

# The City of Winfield provides this brochure as information to aid residence in complying with the Nuisance Codes of the city.



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This flyer represents the most common violations enforced by the Environmental inspector. This information and much more can be viewed on-line at the following web addresses:

**Nuisance Ordinances:** [https://library.municode.com/ks/winfield/codes/code\\_of\\_ordinances?nodeId=CICD\\_CH54NU](https://library.municode.com/ks/winfield/codes/code_of_ordinances?nodeId=CICD_CH54NU)

**Zoning Regulations:** <http://www.winfieldks.org/DocumentCenter/View/3814>

Compliance with nuisance ordinances is crucial for maintaining a safe and clean living and recreational environment for the enjoyment of our citizens and visitors. Questions regarding enforcement of nuisances or complaints regarding nuisance properties may be addressed to the Environmental Inspector by calling (620) 221-5520 or via email at [jadams@winfieldks.org](mailto:jadams@winfieldks.org)

**Thank you for choosing to live in the great City of Winfield!**

New neighbors, new residents? Sometimes we get so busy with life we just don't have time to acquire the knowledge of what our responsibilities are as renters or homeowners regarding nuisance code compliance.

This brochure is intended as a quick reference guide to some of the more common nuisance violations that occur throughout our community. Designed to educate citizens in what constitutes a violation and provide some basic information regarding potential violations so that our properties are maintained properly.

Did you know that city ordinances require property owners to maintain the right of way connected to their property? That means if you have trees that overhang onto the city streets, alleys, or sidewalks – you are required to keep them trimmed up so that the public can see street signs and pass safely under the trees. We have included those measurements below for your convenience. Doing this will prevent needless damage to vehicles driving on our roads and alleys, and make the sidewalks more passable. Improving sight lines and passable roadways is safer for all of us, and really helps our first responders in an emergency – not to mention it helps keep your neighborhood looking nice.



## Trimming Height:

### Streets and alleys:

**14 feet above street surface from middle of street to the curb line or alley surface from middle of alley to property line.**

### Sidewalks:

**9 feet above all sidewalk surfaces and all street signs (Stop, Yield, Street Name, etc.)**

Homeowners electing to not maintain trees may be subject to enforcement of city ordinance by notification of violation by way of certified letter providing 30 days to comply. Non-compliance with the notice of violation may result in the city having the trimming completed by a contractor and billing the homeowner for the work completed as well and an administrative fee of \$100.00.

## Other Considerations for compliance with nuisance ordinances:

City ordinances also requires homeowners to maintain city right of ways and sidewalks adjacent to their property. This maintenance includes ensuring sidewalks are unobstructed and in good repair. Any vegetation such as bushes that block the sidewalk, or pavement that is cracked and unsafe for passage is the responsibility of the property owner. Please help us keep Winfield a walkable community by doing your part to keep our sidewalks safe and usable for all.



Cracks and vertical displacement of sidewalks due to tree root growth is the responsibility of the homeowner to repair or replace.



Grass and other rank vegetation 12 inches or greater in height is in violation and must be cut. Johnson grass must be eradicated by spray or other means.



Property must be maintained free of trash, junk and debris.



Parking in front yard set back or side yard set back adjacent to a city street unless on an approved parking surface is illegal per zoning regulations and enforceable through Winfield Municipal Court.



RV's, campers, boats, utility trailers, inoperable vehicles are in violation of nuisance ordinances if parked on streets within the city and must be removed. Violation is enforceable through Winfield Municipal Court.



Inoperable vehicles stored on property is in violation of city ordinance and must be removed. Violation is enforceable through Winfield Municipal Court.



To protect our stormwater system the blowing of grass, leaf litter, limbs, or allowing other substances such as oil, paint, radiator fluid, pet waste etc. to enter stormwater drains, curbs and gutters is prohibited per the city's stormwater ordinance.