



Code Enforcement Common Violations to Avoid

- **Abandoned Vehicles** – An abandoned vehicle, defined as any vehicle that does not have a valid, un-expired license plate affixed to or displayed on the vehicle or a vehicle that is inoperable, is not permitted in the open upon public or private property.
- **Building Numbers** – All buildings, including homes, shall have numbers located on the building or in the front yard clearly visible from the adjacent road. The numbers should be at least four inches in height for residential and at least six inches in height for all other buildings and in a contrasting color to the background.
- **Commercial Vehicle(s)** – Class 3, Vehicles over 8,000 lbs. (including Tow trucks, Livery, Taxi cabs, etc.) shall not be parked in Residential Zoned District.
- **Fences/Walls** – All fences and walls shall be maintained in good repair and in an upright condition and free from graffiti.
- **Garage Sales/Signs** – Garage sales on residential properties must adhere to the garage sale ordinance detailed [here](#).
- **Noise** – No person shall make or create excessive, unnecessary or offensive sound within the Village. Construction activity may be performed between the hours of 7:00 AM and 8:00 PM of any weekday and Saturday. Lawn maintenance equipment may be operated between the hours of 8:00 AM and 9:00 PM.
- **Overgrown Property** – The growth of grass, weeds, or brush may not exceed a height of six inches at any time. During the summer months property maintenance becomes an important part of our chores, so please be aware that the Village requires that lawns be well kept per Village Ordinance. The economic impact of keeping our homes in good order can become a challenge when homes are vacant, so it is imperative that homeowners do their part to keep Berkeley looking good. However, for each vacant property, there is a lengthy procedure involved in accomplishing something so simple. The first time Code Enforcement visits such a property, a courtesy notice allowing 5 days to cut the grass is granted. Once the 5 day notice has expired, a second notice allowing 2 days to comply is offered. After 7 days, a \$25 fine is assessed to the property and arrangements are made to have the property cut by a landscape contractor. By law, the same process begins again until an additional fine is applied and the contractor is called in once again. Doing your part to keep your grass trimmed will help offset many of the aesthetic issues that can be caused by vacant properties.
- **Parking Surfaces** – Vehicular off street parking and loading on or across grassy area, lawns, open space or landscaped areas shall be expressly prohibited. All vehicular off street parking, loading, access driveways and access aisles shall be

comprised of and constructed of dustless, (No Dirt & Gravel) all weather material of either asphalt, concrete, brick, paving block or similar impervious surfaces.

- **Recreational Vehicles** – Motor homes/trailers/campers may be parked within a garage, carport or accessory building or in the side or rear yard and reasonably obscured from adjacent properties with solid fencing, dense shrubbery, a wall or any combination thereof.
- **Swimming Pools** – All pools shall have a safety barrier in the form of a screen enclosure, fence or wall and must enclose the pool entirely. Gates shall be self-closing and have a spring lock so that the gate shall be closed at all times.
- **Temporary Signs (Prohibited)** – No person shall post, paste, nail or fasten any sign, notice or advertisement of any kind on any curbstone, sidewalk, upon any trees, lamp post, telephone/utility poles, bridges or any structure within the limits of the Village.