Property Maintenance

Code Enforcement covers a wide spectrum of City Codes and ordinances that have been adopted by the City of Springfield to maintain the quality of life and physical appearance of the City.

The following is a list of codes enforced by the City of Springfield Code Enforcement Department. By following these codes you can help improve, not only your own home, but your entire neighborhood.

1. Homes should be routinely painted with no visible signs of peeling paint. Aluminum siding and trim should be routinely cleaned. **PM 304.2**

2. All brick work, especially chimneys, should be free of broken bricks and mortar joints. **PM304.11**

3. Windows should contain no broken or cracked glass. **PM 303.13.1** Screens should not be ripped or torn. **PM 304.14**

4. All buildings should be maintained in a structurally sound condition with no sagging roof lines, worn or missing shingles, or tilted/bowing floors and walls. **PM 304.4**

5. All building extensions and attachments, such as fences, **PM 302.7**, porches, **PM 304.10**, and gutters **PM 304.7**, should be maintained in good and safe condition. They should present an even, straight and structurally sound appearance.

6. Doors should be free of peeling paint and dents and should close tightly and securely. **PM 304.15**

7. Grass and shrub areas should be mowed, trimmed and kept weed free. Mowing and trimming of ditch lines and right-of-way areas, adjacent to the roadway is also expected. All types of landscaping are expected to be kept neat and clean. Grass, brush or vegetation at a height greater than eight (8) inches must be cut. **PM 302.4**

8. Driveways and sidewalks should be free of major cracks and broken areas; and damage corrected by repairing or replacing. **PM 302.3**

9. Yard areas should be free of litter, junk debris and scrap storage. All furniture should be kept in a neat, orderly fashion. **PM 307.1**

10. No unlicensed and/or junk vehicles may be stored on your property unless in an enclosed structure. **PM 302.8**

11. All vehicles should be parked in defined driveways, and automobiles should not be parked on the sidewalk or in the front yard. **Code of Ordinances**

12. All public sidewalks should be kept free of ice, snow and other obstacles. Any dangerous sidewalks should be repaired or replaced as necessary. Snow, ice or slush must be properly cleared from the public access to your property. **Code of Ordinances**

13. Placement of receptacles for garbage collection at the curb is no earlier than 1:00 p.m. the day prior to collection and removed from the curb prior to 9:00 a.m. the day following collection. **Code of Ordinances 36-67** All containers should have tight fitting lids. All paper and debris that may be spilled on the ground should be removed by the buildings occupants.

14. All homes should have at least 4” height house numbers, plainly visible from the street. This helps emergency vehicles find you faster. **PM 304.3**