

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 Dept. at 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 Dept. for lawn parking 893-3750 and contact the Police Dept. for on street parking complaints 893-1311.

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 mentally retarded or physically handicapped persons which includes two additional persons acting as houseparents or guardians, who need not be related to each other, or any of the mentally retarded or physically handicapped persons in the group. Please contact the Planning Dept. at (615) 893-6441 if you have a question about these zoning issues.

GARBAGE PICK-UP

The Solid Waste Dept. collects garbage from residential areas once a week. Contact the Solid Waste Dept. for your trash pick-up day. The Solid Waste Dept. recommends 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. Leaving trash containers at the curb is unsightly and possibly dangerous. You may want to ask your neighbor to help out 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, it is possible to 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 Dept. 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 Dept. is responsible for brush pickup.

The Solid Waste Dept. can be reached at (615) 893-3681, Mon. ó 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 number of 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 Dept. at

(615) 893-6441 so that you can 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.

STREET and SIGNS

The Street and Sign Dept. is in charge of mowing the grass in the City right-of-way, removal of litter on the major right-of-way, clearing the streets of ice, snow and leaf collection.

Please remember the following tips regarding leaf collection: Rake your leaves curbside as soon as possible; rake your leaves in windrows not exceeding 2 feet in depth; do not place leaves more than 5 feet from the curb or shoulder; do not block

storm drain inlets; do not mix tree limbs or stumps, metal, lumber or any other debris with the leaves.

The Street Dept. is also responsible for paving streets, pavement repairs, and issuance of right-of-way construction permits, maintenance of storm drainage, and fabrication and installation of regulatory, warning and guide signs. The City of Murfreesboro Street Dept. may be contacted at 893-4380.

LIST OF IMPORTANT NUMBERS

Following is a list of city departments that you can contact if you have any questions regarding the information in this pamphlet:

For Emergencies, Dial 911.

For non-emergencies, please call the following numbers:

Fire Dept.: (615) 893-1422

Noise Issues:

Police Dept.: (615) 893-1311

Zoning Issues:

Planning Dept.: (615) 893-6441

Property Maintenance Issues:

Codes Dept.: (615) 893-3750

Garbage Collection Issues:

Solid Waste/garbage: (615) 893-3681

Street and Sign Dept.: (615) 893-4380

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

www.murfreesborotn.gov.

If you have any suggestions on how we can improve this pamphlet or our service to you, please contact the Building and Codes Dept. at (615) 893-3750 or visit us at our website at the address listed above.