

THE MOST COMMON CODE COMPLIANCE VIOLATIONS

HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS

*Otherwise known as: When you cannot see Uncle Jerry's "classic" truck because the grass is too tall. *Refer to Inoperable Vehicles*

Grand Saline City Ordinance states that it is an offense for any person or business owning, leasing, claiming, occupying or having control or supervision of any real property within the City, to suffer, permit, or allow uncultivated grass, weeds or brush to grow to a height of twelve (12) inches or greater including along sidewalks or street adjacent to the premises between the property line and the curb, or if there is no curb, between the property line and the driving surface of the street.

JUNK, TRASH AND DEBRIS

Otherwise known as: All the stuff that belongs in the dump, but never seems to make it there or this couch sure makes a nice piece of patio furniture.

Grand Saline City Ordinance states that a public nuisance for any owner or occupant to allow the accumulation, abandonment or storage of trash, rubbish or junk on private or public property. This includes, but is not limited to, garbage, tree branches, inoperable or discarded merchandise, household furniture, appliances, old tires, used or discarded building materials, and any other materials that may provide harborage for rodents or allow for the stagnation of water. These conditions affect the public health and result in dangerous and unsanitary conditions.

INOPERABLE VEHICLES

Otherwise known as: Uncle Jerry's "classic" truck (motor not included).

Grand Saline City Ordinance states that inoperable vehicles may not be kept in a residential-zoned area. A junk/inoperable vehicle is a vehicle that does not have a current license tag and a valid motor vehicle inspection certificate AND is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or is discarded OR has remained inoperable for more than 30 consecutive days on private property.

ANIMALS AT LARGE

Otherwise known as: Fido doesn't need to be on a leash, he never leaves the yard. Meanwhile, Fido is chasing a squirrel three blocks away.

Grand Saline City Ordinance states that it is unlawful for the owner or any person to maintain any animal which roams at large on public or private property; attacks another animal(s); or damages public or private property. An owner is defined as any person, partnership, or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring one or more animals. An animal shall be deemed to be harbored if it is fed or sheltered for three (3) or more consecutive days.

PET LIMIT/REGISTRATION

Otherwise known as: That dog just keeps on having babies, but they don't ever get out of the yard so I don't need to vaccinate em.

Grand Saline City Ordinance states there is a limit of four (4) pets per household. All animals must be vaccinated against rabies annually and registered with the city.

Registration can be obtained by filing the proper paperwork, supplying a current copy of vaccination records annually with city hall and paying a one time fee of \$5.00 per animal.

FENCE VIOLATIONS

Otherwise known as: When your property looks like a fortress because of a barricade around it.

Grand Saline City Ordinance states that fences may not exceed four feet in the "required" front yard, or six feet on the side or rear yard. It must be constructed of materials that are consistent with the neighborhood and of commonly-used materials (no scrap metal or other offensive material). Barbed wire or other materials which may inflict pain or injury are not allowed in residential zones.

PREMISES IDENTIFICATION

Otherwise known as: You called the ambulance 30 minutes ago, but they can't find you, because you have no house numbers.

Numbers shall be placed on all structures. (Numbers shall be a minimum of 4 inches tall.)

SIGNS

Otherwise known as: No down payment, move in special on a utility pole or garage sale at 299 Grand.

Signs are not allowed in any city right-of-way or utility pole.

GARAGE SALES

Otherwise known as: The year long garage sale.

Grand Saline City Ordinance states that an individual or group intending to conduct a garage sale must register with the city. Registration must be at least 24 hours prior to conducting the sale. No garage sale shall last for a period of time that exceeds four (4) consecutive calendar days, regardless of the number of actual hours the garage sale shall be open for business. There is a limit of two (2) garage sales per year. There is no cost to register a garage sale.

PERMITS

Otherwise known as: I've been a handyman all my life, I don't need no stinking permit.

City of Grand Saline requires that an individual or business must obtain a permit anytime there is new construction, remodel, repair or demolition on any property (business or residential) within the city limits of Grand Saline. A permit is also required when a fence is constructed within the city limits of Grand Saline.

To report violations please contact the Code Compliance Officer at Grand Saline City Hall.

CITY OF GRAND SALINE
ORDINANCE 92-2 (condensed)

SEC. 1.17 OWNER- any person, firm , or corporation having title to any animal, or who has, harbors, or keep, or who causes or permits to be harbored or kept, an animal in his care, or permits an animal to remain on or about his premises.

SEC. 1.9 RUN AT LARGE- not completely confined by a building, wall or fence of sufficient strength or construction to restrain the animal, is either on a leash or held in the hands of the owner or keeper, or under supervision of the owner within the limits of the owner's private property. An animal not under restraint and intruding upon the property of a person other than its owner shall be termed "running at large." An animal within an automobile or other vehicle of its owner shall not be deemed "running at large."

SEC. 3.1 RUNNING AT LARGE- It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, harbors or keeps any animal within the corporate limits of the City of Grand Saline, Texas, to permit that animal to run at large, as defined in this ordinance. A stray dog, cat or other animal running at large is hereby declared to be public nuisance.

SEC. 2.2 ENFORCEMENT- The local Health Authority, any Animal Control Officer, the Chief of Police or any officer employed by him, and the City Building Inspector shall have the authority to issue citations for any violation of this ordinance. If the person being cited is not present, the Animal Control Officer may send the citation to the alleged offender by registered or certified mail.

ORDINANCE NO. 2003-26
CITY OF GRAND SALINE

AN ORDINANCE CONCERNING POSTED ADDRESSES ON PROPERTY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF GRAND SALINE.

Whereas, the Code of Ordinances, City of Grand Saline, was adapted on March 13, 1984, and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND SALINE, TEXAS THAT:

The Code of Ordinances of the City of Grand Saline be amended by the addition of Ordinance No. 2003-06 as follows:

SECTION 1. All residences or buildings on property with no residence must have a minimum of four (4) inch tall numbers displaying the property's address, some place on the property visible from the address road.

SECTION 2. If any provision, clause, sentence, or paragraph of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional for any reason, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity, force or effect of any other section or sections or part of a section or paragraph of this Ordinance.

SECTION 3. All ordinances, part of ordinance, or resolutions in conflict herewith are expressly repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 4. Effective Date:

This Ordinance shall become effective on December 10, 2003.

SECTION 5. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be fined not less than \$1.00 and not more than \$500.00 for each offense, and a separate offense shall be deemed committed on each day during or on which a violation occurs or continues.

PASSED, ADOPTED AND APPROVED on this the 10th day of November, 2003.

TERRY TOLAR, MAYOR

ATTEST:

Alesia Mayne, City Secretary

**CITY OF GRAND SALINE
GUIDELINES FOR TRASH PICK UP**

1. Pick up is on **TUESDAY ONLY**.
2. Bags/containers must be placed at **EDGE OF STREET BY 6:30 AM**
3. a) Residential household garbage, nine (9) bag limit or full poly cart
b) Yard waste limited up to eight (8) bags each week if room available
c) Business hand-load garbage, five (5) bag limit
4. The bags shall be no more than thirty (30) gallons and weigh no more than fifty (50) pounds.
5. Bagged and tied garbage only, no loose trash in cans.
6. Boxes, tree trimmings, newspapers/magazines securely tied together forming an easily handled package not exceeding three & one-half feet (3 ½') in length or sixty (60) pounds in weight, with a limit of four (4) bundles per week.
7. Bulky items can be picked up by arrangement with sanitation service for an additional fee.

Sanitation Solutions office **#1-866-264-6911**

Contact City Hall at **903-962-3122** if your have any problems.

UTILITY SERVICES FOR GRAND SALINE TEXAS

Water/sewer/garbage - City of Grand Saline
903-962-3122
Sanitation Solutions
1-866-264-6911

Electrical - American Electric Power
1-888-216-3523

Gas - Centerpoint Energy Entex
1-800-259-5544

Cable TV - Suddenlink
903-569-2651

Phone - Frontier
1-800-921-8101