



# Guide to a Beautiful Community

*Courtesy of Mercedes Code Enforcement Department*

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Please do your part to help us make Mercedes beautiful!!

## **Did you know . . .?**

It is illegal for any person/business who owns/occupies any lot/property within the City to allow weeds, brush or other rank vegetation to grow to a height exceeding 12 inches (Ordinance #99-22).



No person who owns or occupies any lot or property can allow the accumulation of rubbish, trash, refuse, junk or other abandoned materials, metal, lumber or other things which might provide an area for rats, mice, snakes or other vermin to habitate (Ordinance #99-22).



It is unlawful and unsafe to allow accumulation of stagnant water on property, in tires or anywhere else on private property.

(Ordinance #99-22).



Junked vehicles include those which are inoperable and which don't have current plates, registration and safety inspection sticker displayed. (Code of Ordinance, Art. 18)



A vehicle that is inoperable and over eight years old and is left on public property (including streets) for more than forty-eight hours is subject to removal by the police (Code of Ordinances, Article 18).

It is illegal for any person, tenant or occupant of any building or premise to dump any garbage in or on any street, alley, roadway, sidewalk, park, other public place, vacant lot, waters of any canal, stream or other public waters, drain or sewer within the City (Ordinance #99-22).



It is the responsibility of the owner or occupant of any building or premise to maintain the area around containers free of garbage and trash (Ordinance #99-22).



Any dead animal or fowl should not be placed in a trash bin but should be reported to Public Works (565-6147) for proper disposal.



Grass, brush, tree trimmings or garbage must not be placed on any street, pavement or public sidewalk or upon any traffic lane or unpaved street (The city provides brush removal services once a month when brush is properly placed behind the curb in front of the residence or business - except for those businesses fronting Texas who must place it adjacent to the alley and call Public Works to have the brush removed).



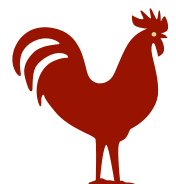
The owner or occupant of any lot or property in the city which backs up to an alley, shall maintain half of the alley free of weeds, trash and any unsightly, objectionable or unsanitary matter. Sidewalk areas are also required to be maintained by private property owner/occupant adjacent to the sidewalk (Ordinance #99-22)



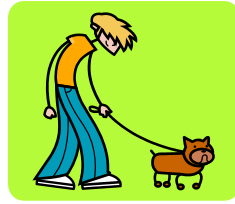
Any person who is paid to trim brush or trees for a resident is responsible to remove the debris after the job is completed. City brush removal services will not pick up brush left by a commercial landscaper so make sure your contract includes removal.



All animals must be properly restrained and not allowed to roam freely or become a nuisance or threat to others (Ord. #2001-34)



Dogs are not allowed to roam freely at any time. They must be on a leash or otherwise confined at all times.



All dogs 4 months or older must be registered with the City and vaccinated for rabies annually. The animal is required to wear the rabies tag issued when vaccinated.



Trucks weighing more than 15,000 pounds, Truck tractors, trailers, semi-trailers, pole trailers, special mobile equipment (construction machinery), and commercial motor vehicles designed to transport property may not be parked on any street within a single or multi-family residentially zoned district.



Passenger vehicles may only be parked on the street for eight hours if not creating a safety hazard or nuisance. (Ord. # 2000-12)



The City of Mercedes enforces these Ordinances for protection of the public health, safety and welfare.

Penalties apply and violators can be cited to Municipal Court for failure to correct these conditions in a reasonable period of time. The amount of a fine varies depending on the severity of the nuisance/hazard and the willingness of the property owner to work with code enforcement for the betterment of the community.

**Voluntary compliance is always a better approach and appreciated.**

Please do your part to improve the City of Mercedes' image – Keep yours clean and report violations!



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### We want to help!

The City of Mercedes will be doing one-time “neighborhood cleanups” in areas that:

- ✓ Are in great need of enforcement and image assistance
- ✓ Have adequate participation to assist City personnel in the cleanup effort (usually held on Saturdays)
- ✓ Show a willingness to follow through and keep the neighborhood clean on their own initiative after the event

Think your neighborhood is a candidate? Get your participating neighbor's names together and give Code Enforcement a call!

Animal Control (M-F 8-5)  
565-6147

After Hours Animal Control  
(Police Dept.)  
565-3102

Building  
Inspection  
565-3114 Ext. 128

Code  
Enforcement  
565-3114 Ext. 128

Fire Dept.  
565-7755

Health Dept.  
565-3114 Ext. 128

Municipal Court  
565-3114 Ext. 170

Planning & Zoning  
565-3114 Ext. 129

Public Works  
565-6147



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