

## RESIDENT INFORMATION SHEET



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The City of Murfreesboro has developed this pamphlet to provide you with some general information regarding frequently asked questions regarding the codes and ordinances within the city.

### NOISE

The Murfreesboro Noise Ordinance prohibits playing a radio, CD player or tape cassette player on public or private property so that it can be heard beyond the property line of the person utilizing such equipment. This provision can be enforced for daytime use as well as nighttime use. In addition, musical instruments, live bands, loudspeakers or sound equipment that is audible more than 50 feet from a building where such equipment is located is not permitted from 11:00 PM to 7:00 AM. Violators of this ordinance can be cited to City Court. Please contact the Police Department at (615) 893-1311 for noise complaints.

### PARKING

All homes in your subdivision have driveways for parking vehicles. Avoid parking cars on the grass. Prolonged parking of cars on grass can cause ruts in the yard and mud can also be tracked into the street, creating a possible safety hazard. It can also be harmful to underground utility lines. Unless posted otherwise, on-street parking is permitted provided you do not block traffic, park toward opposing traffic; or park within 5' of driveways, and within 15' of mailboxes or fire hydrants.

In addition, vehicles over 18,000 pounds gross weight, or any trailer or semi-trailer, whether or not attached to a tractor, are not permitted to park in any street from 6:00 PM to 6:00 AM, except those vehicles that are engaged in loading or unloading their cargo. Please contact the Building and Codes Department for lawn parking (615) 893-3750; and contact the Police Department for on-street parking issues (615) 893-1422.

### NUMBER OF PERSONS LIVING IN A HOME

The Murfreesboro Zoning Ordinance does not allow more than four (4) unrelated persons to occupy a single family home. According to the Zoning Ordinance, the definition of a "family" includes, in addition to customary domestic servants, either:

(a) An individual or two (2) or more persons related by blood, marriage or adoption, maintaining a common household in a dwelling unit; or

(b) **A group of not more than four (4) persons who are not related by blood, marriage, or adoption, living together as a common household in a dwelling unit;**  
or

(c) A group of not more than eight (8) unrelated persons with disabilities as defined by applicable federal law, which may have up to three (3) additional persons acting as support staff or guardians, which additional persons need not be related to any of the persons with disabilities residing in the home. Please contact the Planning Dept. at (615) 893-6441 if you have a question about these zoning issues.

### GARBAGE PICK-UP

The Solid Waste Department collects garbage from residential areas once a week. Contact the department for your trash pick-up day. We recommend that you place your garbage container at the curb the night before or prior to 7:00 AM the day of pickup. The city ordinance requires you to remove the garbage container from the front yard on the same day as trash pickup. You may want to ask your neighbor to help with getting your container back off the street if you won't be home on the evening of trash pickup. In addition, if you forget to place your garbage at the curb, you can bring your garbage to the City's Convenience Center located at 648 West Main Street. Failure to comply with this ordinance can result in a citation to City Court.

The garbage trucks can remove larger items, such as chairs or couches. However, you should call the Solid Waste Department ahead of time to arrange for a pick-up time. These items should not be left at the curb for extended periods of time, or over a weekend. In addition, the Solid Waste Department is responsible for brush pickup.

The Solid Waste Department can be reached at (615) 893-3681, Mon. – Fri. 7:00 AM to 3:30 PM.

## PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

### Weeds and Tall Grass

Please keep your lawn cut. It is unlawful to allow weeds to grow and grass to grow in excess of 12 inches in height. If you are a tenant and under your lease you are not responsible for cutting your lawn, please contact the responsible party (i.e., landlord) if your grass becomes excessively high.

### Rubbish and Refuse

Please keep your yard free of rubbish, refuse, vegetation, trash or garbage. The City Ordinance prohibits the accumulation of such items as glass, cans, boxes, paper, cartons, plastic, metal, discarded appliances, furniture, building materials, tree branches, yard trimmings, etc. Indoor furniture is not allowed on porch or in the yard (sofas, etc)

### Inoperable or Unlicensed Vehicles

Please do not keep or store an inoperable or unlicensed vehicle in your yard. The City Ordinance prohibits the storage of any such vehicles in your yard. If you have an inoperable vehicle you are repairing, it must be kept in your garage.

Failure to comply with these property maintenance laws can result in a citation to City Court. Contact the Building and Codes Dept. for property maintenance questions.

## HOME OCCUPATIONS

Home occupations are permitted in residential areas. However, there are a few guidelines that must be met in order to qualify for approval. If you have a home occupation, or are considering starting one, please contact the Planning Department at (615) 893-6441 to discuss your situation.

## YARD SALES

### AND TEMPORARY USES

The Murfreesboro Zoning Ordinance allows residents to have up to four (4) one-day yard sales in any calendar year. These days may be used at one time, or over the course of the year. For example, a person may have four (4) one-day events, or two (2) two-day events. Excessive yard sales may constitute commercial activity and are not permitted in residential areas.

## VIOLATIONS

Costs for a citation to City Court include court costs of \$113.50 for traffic tickets, \$111.50 for misdemeanors and \$32.75 for parking violations plus any additional fines assigned by the Judge.

A violation of the Murfreesboro Zoning Ordinance is punishable by up to a fifty dollar (\$50.00) fine. Each day's continuance of violation shall be considered a separate offense. In addition, any person who may have knowingly assisted in the violation of the ordinance may also be liable and fined.

## STREETS

The Street Department oversees mowing the grass in the City right-of-way, removing litter on the major rights-of-way, clearing the streets of ice and snow, and collecting your piles of loose leaves.

The department is also responsible for street paving, pavement repairs, and the issuance of rights-of-way construction permits, storm drainage maintenance, and fabrication and installation of regulatory, warning and guide signs. The Street Department can be reached at (615) 893-4380.

## LEAF COLLECTION SERVICE

Our annual leaf collection service runs October through December. We can collect your bagged leaves if they are in biodegradable bags. Our trucks can also vacuum your piled leaves. Place the leaves within 5-10 feet of the curb. Do not pile the leaves in the street or block storm drain inlets. Additionally, do not mix tree limbs or stumps, metal, lumber, or any other debris with the leaves.

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## LIST OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS

### For Emergencies, Dial 911.

For non-emergencies, please call the following numbers:

**Police:** (615) 849-2673

**Fire:** (615) 893-1422

**Planning:** (615) 893-6441

**Codes Department:** (615) 893-3750

**Garbage Collection:** (615) 893-3681

In addition to these numbers, additional information on these departments can be found on-line at our website:

[www.murfreesborotn.gov](http://www.murfreesborotn.gov).