

excerpts of the lawrence municipal code

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| Storing of inoperable motor vehicles | <p>3-3-5-1. ABANDONED VEHICLES A NUISANCE.</p> <p>(A) Abandoned vehicles are hereby declared a nuisance and a hazard to the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Lawrence.</p> <p>(B) The vehicles shall be removed in compliance with the procedures outlined herein, as derived from the Indiana Abandoned Motor Vehicles law, I.C. 9-22-1 et seq.</p> <p>Penalty, see § 1-1-2-3</p> <p>§ 3-3-5-2. DEFINITION.</p> <p>For the purpose of this chapter, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.</p> <p>ABANDONED VEHICLE. Includes any of the following:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none">(1) A vehicle located on public property illegally;(2) A vehicle left on public property continuously without being moved for three days;(3) A vehicle located on public property in a manner so as to constitute a hazard or obstruction to the movement of pedestrian or vehicle traffic on a public right-of-way;(4) A vehicle that has remained on private property without the consent of the owner or person in control of that property for more than 48 hours;(5) A vehicle from which there has been removed the engine, transmission or differential or that is otherwise partially dismantled or inoperable and left on public property;(6) A vehicle that has been removed by a towing service or a public agency upon request of an officer enforcing a statute or ordinance other than this chapter if the vehicle, once impounded, is not claimed or redeemed by the owner or his or her agent within 15 days of its removal; |

(7) A vehicle that is six or more model years old, mechanically inoperable and left on private property continuously in a location visible from public property or from the public right-of-way for more than 30 days; or

(8) Unplated vehicles on or off private property.

§ 3-3-5-3. EXEMPT VEHICLES.

This chapter does not apply to the following vehicles:

(A) A vehicle in operable condition specifically adapted or constructed for operation on privately owned raceways;

(B) A vehicle stored as the property of a member of the armed forces of the United States who is on active duty assignment;

(C) A vehicle located on a lawful vehicle sale lot or at a lawful commercial vehicle servicing facility;

(D) A vehicle located upon property licensed and zoned as an automobile scrap yard; or

(E) A vehicle registered and licensed under I.C. 9-18-12 as an antique vehicle.

weeds

§ 3-3-3-1. MAINTENANCE OF WEEDS AND RANK VEGETATION UNLAWFUL.

(A) It shall be unlawful for the owner of any real estate in the City of Lawrence to maintain or to permit to grow any weeds or other rank vegetation upon such real estate.

(B) Rank vegetation shall herein be defined to include any type of vegetation, including grass, in excess of eight inches in height.

(C) This section does not apply to flowering or ornamental plants specifically planted for landscaping purposes, garden plants, agricultural crops, including hay and pasture, but only if it is suitable for feed, shrubs or trees.

(D) The Department of Public Works shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter.

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| | <p>(E) A landowner may appeal a notice of violation or a bill issued under this chapter to the Board of Public Works and Safety.</p> |
| litter on private property | <p>§ 3-3-4-6. LITTER ON PRIVATE PROPERTY.</p> <p>(A) No person shall throw or deposit litter on any private property within the City, except that the owner or person in control of private property may maintain authorized private receptacles for the collection and removal of litter from the property.</p> <p>(B) The owner or person in control of any private property shall at all times maintain the premises free of litter, except as is properly stored in authorized private receptacles for collection.</p> |
| trailer parking | <p>§ 3-2-4-19. RESTRICTIONS ON PARKING OF TRAILERS.</p> <p>(A) No person may park any trailer on any public street or on any public property in excess of six hours, without the trailer being attached to a motor vehicle.</p> <p>(B) No person may park any trailer which is attached to a motor vehicle upon any public street or on any public property in excess of 24 hours.</p> |
| dog and cat curbing | <p>§ 3-3-1-26. PROHIBITION OF ANIMAL WASTE AND LITTER.</p> <p>(A) No person shall knowingly allow, except as provided in division (B) below, an animal to defecate on a public street or byway of any municipally owned or public land or buildings, or private property, without permission of the land owner.</p> <p>(B) (1) Division (A) above does not apply to guide dogs.</p> <p>(2) For the purpose of this division (B), the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.</p> <p>GUIDE DOG. Any animal serving a blind person in an auxiliary ocular (eye) capacity.</p> <p>(C) If an animal shall relieve itself as contemplated in division (A) above, the owner of the animal is not in violation of this section if that owner immediately removes any solid evidence of relief in a manner inoffensive to reasonable public sensibilities.</p> <p>(D) No person shall knowingly allow his or her animal to disperse waste material placed for public or private collection on any public street or byway or any municipally owned or public land or building or private property.</p> |
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| animals at large | <p>§ 3-3-1-6. ANIMALS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED.</p> <p>(A) It shall be unlawful for any person to allow any animal owned, kept or maintained by him or her to run at large without restraint within the city.</p> <p>(B) Any animal found off the property of the owner or keeper of the animal and not on a leash under the control of a person who is able to control the animal is hereby declared to be a nuisance.</p> |
| animal attack | <p>§ 3-3-1-4. VICIOUS ANIMALS.</p> <p>(A) For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.</p> <p>VIOLENT, FIERCE OR DANGEROUS ANIMAL. An animal which has:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> (a) Attacked a person without having been provoked by that person; (b) Attacked, at some place other than its owner's or keeper's property, another animal; and/or (c) Chased or approached a person at some place other than its owner's or keeper's property, in a menacing fashion or apparent attitude of attack. <p>(B) It is unlawful for an owner or keeper of a vicious, fierce or dangerous animal to cause, suffer or allow it to go unconfined and unrestrained on the owner's or keeper's premises, or to run at large, within the corporate limits.</p> <p>(C) It is unlawful in the corporate limits for an owner or keeper of a vicious, fierce or dangerous animal to walk the animal or otherwise cause, suffer or allow its presence upon a public street or byway, right-of-way or municipally owned or public land or building, or upon private property without permission of the owner thereof.</p> <p>(D) It shall be the duty of any person having authority to impound an animal forthwith to impound any vicious, fierce or dangerous animal found unconfined or running at large in violation of this section.</p> <p>(E) The owner of a vicious animal shall display in a prominent place on his or her premises a clearly visible warning sign indicating that there is a vicious animal on the premises. A similar sign is required to be posted on the pen or kennel or the animal.</p> <p>(F) The owner or person in control of the animal must maintain liability insurance on the animal in an amount of at least \$300,000 for personal injury. A certificate of this insurance must be available for viewing by any police officer upon the request of the officer.</p> <p>(G) In addition to the penalty, if the violation results in the animal causing serious bodily injury to any person, the court, upon request, shall order the animal forfeited and/or destroyed.</p> |
| parking on narrow streets | <p>§ 3-2-4-13. OBSTRUCTING TRAFFIC.</p> <p>(A) No person shall park any vehicle upon a street, alley or other public roadway in a manner or under conditions so as to leave available less than ten feet of the width of the roadway for free movement of vehicular traffic.</p> <p>(B) Any vehicle found to be obstructing traffic on any public roadway shall be</p> |

removed or caused to be removed by any law enforcement officer observing the violation. The owner of the vehicle shall be responsible for all fines, tow-ins and storage charges resulting from the removal.

(C) No person shall open the door of a motor vehicle on the side available to moving traffic unless and until it is reasonably safe to do so, nor shall any person leave a door open on the side of a motor vehicle available to moving traffic for a period of time longer than necessary to load or unload passengers.