

Frequently Asked Questions

Where is the City Planning & Codes Department office?

The Tullahoma Planning & Codes office is located at 321 N. Collins Street in Tullahoma, across the street from the Coffee County Lannom Memorial Library. The regular business hours are from 7:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Monday through Friday.

What codes have the City adopted?

The City has adopted the 2006 International Building Code. You may review a copy of the codes at the Tullahoma Planning & Codes Department office during regular business hours.

What resources are available to the public at the Planning & Codes office?

The Planning and Codes Department has a technical library at their office. The library contains copies of all the codes that the City has adopted and is open during regular business hours.

Common Appearance Code Violations

Many common questions include:

- **Abandoned refrigerators.** Refrigerators and other similar containers shall not be left unattended with removing doors and/or sealing doors so they cannot be opened by a child.
- **Handbills.** No person shall throw or deposit any commercial handbill in or upon any personal property (houses, vehicles, etc.). No type of posting shall be affixed to any lamp post, public utility pole or tree.
- **Landscaping prohibited in Public Right of Ways.** No trees or shrubs are permitted in the public right-of-way or within 10 feet of any fire hydrant. If you need assistance in determining the right-of-way at your location, contact the Public Works Department at 931.454.1768.
- **Junk Vehicles.** Unlicensed, damaged or defective vehicles stored for 90 days or more, is 2 years old or older, and/or inoperable, shall not be parked or stored on any residential, commercial, industrial property or on the public right-of-way without being moved or stored within a completely enclosed building.
- **Litter.** Unauthorized accumulation of litter in or on any property, vacant or improved, or in or upon any public or private place is a violation.
- **Weeds & Grass.** Any growth of grass, weeds or undergrowth which exceeds the height of 12-inches is a violation.

Common Code Issues

- **Garage and Yard Sales.** All garage sales, yard sales, lawn sales, and other temporary sales may only take place 3 days in any month. Garage sale signs can only be placed on private property with permission of the property owner, but cannot be placed on utility poles, street signs or in the public right-of-way.
- **Hazardous Materials Collection.** Do not place hazardous materials in the regular garbage collection containers. No paint, tires, batteries, oil, chemicals, hot ashes, or carpet will be picked up by the sanitation division of Public Works. Trash bins are not to be used for any purpose other than trash/garbage. The Public Works Department does provide opportunities for proper household hazardous materials collection. Please contact the Public Works Department at 931.454.1768 for more information.
- **House Numbers.** Principal buildings (homes) abutting public streets shall be numbered by the owners. The numbers shall be placed so they can be easily visible and apparent from the street.
- **Swimming Pools.** Both public and private pools must be completely enclosed by a fence with a self closing gate. The fence and gate must be at least 4 feet in height and constructed of brick, stone, wrought iron, wood or woven wire mesh of corrosion resistant material. If the self-latching or closing device is less than 54 inches from the bottom of the gate the device must be inside the fence and at least 3 inches below the top. No opening of more than ½ inch of the fence will be allowed less than 18 inches of the release mechanism. Fence posts shall be made of the same material as the fence or shall be decay or corrosion resistant materials and set in concrete bases. There shall be no more than a 3-inch opening between the ground or deck floor and the bottom of the fence.
- **Stagnant Water.** Stagnant water shall not be allowed to stand without treatment to prevent mosquitoes and other pests.

When do I need to obtain a building, plumbing or mechanical permit?

When do I need a Stormwater permit?

A [Stormwater protection permit](#) is required as part of the Tullahoma Stormwater Program. This program is mandated by the State of Tennessee and the United States Environmental Protection Agency.

I plan to move a house, what do I need to do?

Under State law (TCA13-3-501 et seq.) a [House Moving permit](#) is required for moving a house.