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### Questions?

Questions or inquiries concerning Grass, Trash, and Weeds can be directed to the CDS Code Enforcement Department by calling (270) 887-4285 or by fax at (270) 632-2054.

Phone: 270-887-4285

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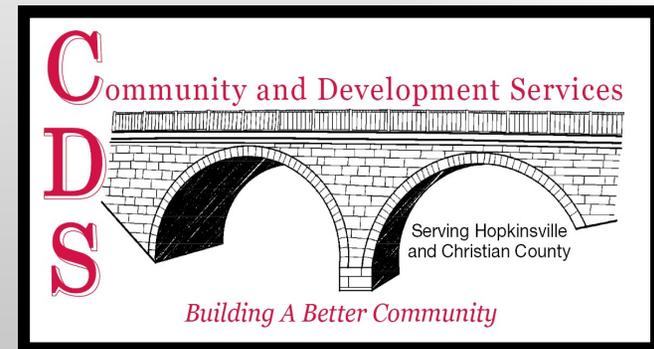
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# Property Standards

## CITY OF HOPKINSVILLE

**HCO 93.03 Grass, Trash & Weeds**

**HCO 95.05 Junked or Abandoned  
Vehicles**



710 South Main Street

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Hopkinsville, KY 42241-1125

### **Property Owner Responsibility & Property Standards**

It shall be the responsibility of all owners to maintain their property to ensure that it is maintained in such a manner as to prevent it from being declared a nuisance. This includes passive maintenance of the right-of-way including mowing, trimming, and erosion prevention and sowing of grass. It is also the responsibility of the owner to notify the city of the proper mailing address of all owners of the property within 30 days of the time when any addresses change.

### **Grass & Weeds**

1. Improved property shall not have any grass, weeds, undergrowth or saplings which exceed eight (8) inches in height.
2. Any agricultural property not in actual agricultural use shall not have any grass or weeds which exceed a height of twenty four (24) inches.
3. Any unimproved property shall not have any grass or weeds which exceed twelve (12) inches in height.

### **Junk, Litter & Trash**

1. There shall be no storage of junk on any property unless enclosed and secured within a building, structure or high solid fence so as not to be visible by the public.
2. It shall be a violation of city ordinance for any person to scatter, cast, throw, place, sweep or deposit anywhere within the city any litter or junk.
3. It shall be a violation of city ordinance to permit property to serve as a breeding place for mosquitoes, as a refuge for rats, rodents or vermin, as a collecting place for trash and litter &/or material that would constitute a fire hazard.
4. It shall be a violation of city ordinance to dispose of litter or junk by burying it on any property located in the city.
5. It shall be a violation of city ordinance to permit a public nuisance, health hazard or source of filth to develop on property through the accumulation of rubbish or excessive growth of weeds or grass.
6. It shall be a violation of city ordinance to permit any live tree or overgrowth vegetation to grow in a manner which interferes with a public sidewalk located on or adjacent to his or her property or on a public right-of-way adjoining the property, or street traffic, or to grow so as to pose a threat to public safety or public rights-of-way due to obstruction of view, obstruction of passage or in any other manner. The minimum clearance of any overhanging portion thereof shall be seven feet over sidewalks and 12 feet over all streets, except truck routes which shall have a clearance of 14 feet.
7. It shall be a violation of city ordinance to permit any dead or deteriorating tree or overgrowth vegetation to interfere with a normal sidewalk located on his or her property or on a public right-of-way adjoining his or her property, or street traffic, so as to pose a threat to public safety or public rights-of-way due to obstruction of view, obstruction of passage, falling of all or any part thereof, or in any other manner.

### **Enforcement & Penalties GTW**

1. First offense—\$200.00 or \$10.00 per acre, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$300.00
2. Second offense—\$300.00 or \$15.00 per acre, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$400.00
3. Third offense—\$500.00 or \$15.00 per acre, whichever is greater, not to exceed \$500.00.

### **Junk or Abandoned Vehicles**

1. **Leaving Abandoned or Junked Vehicle Prohibited**— No person shall abandon any vehicle within the city and no person shall leave any vehicle at any place within the city for such time and under circumstances as to cause the vehicle reasonably to appear to have been abandoned. The use of tarps or any other type of vehicle cover to hide and/or cover any junked or abandoned vehicle in open view shall not remedy the requirement that any such vehicle is to be removed from open view. The owners or occupants of any such lot or parcel of land or other person maintaining or permitting any such nuisance, shall jointly and severally abate the nuisance by prompt removal of the offending object into completely enclosed buildings within the territorial limits of the city or to a location outside the city limits.
2. **Abandoned Vehicle**— Any vehicle which the owner thereof, including any person having a security interest therein, has deserted and left unclaimed on any street, lot or parcel of ground, public or private, within the corporate limits of the city for period in excess of ten (10) consecutive days.
3. **Junk Vehicle**— (A) Vehicle in any inoperative condition. Any style of vehicle used or useful for the conveyance of persons or property that is unable to move under its own power due to defective or missing parts; or a vehicle that has no motor vehicle registration or an expired motor vehicle registration and therefore cannot legally be operated on the public way. (B) Vehicle unfit for further use. Any style or type of vehicle used for the conveyance of persons or property that is in a dangerous condition, has defective or missing parts or is in such condition as to be unfit for further use as a conveyance.

### **Enforcement & Penalties Junk or Abandoned Vehicles**

1. First offense—\$50.00
2. Second offense—\$100.00
3. Third offense—\$150.00

### **Enforcement Officer**

It shall be a violation of city ordinance for any person to interfere with, harass or otherwise impede an authorized agent or officer of the city when the agent or officer is inspecting property, investigating possible violations, or otherwise enforcing this section, or when the agent or officer is attempting to do any of the foregoing.