

What does Code Compliance do?

The Code Compliance Department works with local citizens and businesses to maintain compliance with Milwaukie's Municipal Code.

Through a process based on communication, the code compliance department has a tremendous success rate and a wonderful rapport with the community. We work with every department in the City of Milwaukie and are often mediators in Neighborhood conflicts.

We are excited to work for you and are eager to help make Milwaukie a great place to live, work, and play.

Become Code Compliance Certified!

The "I Live By The Code" certification program aims to raise awareness of the City's codes and to recognize residents who maintain their properties within the parameters of the City's Municipal Code.

I Live By The Code Awards

CERTIFICATE OF COMPLIANCE

A Certificate proving your property was Code Compliance Certified.

YARD DISPLAY SIGN

Show your neighbors that you have a code compliant property.



PROPERTY ENTERED IN QUARTERLY DRAWING

Certified properties will be eligible for a prize drawing each quarter.

For more information go to our "I Live By the Code" web page:

www.milwaukieoregon.gov/communityservices/i-live-code

Contact Information

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Important Phone Numbers

Clackamas County Dog Control
Emergency: (503) 655-8211
Non-emergency phone: (503) 655-8628

Garbage Hauler Information
Phone: (503) 786-7508

Milwaukie Building Department
Phone: (503) 786-7613

Milwaukie Business Registrations
Phone: (503) 786-7521

Milwaukie Engineering Department
Phone: (503) 786-7606

Milwaukie Neighborhood Information
Phone: (503) 786-7568

Milwaukie Planning Department
Phone: (503) 786-7630

Milwaukie Police
Emergency: 9-1-1
Non-emergency phone: (503) 786-7500



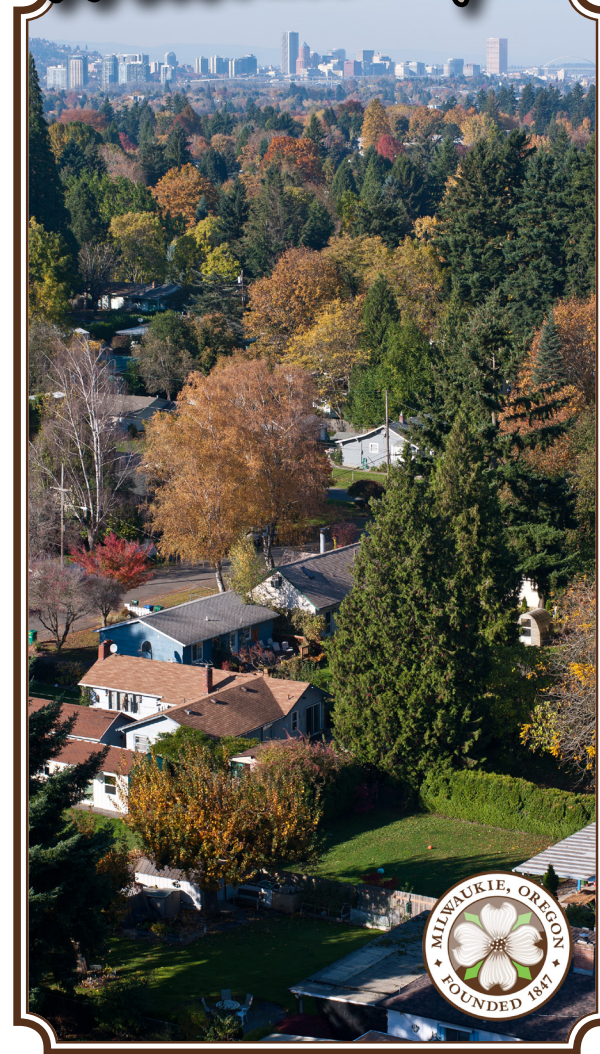
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The City of Milwaukie Code Compliance Division ...

Welcomes You!



**We hope you enjoy your
new community!**

**Here's a quick guide to some of the City's
code regulations to help you keep your
neighborhood looking good.**

Most Common Code Infractions

Here are some of the most common infractions in Milwaukie. If you see something in your Neighborhood that might fall into one of these categories, or something you think might be against the Municipal Code, please call us. To review the code online, visit: www.qcode.us/codes/milwaukie

Maintenance of Vegetation

There are numerous codes regarding the maintenance of vegetation in the City. A property owner or renter is responsible for the maintenance of their property and the adjoining right-of-way. Here are some key codes and rules regarding the responsibility you have towards vegetation in the City.

Grass, Weeds and Blackberries

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Clear Vision at Intersections

Shrubs, trees or any other vegetation cannot create a vision obstruction. Any vegetation in the “clear vision area” is a violation of our code. The clear vision area is measured based on speed of travel and specific street conditions. Trees with branches that are 8 feet or taller are in compliance, which allows for safe vehicle, bike and pedestrian traffic. This code is difficult to explain so please take a look at this link: www.milwaukieoregon.gov/sites/default/files/fileattachments/clearvisionfences.pdf

Vegetation Obstructing the Right-of-way

Trees and shrubs cannot block pedestrian, bike or vehicular traffic. Vegetation is not allowed to overhang the sidewalk lower than 8 feet or overhang the street lower than 12 feet. If your property does not abut sidewalk then any vegetation overhanging the gravel shoulder must meet the 8 feet rule. In addition, vegetation cannot obstruct the vision of traffic control devices.

Right-of-way Trees (MMC 16.32)

If your property abuts right-of-way, that contains a tree, there are some things you should be aware of.

- Tree Removal - If you wish to remove the tree from the right-of-way a permit is required. Under certain conditions, the City will require a removal process that entails posting the trees subject of removal for 2 weeks and may involve planting replacement trees. The replacement trees may be altered from the original location based on the location of future or existing infrastructure.
- Tree Trimming - The trimming of trees that is less than 20% of the tree's canopy does not require a permit. If 20% or more of the canopy is going to be trimmed, a permit is required.
- Tree Planting - A tree planted in the right-of-way is required to have a permit. The City has an approved street tree list to select from.

Storage & Parking of Vehicles

The parking and storage of vehicles on private property and the right-of-way are restricted by the Milwaukie Municipal Code.

Parking Places

Vehicles of any type must be parked on an approved surface, not dirt or grass. Vehicles must be parked in driveway areas only. Parking a vehicle of any condition is allowed in a garage, but the garage must be a permitted structure (PVC or pop-up structures are not allowed). If you want to make a parking area bigger on your property call the planner of the day at 503-786-7630.

Inoperable Vehicles

All vehicles have to be operable (it runs and has no flat tires). Any vehicle that requires licensing must have current tags.

Vehicles in the right-of-way

Any vehicle that is not a commercial vehicle, an RV or boat cannot be parked in the right-of-way or on the street for more than 24 hours, assuming no other restrictions are in place and no other parking laws are being violated. A commercial vehicle can be parked on-street for only 2 hours in a residential zone unless other restrictions apply.

RVs & Boats

RVs and Boats are allowed in the residential areas, however in addition to the restrictions above, there are some codes that further restrict these vehicles. They can't be parked or stored in the right-of-way or on street. Only one RV outside of any permitted garage is allowed on a lot less than an acre. Also RV's and boats cannot be lived in or have utilities hooked up to them.

Commercial Vehicles

Commercial vehicles cannot be parked or stored in the front yard or required street side yard. Commercial vehicles may be present anywhere on the property for up to 12 hours in a single day if the vehicle is engaged in loading or unloading materials for a residence.

Nuisances Affecting Public Health

The City's Code Compliance division recognizes maintaining health and livability standards is important to the citizens of our Neighborhoods. To maintain these standards, accumulations of debris, rubbish, manure, junk, and other refuse is not permitted in Milwaukie. The accumulation of this kind of debris often creates noxious odors and attracts rats, both of which hinder Neighborhood livability.



The accumulation of trash and junk on properties is not permitted as it causes odors and attracts rats, both of which impact Neighborhood livability.