

### **High Grass and Weeds**

High grass and weeds are not permitted, nor is brush or any unsightly vegetation to grow higher than 12 inches within 150 feet of any property line which abuts street rights-of-way, alleys, utility easements or other structures. (Sec. 93.03)

### **Graywater discharge**

Water discharge onto properties or into alleys is prohibited within the City limits. All toilets, sinks, washing machines, etc. must be connected to the city water. (Sec. 52.07)

### **Trash, Rubbish & Debris**

Trash, rubbish, brush and refuse, impure or unwholesome matter of any kind, objectionable, unsightly or unsanitary matter is not allowed on property inside the city limits. (Sec. 93.02(a)).

It is unlawful for any person to throw, deposit or sweep any of the above prohibited matter into, upon or along any drain, gutter, alley, sidewalk, street, park, right-of-way or vacant lot, or upon any public or private premises within the city limits. (Sec. 93.02(b))

### **Substandard Structures**

Article IV of the Sinton Code of Ordinances covers structures that have become open and accessible. This applies to vacant properties that have deteriorated to the point of unsafe habitation. Cases may be presented to the Building Standards Commission who may issue an order for the property to be repaired, removed or demolished. Cases vary on a severity basis, which effects compliance timelines.

### **Loose dogs**

Dogs are not allowed to run at large within the city. Any dog found running loose may be impounded. (Sec. 90.057)

### **Junked Vehicles**

Junked vehicles are prohibited. Junked vehicle applies to vehicles on private and public property. A junked vehicle is one that does not have a valid unexpired license plate sticker attached to it and is wrecked, dismantled or partially dismantled, or discarded; or inoperable and has remained inoperable for more than:

72 consecutive hours, if the vehicle is on public property; or

30 consecutive days, if the vehicle is on private property. (Sec. 94.02, 94.02)

### **Signs**

It is a violation of city ordinance to fasten or place signs, posters or banners on public property including streets, sidewalks, curbs, gutters, signal light posts or bases, street light posts or bases, telephone poles or electric posts in the city. (Sec. 111.02)

### **Use of cell phone while driving**

Use of a cell phone or wireless communication device while operating a motor vehicle within the city limits is prohibited unless it is operated with a hands free device. (Sec. 71.08)

For more information or to report a violation, please contact Mary Speidel, Code Enforcement Official at 361-364-2381