



# GARLAND

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## CODE COMPLIANCE

### Common Code Violations

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#### Oversized Vehicles

Oversized vehicles are prohibited in residential areas. Examples of oversized vehicles are any vehicle exceeding 9000 gross vehicle weight, a truck tractor, road tractor, semi-trailer, any trailer greater than 18 feet in length, tow truck and passenger motor vehicles designed to carry more than 16 persons (including the driver). Oversized vehicles parked on public property can be **towed** without notice.



#### Parking on Unimproved Surfaces

It is illegal to park any kind of vehicle (car, truck, boat, motorcycle, utility trailer, or recreational vehicle) on the grass or dirt in a residential area. This applies to the front, back and side yards of a house, as well as vacant lots.



#### Junk Vehicles

A vehicle on private property is considered a junk vehicle by City ordinance if the vehicle has expired registration and inspection stickers; and is wrecked, dismantled, on flat tires, or not moved within the last 30 days. Vehicles parked on the street must have current registration and inspection stickers and must move every 48 hours.



#### Vehicle Encroachment

When vehicles are parked so that they extend over the sidewalk, they can become a hazard for pedestrians and other vehicles. At no time should vehicles be parked so as to extend over the sidewalk or off of the property.



#### Limb Encroachment

When tree limbs and bushes are allowed to grow over the street, alley, or sidewalk, they too can become a hazard for pedestrians and vehicles. This is important because many of the city's fire trucks, service vehicles, and school buses are very large and require a clearance of 14 feet over the street and alley. Sidewalks must have a clearance of 8 feet.



#### High Grass

As a resident or property owner in Garland, it is your responsibility to keep the lawn on your property maintained. Maintaining the alley or utility easement to the midpoint and the entire parkway (the area from the curb to the sidewalk) is also your responsibility. Violations occur when the grass and/or weeds reach over 12 inches in height.