

Welcome to Gainesville, ranked the #1 city in the nation in 1995 and again in 2007. We are pleased to have you as part of our community. We hope this brochure will provide you with an understanding of the services offered to our residential communities.

This brochure will attempt to inform you of the problems most frequently generating complaints by neighborhood residents. Most of our citizens find that once they are aware of these problems they can take corrective action and live in harmony with their neighbors.

The city has historically taken an aggressive approach to the enforcement of these ordinances. Failure to comply will result in the issuance of either a notice of violation or a civil citation. If convicted, both notices of violations and civil citations have the possibility of large fines and/or mandatory court appearance.

Number of Unrelated People Cohabiting in a Single Family District

City Ordinance: Section 30-57

The Gainesville Code of Ordinances restricts the number of unrelated people living in a residence to no more than three. This requirement applies to zoning areas designated as single family. When you plan to share housing with roommates you are required to either restrict the number of occupants to three or seek appropriate housing in a multi-family district.

As a landlord of property allowing occupancy by unrelated persons in single family zoned districts you are required to obtain a **landlord permit**. Landlords applying for the first time permit should make their application with the City Code Enforcement Division. Renewal of existing permits is available through the City Billing and Collections Division. Permits are required for each unit and are renewable annually. Failure to obtain the required

permit or exceeding occupancy limits may result in the owner of the property being issued a notice of violation. Suspected violations should be reported to the Code Enforcement Division at **334-5030**.

Vehicle Parking

City Ordinance: Section 26-47 and 30-56



Vehicles are permitted to park in approved parking areas only. Parking in the yard,

other than on an approved parking area, is **prohibited in the University Context Area**. Violations of this ordinance may result in a civil citation. If you have any questions concerning these regulations contact the City Code Enforcement Division at **(352)334-5030**.

Neighborhood parking and downtown parking on public streets requires a decal or permit, issued through the City Billing and Collections Division available at **(352)334-5024**. Vehicles that owe for outstanding parking citations may be booted or towed.

Recreational vehicles such as boats, RV's, and trailers are permitted to park in residential neighborhoods. Parking is restricted to the back yard when accessible or the side yard as a secondary consideration. When neither the back nor side yard are accessible, the front yard is permitted for parking of recreational vehicles if the vehicle is parked perpendicular to the street and not encroaching into the right-of-way. Violations of this ordinance may result in the owner or tenant being issued a civil citation or notice of violation. Suspected violations should be reported to the Code Enforcement Division at **(352)334-5030**.

Abandoned Vehicles

City Ordinance: Section 26-136 - 26-140 - 13-171

Abandoned or non-operational vehicles are defined by the city ordinance as vehicles that are not capable of safe operation on a public street or do not have a current registration or tag. Vehicles that are

considered as abandoned are permitted to be stored in a residential district when in a building. No open storage is permitted.

Abandoned vehicles that are stored on private property should be reported to the City Code Enforcement Division at **(352)334-5030**. Vehicles that are stored on the public right of way or any public property should be reported to the Joint Communications Center at **(352)955-1818**. Failure to comply with this ordinance may result in the issuance of a parking citation and/or civil citation or the towing of the vehicle.

Point System

City Ordinance: Section 14.5 (c), 14.5 (3)

Accumulation of six or more points on a permit for a dwelling unit during three consecutive annual permit periods could subject the owner to proceedings which could revoke the landlord permit. This could adversely affect the tenant in that unit.

Violations of the following ordinances will assess points on a landlord permit:
Noise Ordinances Chapter 15
Solid Waste Ordinance Chapter 27 Article III
Over Occupancy Ordinance 30-57
Off-Street Parking Ordinance 30-56 (c) (4)
Housing Ordinance 13-171 and 13-181

These and all City of Gainesville Ordinances can be read in their entirety at

www.cityofgainesville.org/gov/municode.shtml

Owner/ Occupant Responsibilities

City Ordinance: Chapter 13

The City of Gainesville has a Minimum Housing Code that establishes minimum standards for residential housing. This code holds the landlord responsible for certain basic elements considered necessary for safe housing. Examples are, but not limited to, adequate heating facilities, safe electrical systems and sound structural elements of the building and functional sanitation facilities.

Tenants can be held responsible for destruction to the residence or for failure to comply with the sections of the code that are under their control. Examples are, but not limited to, broken windows, improper disposal of waste material or yard trash.



By working together to preserve the integrity of the dwelling, the owner and the tenant can enjoy a higher quality of life while preserving the quality of life in our residential neighborhoods.

Violations of this ordinance may result in the owner or tenant being issued a civil citation or notice of violation.

Call These Numbers for Assistance

Police Department	(352)334-2400
Code Enforcement Division	(352)334-5030
Solid Waste Division	(352)334-2330
Billing and Collection Division	(352)334-5024
Alachua Co. Animal Control	(352)955-2333
Joint Communications Center	(352)955-1818
Hearing Impaired TDD	(352)334-2292

UF and SFCC Information

Student advisors are also available and are working with your community.

UF, Dean of Students Office	(352)392-1261
Director Off-Campus Life	
www.dso.ufl.edu/offcampus/	
UF Legal Services	(352)392-5297
SFCC Office of Student Activities	(352)395-5912
Equal Opportunity Program	(352) 374-5275

Noise Limits

City Ordinance: Chapter 15

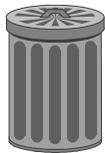


Because excessive noise is considered a nuisance, the city takes a very active approach in enforcement of its ordinance regulating noise. The Gainesville Police Department has a Party Patrol, which focuses on noise and other neighborhood violations. Violations include any noise (including amplified music or people noise) that is clearly audible from 200 feet away. Noise permits are available for public property and public space (lots with public buildings). Contact the City Cultural Affairs Department at (352)334-5064. Noise permits are not available for private property.

Violation of this ordinance may result in the owner or tenant being issued a civil citation or notice of violation. Violations should be reported to the Joint Communications Center at (352)955-1818.

Household Garbage and Trash

City Ordinance: Section 27-73



The City of Gainesville provides for curbside pick up of household garbage as well as curbside pick up of recyclable materials. Containers used in this effort tend to clutter the right of way and are not aesthetically pleasing. Because of this, the times that containers may be left out are regulated.

Containers may be placed in front of your residence or at the curb no earlier than the evening before your scheduled trash collection. Following the trash service, containers must be removed from curbside by the end of the collection day.

Dumping of trash, debris, limbs, grass or other yard waste on private property or in a storm drain or other public property is prohibited.

For information on pick-up of large household items, garbage, recycling or yard trash, contact the Gainesville Solid Waste Division. Suspected violations should be reported to the Solid Waste Division at (352)334-2330.



Animal Control

City Ordinance: Chapter 5

Information on control and type of allowable pets, permits, requirements, nuisance, violations, etc. is available through Alachua County Animal Services. For more information call (352)955-2333.

Signs on Public Property

City Ordinance: Section 30-316 & 317

No sign other than a city sign or other sign of a public nature will be allowed to be erected, placed, replaced, installed or maintained in or on any city property or public right-of-way.

When selling a home only one sign is allowed on the property that is advertised for sale. No other off site sign is allowed, by owner or real estate agent.

Yard sales are permitted within the city. But as far as signs advertising a yard sale only one is allowed in the yard having the sale. No other off site sign is permitted.

Handbills

City Ordinance: Section 19-127

Throwing or distributing handbills is prohibited. It is unlawful for any person to deposit, place, throw, scatter or cast any handbill in or upon any private or public premises where a notice stating "No Handbills" is posted. Violations are enforceable by civil citations or ordinance prosecution.

Selling Vehicles

City Ordinance: Section 23-41

It is unlawful for any person to display, keep or maintain any vehicle, or any item of personal property, whether for sale, advertising or other purpose, on any of the streets or sidewalks of the city. This section does not apply to a vending booth properly permitted. Your vehicle may be placed on your property and be advertised FOR SALE as long as it is operational.

Yard Maintenance

City Ordinance: Section 13-171

The city is concerned with the aesthetic quality of our neighborhoods. In an effort to maintain the appearance of our neighborhoods, yards must be maintained to avoid unsightly weeds or high grass. Shrubs and trees must be trimmed to eliminate sight distance problems on corner properties.



Outdoors storage of materials such as appliances, indoor furniture, building materials, loose bottles and boxes are prohibited by ordinance. Materials such as outdoor recreational equipment, grills, and outdoor furniture are acceptable. No un-permitted items shall be placed on the roof i.e.: furniture, pools etc. Firewood is also permitted but must be neatly stacked and be free of insects and rodents.

Violation of this ordinance may result in the owner or tenant being issued a civil citation or notice of violation. To register a complaint call Code Enforcement at (352)334-5030.

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Tips on Being a Good Neighbor

- 1 Don't park on your yard.
- 2 Maintain a defined driveway.
- 3 Keep your yard clean and mowed.
- 4 Bring your trashcan in after pick-up.
- 5 Join your neighborhood crime watch.
- 6 Enjoy your neighborhood.

Guidelines For Rentals In Residential Neighborhoods



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