

## What is Code Enforcement

The Code Enforcement Division is responsible for enforcing the City's non-criminal and non-traffic codes. These are generally health and safety violations, community appearance, prohibited signs, businesses operating without a business registration, junk vehicles, overgrown grass and weeds, and the littering of property just to name a few. This division also enforces the Downtown Maintenance Code that encompasses the riverfront, Grice Street and Elizabeth Street. Their efforts help encourage a safe, healthy community, which will foster attractive neighborhoods, vibrant businesses, and a peaceful and enjoyable City for all residents.

## What Can I Do?

Take pride in your neighborhood.

Learn your neighborhood covenants and City codes.

Ask your neighbors to comply when you notice a violation.

Notify the Code Enforcement Officer about potential city code violations.

Pick up trash in front of your business or in front of your house.

Help your neighbor with their yard if they cannot maintain it.

Let's all work together to keep Elizabeth City beautiful.

## FAQs

1. Household appliances, mattresses and furniture require a special pick up by solid waste. Please call 252-337-6628
2. Do not place construction waste, carpet or other renovations waste or items to the curb for pick up. Solid waste will not pick these items up. Please take to the landfill.
3. Do not place signs on telephone poles.
4. Vehicles must display current tags or be confined under roof.
5. Registration and specialty vehicle will need to receive a special sticker at the Community Development Office located at 302 E Colonial Ave Elizabeth City NC 27909.
6. Dumpsters need to be enclosed with a fence and emptied regularly.
7. Please make sure your house number is displayed on your house so that the police or emergency services can find you in an emergency.
8. Please remove fallen dead trees from your property.
9. Please maintain your signs for your businesses so that your customers can find you.
10. No play equipment, basketball goals or any other play items are allowed in the City right of way or streets.



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## Contact Information

302 E Colonial Ave  
Elizabeth City, NC 27909  
252-337-6672

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# Common Code Violations

The City of Elizabeth City codes are intended to benefit everyone while making our neighborhoods safe, strong and attractive. Compliance with standards can reduce vandalism, deter crime, maintain property values, prevent deterioration of your neighborhood and encourage economic development.

## No Play Equipment in the Streets



No play equipment is allowed to be placed or be played in the streets.

## Weeds and Grass



Weeds and grass over 12 inches in height is a violation. Property owners are responsible for keeping their yards mowed, hedges cut and trees limbs removed.

## Unclean Premises



Properties should be kept free of unsightly accumulation of litter and garbage, materials and equipment.

## Trees and Shrubs

It's the responsibility of property owners to maintain trees, shrubs, etc. to not block sidewalks and streets, posing a safety hazard to pedestrians or vehicle visibility.



## Junk and Nuisance Vehicles

Any vehicle that has flat tires, dismantled, junked, or does not have license plates up to date is considered a violation and must be removed in 48 hours unless the vehicle is enclosed in a building.



## Dilapidated Fences

Dilapidated fences are those that are in a poor state of repair should be properly anchored to a structure or fence posts repaired and maintained.



## Refuse and Yard Waste



Household refuse containers should be taken off the street after pick up and placed on your property, preferably in the side or rear yard.

## Vacant Properties



Vacant properties should be kept up to current building codes, kept secure and can be boarded from the inside not to exceed more than 6 months.

## No Indoor Furniture Outdoors



No indoor furniture outdoors or on porches.

