

ANIMALS AND PETS

Licensing (910)

All dogs over 6 months of age must be licensed and have a valid rabies vaccination. Dog licenses expire when vaccinations expire and need to be renewed. The Police Department assists with the licensing of your pet.

A private kennel license is required for residential properties that have any combination of 3 or more dogs, cats, ferrets and/or rabbits. A residence with a private kennel license can have no more than 5 dogs, cats or similar household pets. A commercial kennel license is required if you raise, sell, breed, show or groom any animal for profit. All kennel licenses must be applied for annually and are available at City Hall.

General (910)

All pets must be kept in a clean and sanitary environment where no odor can be detected off the owner's property and no excessive noise disturbs the neighborhood.

All pets are required, except in designated off-leash exercise areas, to be on a leash of less than 6 feet in length when off the owner's property. Animal waste must be removed, bagged and disposed of according to the guidelines of garbage and refuse collection, both on public and private property (see Garbage, Refuse and Recycling, page 4).

CONSTRUCTION

Fences (515.13)

Fences must be located within the property lines and abide by the following guidelines:

	Front Yard	Side Yard	Rear Yard
Maximum Height	Up to 4 feet *	Up to 6 feet	Up to 6 feet

- If you have a corner lot, contact City Hall to find out which yard is considered the front yard by the Zoning Ordinance. (It may not be the yard you think). Fences may not be erected within the 25 foot sight triangle at intersections or the 10 foot sight triangle where a driveway crosses a street, path or sidewalk.

Regulations and Permits (400)

New construction and changes to existing structures must meet required codes. It is best to check with City staff about required permits prior to beginning any project. Informational handouts are available to help answer questions about garages, decks, porches, driveways and curb cuts, egress windows, roofs, storage sheds, fences and interior remodeling.

Permits are required for the following:

- All new construction and any remodeling, altering, converting, or moving of existing structures, including re-roofing, re-siding and window replacement.

- Replacement of water heaters, gas ranges, furnaces, air conditioners, gas fireplaces and vents.
- All mechanical, electrical, plumbing, water and sewer work.

All contractors must be insured and licensed in the State of Minnesota. Plumbing and mechanical contractors must be licensed by the City. A final inspection is required when work is complete. You may wish to check with the contractor to be sure this inspection is scheduled. Upon final inspection, the permit applicant is responsible to correct any work that does not meet building code requirements.

For projects that generate debris and waste, a roll-off dumpster is required. Construction debris shall not be kept outside of a refuse container or dumpster at any time.

Accessory Structures (515.33)

Accessory structures are allowed only in rear or side yards not closer to an abutting street than the principal structure. They must be at least 3 feet from all lot lines in the rear yard and 5 feet from the lot lines in the side yard. Accessory structures shall not be located on any easements and may not exceed 15 feet in height. Permits are required for all construction that exceeds 120 square feet.

The total square footage of all accessory structures, such as detached garages and sheds, shall not exceed the footprint of the principal residential structure. In the rear yard, building and structure coverage is limited and varies with the size of the rear yard. Contact City Hall for specifications.

GARBAGE, REFUSE AND RECYCLING

Garbage and Recycling Collection (605)

Weekly garbage collection by a licensed hauler is required for all properties. A list of licensed haulers is available at City Hall and on the City's website. Special arrangements must be made with your garbage hauler for pick-up of additional materials that do not fit into the standard garbage container, including grass clippings and leaves, furniture and appliances. Recycling containers are provided by Hennepin County Recycling Group and are emptied on a bi-weekly basis.

Garbage and recycling containers shall be stored either inside a building or outside not more than 3 feet from a building. Containers shall not be placed closer to an abutting street than any wall of the principal building directly facing the adjacent street. Containers shall only be placed at the curb or street edge the night before and day of scheduled collection. Containers must be removed from their collection location and stored properly no later than 12 hours after collection.

Litter (635)

Property owners and occupants must contain litter in an appropriate garbage container or inside a building. Litter includes, but is not limited to:

- Garbage, debris, animal waste, household appliances and furniture.
- Wood, branches, leaves and grass clippings
- Deteriorated or wrecked property in unusable condition or left unprotected from the elements