

Welcome to the City of Orange! We are happy that you have chosen to make Orange your home and we hope that you will enjoy being a resident of our community. The City of Orange takes great pride in our city and we hope that you will help to keep the community healthy and attractive by complying with the following codes and ordinances. While we cannot provide every code or ordinance in this brochure, our codes and ordinances are available on the City's website at [orangetexas.net](http://orangetexas.net)

**Grass and Weeds.** Grass and weeds must be maintained at a height of 12 inches or less.

**Litter.** Please do not litter by throwing trash on the ground. Dispose of your trash in the cart or dumpster provided. Also, you are required to remove any trash from your yard and into the middle of the street.

**Junk Vehicles.** If a motorized vehicle is not operable, it is a junk vehicle. Please do not keep junk vehicles on your property.

**Outdoor burning.** The burning of leaves or other materials outdoors is not allowed within the city limits of Orange. Leaves or other materials can be disposed of by placing them in plastic bags and setting them out for the weekly garbage service.

**Old furniture.** The City has a program where a truck makes a monthly visit to your neighborhood to pick up discarded or old furniture. City crews try to get to the discarded or old furniture as quickly as they can.

**Fences.** The City has a fence ordinance which regulates the height and size of fences. Please

contact the Planning and Community Development Department before constructing any fence so that we can advise you on the kinds of fences which are permitted for your property.

**Residential Temporary Outdoor Sales.** Residential temporary outdoor sales, such as a yard sale or garage sale, are allowed in the residential zones for no longer than two (2) consecutive days and no more than four (4) total days per month.

**Animals.** It is unlawful for any person to keep, possess or maintain in the city limits of the City of Orange, Texas, any cows, bulls, steers, calves, horses, mules, sheep, llamas, goats or poultry within one hundred (100) feet of any actual residence or habitation for human beings or within the same distance of any church, school or hospital, other than the residence of the keeper, possessor or owner of such animals or fowls.

Exceptions. The provisions above shall not apply in the following situations:

- To the keepers of any livestock mentioned in such sections whose enclosure comprises an area of one (1) acre or larger.
- To the operators of circuses, rodeos or parades whose performances are sanctioned by an appropriate permit issued by the City of Orange.
- To the temporary stabling of horses at the owner's residence for a period not exceeding forty-eight (48) hours.
- To owners of undeveloped tracts of land lying within the corporate limits of the City of Orange exceeding ten (10) acres in size.

**Historic Overlay Zones.** The City of Orange has established historic overlay zones in some of the older areas of the City. If you have property within a Historic Overlay Zone, please contact the Planning and Community Development Department prior to building or removing any permanent structure on your property, painting or otherwise altering the physical appearance of your property.

**Home Occupations.** The city recognizes that home occupations are becoming a more common method of working, help alleviate traffic, help decrease the cost of doing business, allow people to work who might otherwise be unable to work, and are appropriate within residential areas, subject to certain provisions which are established to maintain the character and property values of existing residential areas. A home occupation shall be approved by the Director of Planning and Community Development if it meets all of the following requirements:

- The home occupation shall be within the principal residence or a permitted accessory building.
- The home occupation shall not occupy more than 50 percent of the gross floor area of the principal residence .
- There shall be no exterior indication that the home occupation is taking place
- There shall be no employees for the home occupation other than immediate members of the family, such as mother, father, sister, brother, son, daughter.
- There shall be no traffic generated by the home occupation other than that normally

associated with a residential use.

- There shall be no use of equipment or process carried on that would create a nuisance to the neighboring properties.

**Materials Storage.** Storage of materials which are incidental to the primary use located on the same lot, including garbage dumpsters are permitted under the following conditions:

- The storage may not extend beyond the front of the building.
- The storage may not be located in area devoted to parking.
- The stored materials must be behind an opaque screening fence or wall and at least six (6) feet in height but no higher than eight (8) feet.
- The stored materials may not protrude above the height of screening fence or wall.

**Recreational Vehicles.** Recreational vehicles (RVs) may be stored or parked outdoors within residential districts with the following regulations:

- The RV shall be no closer than ten (10) feet from the front street curb.
- The RV may be parked on the side or rear setback.
- The RV shall not be parked in the front yard setback.
- The RV shall be parked on a hard surface or on a compactable road base material.
- If the RV is parked on a side or rear setback, the RV shall be screened from the adjacent

property by a privacy fence six (6) to eight (8) feet in height.

- Recreational vehicles may not be stored in a commercial district unless in a permitted storage yard or inside a storage structure.
- Habitation. Recreational vehicles may be used for habitation not exceeding thirty (30) days within a residential district at a location having a residential structure and shall not be connected to any utility service except for electrical and this by temporary means.
- Recreational vehicles may not be used for habitation under any circumstances on a vacant lot or tract of property.

We are glad to help with any questions about these or other regulations which may apply to your property. Call us at (409) 883-1034 or see us at 303 W. 8th Street from 8:00 AM-noon and 1:00 PM-5:00 PM, Mondays through Fridays except holidays.



## Common Property Regulations