landscaped areas is not permitted. Required off-street parking space and driveways shall not be utilized for storage, display, sales, rental, or repair of motor vehicles or any other goods.

## RECREATIONAL EQUIPMENT CODE 1102.700

Currently licensed and operable WINTER recreational equipment, including fish houses, may be parked on or adjacent to a driveway on a lot in a "R" Use District from Nov. 1 to April 1. Currently licensed and operable SUMMER recreational equipment may be parked on or adjacent to a driveway on a lot in a "R" Use District from April 1 to Nov. 1. At all other times, recreational equipment shall be stored in the rear or side yard.



## PERMIT REQUIRED CODE 401

It is unlawful to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, improve, remove, convert or demolish, equip, use, occupy or maintain any building or structure. A building permit is required for all accessory structures over 120 sq. ft. A no-fee zoning permit may be required for smaller accessory structures and fences.

## ZONING USE CODE 1102.400

Home occupations are permitted accessory uses in an "R-1" Single Family Residence if a home occupation permit has been issued. A Conditional Use Permit (CUP) may be required for any structure or land in any district.

## PUBLIC NUISANCES CODE 605

Public nuisances include weeds, dirt, rubbish, garbage, yard clippings, fallen trees, dead trees, dead tree limbs, noise, stagnant water, noisome odors, rodents, dangerous or hazardous buildings or conditions. These public nuisances are not permitted.

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODE 609

All buildings shall have complete siding. Every exterior wall shall be free of holes, breaks, loose or rotting boards or timbers. All doors, windows, and gutters shall be operable and maintained in good repair. Fences, retaining walls and landscaping shall be maintained so as to prevent health hazards, or unsafe conditions.

Firewood shall be stored or kept in a neat and secure stack (maximum of two cords, defined as 128 cubic feet per cord), which shall be no higher than five feet. No firewood shall be stored in the front yard or within five feet of any rear or side property line unless the wood is stored in an accessory structure.

Tree limbs, roots, and other brush shall be promptly removed from the property.

Clothesline poles and lines, play equipment, garden equipment, patio furniture, and trampolines shall not be considered outdoor storage. All other materials and equipment shall be stored within a structure.

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