



Code Enforcement General Information

Code Enforcement Division

What is Code Enforcement?

The Centennial City Council has adopted City Codes (laws) specifically designed to address blight, nuisances, land compatibility and zoning regulations -- all to help maintain a clean environment for all citizens in our community.

The Code Enforcement Division strives to work in partnership with the community to enhance the quality of life in the City and helps to maintain healthy neighborhoods free of unsightly or hazardous conditions that can have a negative impact on surrounding property values. Code Officers help maintain and improve the quality of our community by administering a fair and unbiased enforcement program to correct violations of municipal codes and land use requirements. The Division also works with residents, neighborhood associations, public service agencies and other City Departments to facilitate voluntary compliance with City laws and codes, develop public outreach programs and establish community priorities for enforcement programs.

What type of codes does the City enforce?

Weeds – On private property, more than 8” inches in height and must be visible from the public right-of-way or street.

Inoperable vehicles on private property – must be obviously inoperable mechanically or have expired tags. Violations must be visible from the public right-of-way or street.

Inoperable vehicles on the street – must be obviously inoperable mechanically or have expired tags.

Outside storage – storage of building materials, trash debris, junk or items not intended for outdoor use must be stored entirely in an enclosed structure. Violations must be visible from the public right-of-way or street.

Trailers, boats and recreational vehicles – can be stored on private property, but cannot be stored on public streets. These types of vehicles can only be parked on the street if they are in the process of being loaded or unloaded and not for a period exceeding 48 hours.

Fences – citizens must obtain a fence permit when altering, constructing, enlarging or moving any fence in the City. All fences shall be maintained in good structural condition at all times.

Dumpsters – are permitted on private property for a period not to exceed seven (7) days unless a valid building permit is on site and is then allowed for the duration of the permit. Dumpsters shall not be placed in the public right-of-way or street unless a permit has been obtained from the Centennial Licensing Division 303-754-3413.

Storage containers – are permitted for a period not to exceed seven (7) days and shall then be removed and stored at the proper facility. They are only allowed on private property and are not permitted on public right-of-way or street.

Oversized vehicles – are not permitted in residential areas unless actively loading or unloading and are defined as exceeding eight (8) feet in width, twenty five (25’) in length and ten (10) feet in height, excluding recreational vehicles and motor homes, which are regulated separately.



Home occupations – in general are permitted as long as they are conducted entirely within the home. No visible advertising is permitted in the yard, and there shall be no outside storage of materials related to the business. Please view entire code on the City’s website at www.centennialcolorado.com .

What is the process for gaining compliance?

Once a complaint is logged, an officer will place the complaint on a list with others that have been received. The officer will go out within a couple of days and visually inspect the property from the street. If a violation is observed the officer may leave a Friendly Reminder on site requesting compliance. The owner is typically given seven (7) days to bring the property into compliance. The officer will re-inspect after the seven (7th) day period. If the property is found to be in compliance the officer will close the file. If the property remains in violation and the owner has not contacted the officer there may be a Notice and Demand sent certified mail to the owner. The certified mailing can take up to four (4) weeks to process through the U.S. Postal system. Once the notice has been delivered the officer will re-inspect; if the property is in compliance, the case will be closed. If the property is not in compliance there may be a Summons issued to court.

The City’s goal is not to take a punitive approach and punish violators but to gain voluntary compliance as effectively and quickly as possible. The Code Enforcement Division works with property owners to abate the violations allowing reasonable time to comply.

Can the City enforce my HOA Covenants?

No, the City has no legal authority to enforce HOA covenants. Homeowners’ Associations (HOAs) are independent legal entities, similar to private companies. Most HOAs are governed by a private contract that is binding on each individual owner of property within the association’s boundaries.

When should I contact Code Enforcement?

You should contact Code Enforcement whenever you have a question or a concern about code related issues. Code Enforcement will help identify what would constitute a violation on a property prior to inspection or direct a citizen to the appropriate City Department, if necessary.

How do I contact Code Enforcement?

Phone calls are the most common way of contacting the Code Enforcement Division. The Code Enforcement phone number is **303-754-3400**. You can also contact us using the City’s website at www.centennialcolorado.com and of course citizens are welcome to visit the office at 13133 E. Arapahoe Road Centennial, Co 80112.

Please keep in mind that our Officers are out on inspections the majority of the day, so you may need to leave a message. We return and log calls within 24 hours each business day.

Other City Departments and Divisions

Animal Services	303-325-8070	Planning and Development	303-754-3308
Building Division	303-754-3321	Public Works	303-325-8000
Sheriff’s Office	720-874-3600	Licensing Division	303-754-3413