

Noise Limits

City Ordinance: Chapter 15

Because excessive noise is considered a nuisance, the city takes a very active approach in enforcement of its ordinance regulating noise. The Gainesville



Police Department has a party patrol, which focuses on noise and other neighborhood violations. To report a noise problem party patrol can assist with, call 955-1818. Noise permits are available for public property and public space (lots with public buildings). Contact the City Cultural Affairs Department. Noise permits are not available for private property.

Violation of this ordinance may result in the owner or tenant being issued a civil citation or notice of violation. Violations should be reported to the Gainesville Police Department.

Street Closing Permits

City Ordinance: Section 23-42

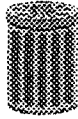
Large social gatherings can cause congestion of neighborhood streets and restrict vehicle access. When the restricted vehicle is an emergency vehicle the problem can be fatal. Because of this the City has passed ordinances controlling activities that may result in congestion of public streets.

Recognizing that parties and social gatherings may occur in our neighborhoods, the City allows Street Closing Permits. These permits are issued for special occasions for a specified date and time. This ensures streets are closed safely with barricades and police officers and other persons responsible for directing emergency vehicles and traffic flow to plan and develop alternative routes.

Permits are available through the Cultural Affairs Department. For more information call: 334-5064. Suspected violations should be reported to the Gainesville Police Department at 334-2541.

Household Garbage and Trash

City Ordinance: Section 27-73



Gainesville is fortunate to have a curbside pick up of household garbage as well as curbside pick up of recyclable materials. Containers used in this effort tend to clutter the right of way and are not aesthetically pleasing.

Because of this, the times that containers may be left out are regulated.

Containers may be placed in front of your residence or at the curb no earlier than the evening before your scheduled trash collection. Following the trash service, containers must remain behind the building, screened from view or placed in an enclosed structure.

Dumping of trash, debris, limbs, grass or other yard waste on private property or in a storm drain or other public property is prohibited.

For information on pick-up of garbage, recycling or yard trash, contact the Gainesville Solid Waste Division. Suspected violations of these requirements should also be reported to the Solid Waste Division at 334-5040.

Animal Control

City Ordinance: Chapter 5



Information on control and type of allowable pets, permits, requirements, nuisance, violations, etc. is available through Alachua County Animal Services. For more information call 955-2333

UF and SFCC Information

Student advisors are also available and are working with your community.

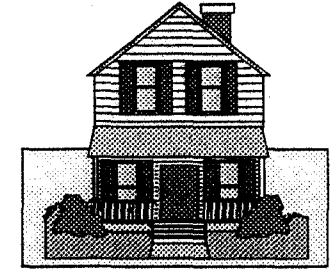
UF Office of Student Services 392-1261
SFCC Office of Student Activities 395-5912

Suggestions to Help "Fit In"

- 1 Don't park on your yard.
- 2 Maintain a defined driveway.
- 3 Know and comply with your city regulations.
- 4 Join your neighborhood association.
- 5 Be a considerate neighbor.
- 6 Enjoy your neighborhood.

Neighborhood Crime Watch 334-2479

Guidelines for Rentals in Residential Neighborhoods



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Welcome to Gainesville, ranked the #1 city in the nation in 1995. We are pleased to have you as part of our community. We hope this brochure will provide you with an understanding of the services offered to our residential communities.

This brochure will attempt to inform you of the problems most frequently generating complaints by neighborhood residents. Most of our citizens find that once they are aware of these problems they can take corrective action and live in harmony with their neighbors.

The city has historically taken an aggressive approach to the enforcement of these ordinances. Failure to comply will result in the issuance of either a notice of violation or a civil citation. If convicted, both notices of violations and civil citations have the possibility of large fines and mandatory court appearance.

Number of Unrelated People Cohabiting in a Single Family District

City Ordinance: Section 30-57

The Gainesville Code of Ordinances restricts the number of unrelated people living in a residence to no more than three. This requirement applies to zoning areas designated as single family. When you plan to share housing with roommates you are required to either restrict the number of occupants to three or seek appropriate housing in a multi-family district.

As a landlord of property being rented in single family zoned districts you are required to obtain a **landlord permit**. Landlords applying for the first time permit should make their application with the City Code Enforcement Division. Renewal of existing permits is available through the City Billing and Collections Division. Permits are required for each unit and are renewable annually. Failure to obtain the required permit or exceeding occupancy limits may result in the owner of the property being issued a notice of violation. Suspected violations

should be reported to the Code Enforcement Division at 334-5030.

Vehicle Parking City Ordinance: Chapter 26

Passenger vehicles are permitted to be parked on approved driveways only. Parking in the front yard, other than on approved surfaces, is **prohibited in the context area**. Driveways must be limited to defined areas. If you have any questions concerning these regulations contact the City Code Enforcement Division at 334-5030.

Vehicle parking on public streets requires a permit issued through the City Billing and Collections Division available at 334-5024. Vehicles that owe for outstanding parking citations may be booted or towed. **City Ordinance: Section 26-53**

Recreational vehicles such as boats, RV's, and trailers are permitted to be parked in residential neighborhoods. Parking is restricted to the back yard when accessible or the side yard as a secondary consideration. When neither the back nor side yard is accessible the front yard is permitted for parking of recreational vehicles if the vehicle is parked perpendicular to the street. Violations of this ordinance may result in the owner or tenant being issued a civil citation or notice of violation. Suspected violations should be reported to the Code Enforcement Division at 334-5030.

Abandoned Vehicles

City Ordinance: Section 26-136 - 26-140

Abandoned or non-operational vehicles are defined by the city ordinance as vehicles that are not capable of safe operation on a public street or do not have a current registration or tag. Vehicles that are considered as abandoned are permitted to be stored in a residential district when in a building. No open storage is permitted.

Abandoned vehicles that are stored on private property should be reported to the City Code Enforcement Division at 334-5030. Vehicles that

are parked/stored on the public right of way/street or any public property should be reported to the City Police Service Technicians at 334-2482 or the communications center at 955-1818. Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in the issuance of a parking citations and/or civil citation or the towing of the vehicle.

Yard Maintenance

City Ordinance: Section 13-171

The city is concerned with the aesthetic quality of our neighborhoods. In an effort to maintain the appearance of our neighborhoods, yards must be maintained to avoid unsightly weeds or high grass. Shrubs and trees must be trimmed to eliminate sight distance problems on corner properties.



Outdoor storage of materials such as appliances, indoor furniture, building materials, loose bottles and boxes are prohibited by ordinance. Materials such as outdoor recreational equipment, grills, and outdoor furniture are acceptable. Firewood is also permitted but must be neatly stacked and be free of insects and rodents.

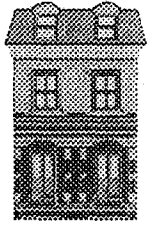
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Owner/ Occupant Responsibilities

City Ordinance: Chapter 13

The City of Gainesville has a Minimum Housing Code that establishes minimum standards for residential housing. This code holds the landlord responsible for certain basic elements considered necessary for safe housing. Examples are, but are not limited to, adequate heating facilities, safe electrical systems, sound structural elements of the building and functional sanitation facilities.

Tenants can be held responsible for destruction to the residence or for failure to comply with the sections of the code that are under their control. Examples are, but not limited to, broken windows, improper disposal of waste material or yard trash.



By working together to preserve the integrity of the dwelling, the owner and the tenant can enjoy a higher quality of life while preserving the quality of life in our residential neighborhoods.

Violations of this ordinance may result in the owner or tenant being issued a civil citation or notice of violation.

Call These City Divisions for Help

Police Department	334-2451
Cultural Affairs Department	334-5064
Code Enforcement Division	334-5030
Solid Waste Division	334-5040
Billing and Collection Division	334-5024

For Additional Information Visit the
City Web Page at:

<http://www.cityofgainesville.org/>