



City of Desert
Hot Springs

KEEP OUR CITY BEAUTIFUL!

A Guide to Residential Code Compliance Ordinances & Fees



PARKING ON UNPAVED SURFACES

Desert Hot Springs Ordinance 4.16.010.A.6

Parking on unpaved surfaces or yard areas can damage septic systems, cause harmful chemicals to seep into the environment and decrease property values in neighborhoods. Vehicles may only be parked on concrete or asphalt surfaces. Parking on unimproved surfaces, such as dirt or gravel, is not permitted.



VACANT LOTS

Desert Hot Springs Ordinance 4.16.010.A.19e

If left unattended, vacant lots often become informal dumping grounds for debris, contributing to a neighborhood's cycle of decline and discouraging any opportunities for redevelopment. Unimproved or undeveloped land in the City of Desert Hot Springs is required to be maintained free from trash, junk, debris and garbage.



VISUAL BLIGHT

Desert Hot Springs Ordinance 4.16.010.A.19.e

It is unlawful and it shall be a public nuisance for any person owning, leasing, occupying, or having charge or possession of any premises or property in the City to maintain such premises or property in such a manner that has resulted in the presence of excessive junk, refuse, and garbage that is visible from a public street or sidewalk or from an adjoining property.



LANDSCAPING

Desert Hot Springs Ordinance 4.16.010.A.2

It is unlawful and it shall be a public nuisance for any person owning, leasing, occupying, or having charge or possession of any premises or property in the City to maintain any front and visible side yards without acceptable landscaping, except for improved surfaces such as walks and driveways. Acceptable landscaping shall include any groundcover, decorative rock, redwood bark, lawn, and/or other material as determined to be acceptable or required by the City's Community Development Director or his or her designee.



DETERIORATED WALLS/FENCES/STUCCO

Desert Hot Springs Ordinance 4.16.010.A.19.a

The presence of any improvement – including, but not limited to, buildings, garages, carports, wooden fences, block walls, roofs or gutters – in which the condition of the patio, stucco, siding, or other exterior coating has become so deteriorated as to permit decay, excessive checking, cracking, or warping so as to render the improvement or property unsightly and in a state of disrepair.

WHY CODE COMPLIANCE?

Municipal codes are local laws enacted to provide for the health, safety and beautification of the community. Some issues include:

- **Health**

Violations of some codes create the perfect conditions for insects and rodents that can breed disease.

- **Safety**

Violations of some codes may create fire and/or entrapment hazards and obstructions to safe vehicle and pedestrian traffic.

- **Beautification**

Clean, well maintained properties not only enhance health and safety, they also discourage crime and enhance property values.

FEE SCHEDULE

Violations of these municipal codes are subject to administrative fines:

First Violation:
\$100

Second Violation:
\$250

Third & Subsequent Violations:
\$500