

## How Long Can My Grass Be?

Per City Ordinance Chapter 15.06, grass or weeds shall not exceed the height of 8 inches on any lawn area. If you get a notice to mow your lawn and fail to do so, Department of Public Works will do it at a rate of \$105/hour with a minimum of 1 hour being charged. Citations could also be served for on going issues.

## Snow and Ice Removal Requirements

Per City Ordinance 5.04, commercially zoned parcels must clear all snow and ice from their side walk prior to 24 hours after the snow has stopped falling. Residentially zoned parcels must clear their sidewalks prior to 48 hours after the snow has stopped falling. If you fail to remove the snow and ice, Department of Public Works will do it at a rate of \$105/hour with a minimum of 1 hour being charged. Citations could also be served for on going issues.

\*\*Please note to re-check your sidewalks as plows can deposit snow back onto sidewalks

## What To Do If You Are Notified of Code Violations

1. Do NOT throw the letter away
  - The letter will have important information about the issues and how to correct a violation within required time frame.
2. Do not panic
  - City staff understand there may be constraints which may make the timeline hard to adhere too. City staff are willing to work with property owners and will revise the timeline, if necessary.
3. Continue to communicate
  - Please contact the Code Enforcement Officer who sent you the letter with any questions or concerns. Lack of communication and lack of progress will generally result in citations being issued.

### Contact Information



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## Our Mission

Code Enforcement is dedicated to preserving a safe, clean, friendly community for all our Wisconsin Dells citizens. We are committed to working with the public on compliance of City Codes through Education, Awareness and Enforcement.

Code Enforcement aids in beautifying our city, protects those who live, work or visit, and enhances properties in our city.

## How Are City Codes Enforced?

The Code Enforcement process is typically initiated in several ways:

- In response to a complaint by a community member
- Observation of a code violation by City staff as they patrol the community
- As a consequence of an action. For example, an application for a building permit or a request for a re-zoning variance

## How To Notify the City of a Code Violation?

You may file a complaint in person, in writing, by phone or by email. You do not have to identify yourself, but having your name will assist us with the follow up and ensure we have all the information we need to resolve the situation.

## When Do I Need a Building Permit?

Building permits are needed when the property owner constructs, enlarges, alters, repairs, demolishes or moves a structure. You must also get a permit when re-roofing your house, replacing siding and/or windows. It is best practice to contact the Planning and Zoning Department to see if a permit is required.

## Common Code Violations

The City relies on residents to help identify Code Violations which include:

- Abandoned and/or inoperable vehicles
- Long grass and weed violations
- Overflowing garbage and other garbage issues
- Illegal dumping of garbage and debris
- Snow and ice removal on sidewalks
- Private property parking regulations
- Illegal Signs such as advertising flyers and portable/temporary ground signs
- Graffiti on public property
- Property/Housing maintenance
- Zoning and occupancy issues
- Vacant/ abandoned buildings

## Private Property Parking Regulations

### Recreational Vehicles

- May be parked in a fully enclosed structure
- Parked on a street no longer than 48 hours; no recreational use allowed
- On a rear or side lot, set back 5 feet from lot line on a well kept, hard surface such as concrete or gravel or similar materials

No more than 2 recreational vehicles shall be stored outdoors on each lot. Recreational Vehicles shall not be used for dwelling purposes, except for guests not exceeding 5 days per calendar month.

### Motor vehicles stored outdoors:

- No more than 4 vehicles
- Must be roadworthy & licensed
- Stored on a driveway or hard surfaced area
- Inoperative and/or unlicensed vehicles must be in a fully enclosed building

