



ALACHUA TOP CODE VIOLATIONS

1. YARD MAINTENANCE STANDARDS



Yard maintenance standards are the responsibility of every property owner and include the maintenance of plant material in any right-of way abutting the property. Grass-type ground cover must be maintained at six (6) inches or less.

Vegetation and trees must be trimmed so as not to impair vision or obstruct the travel of motorists.

2. INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLES



Inoperative motor vehicles cannot be stored except in a fully enclosed structure that was constructed with a permit. An inoperative vehicle is a vehicle that does not display a current license tag and/or is not equipped with all parts that are required to legally and safely operate on public streets and/or cannot be driven under its own power (whether or not designed for use on the public streets).

3. JUNK, TRASH AND DEBRIS



Junk, trash and debris cannot be left in the yard and must be properly disposed of. This includes junk auto parts, appliances, furniture, building materials, and tires; trash such as discarded paper, cardboard, plastics, etc.; and debris such as tree trimmings and fallen limbs.

4. BUSINESS VEHICLES



Generally, commercial equipment and commercial vehicles may not be parked in a residential area overnight if they are regularly used for business and: (1) They require a commercial driver's license. (2) They have an excess of two axles. (3) A trailer bearing commercial signage. (4) A height in excess of 90 inches.

5. EXTERIOR STRUCTURES



The maintenance of a structure is the responsibility of the property owner. Any wood, siding, shingles, roof covering, railings, fences, walls, ceilings, porches, doors, windows and screens, and other exterior parts of a

structure must be maintained in weather-tight, rodent proof, sound condition and good repair. The property owner is responsible for maintaining secure windows, doors or other openings that cannot be readily opened from the outside. An owner may need to board up a vacant structure. Security boards must be made of exterior grade plywood painted in a neutral color that blends inconspicuously with the exterior colors of the building.

6. HOME BUSINESS



Home businesses may be allowed after paying the Local Business Tax provided the following: No change in external appearance. No Advertising. No outdoor display. No material delivery. No adverse impacts to neighborhood.

7. PAINT



Paint or other water resistant treatment is required on the exterior of structures. Approved exterior siding or brick that is well maintained and water resistant will also meet the code. Any repairs to the exterior of a structure must be made with materials that match the balance of the structure. Therefore,

siding or brick must be repaired using similar siding or brick. When damaged wood is repaired, the replacement wood must be painted the same as the surrounding wood.

8. WATER SYSTEM



Every sink, lavatory, bathtub or shower, drinking fountain, water closet or other plumbing fixture shall be properly connected to either a public water system or to an approved private water system.

RESIDENTIAL CODE COMPLIANCE

Residential Code Compliance is a city ordinance that requires any seller of residential property to disclose code violations to any prospective buyer before the sale closes, thereby protecting the buyer and stimulating reinvestment in residential property city-wide. Prospective buyers and sellers call (386) 418-6127.

PERMITS

Any structural repairs, most plumbing and electrical work, driveway installations, and even removal of certain trees can require a permit from the city. Before work begins call (386) 418-6120.