

## **Town Ordinance Updates**

Abiding by the Town's Code of Ordinances helps all of us to be good neighbors and encourages pride in neighborhoods and the Town. The codes are in place to establish and maintain standards for the health, safety, and aesthetics of the community. Town staff periodically reviews the ordinances to ensure the regulations are functioning effectively. If improvements can be made to the existing regulations, amendments are proposed by Town staff for consideration by the Town Council. Once the amendments or new regulations are approved by the Town Council, these ordinances become law and are enforced by Town staff.

Here are our most recent additions/amendments to the Code.

### **Placement Time of Waste and Recycling Receptacles**

This ordinance requires the waste and recycling receptacles to be placed out for collection and removed following collection within a forty-eight hour timeframe. Residents are required to place the waste or recycling receptacle at the appropriate location no earlier than 8:00 a.m. prior to the designated collection day and remove the receptacles no later than 8:00 a.m. on the day following the designated collection day. Residents in violation of this ordinance would be subject to notification and possible citations. (Section 34-81 of the Code)

### **Placement Time of Bulk Waste**

This ordinance is similar to Section 34-81 and addresses placement of brush and bulk waste items for trash collection. Brush and bulk waste items are typically placed out for collection the day prior to collection or the day of collection, but on occasion the items are placed out too soon and may encroach into the street or sidewalk. The nuisance that is created by placing bulk waste out too early is now addressed by the ordinance that requires bulk waste placement no earlier than 8:00 a.m. on the day prior to the designated collection day. (Section 34-82 of the Code)

### **Unlawful Weeds and Grass**

It is a violation to allow turf grasses, weeds, and unsightly matter to exceed 12 inches in height. The new regulations relative to weeds and grass within the ordinance define the difference between weeds and native plants used for aesthetic and/or wildlife promotion, drought tolerance, and/or water conservation. (Section 34-32 of the Code)

### **Private Swimming Pool or Spa**

This ordinance addresses stagnant swimming pool and spa water. Stagnant or unwholesome water in pools and spas represents a health and safety concern due to the potential for mosquito breeding grounds to occur, as well as the hazardous condition associated with a pool or spa in which the drain or bottom is not visible. Definitions for a private swimming pool or spa and unwholesome

water were adopted to address issues associated with pools and spas that are not being properly maintained. Swimming pools and spas would be required to be maintained so that unwholesome water does not exist on the property and an unhealthy, unsafe, and/or unsightly condition is avoided. The current seven-day notification and enforcement process for unsightly matter violations applies to the regulations for private swimming pools and spas. (Section 34-74 of the Code)

### **Perimeter Fence Standards**

New regulations relative to fence construction established standards for perimeter fences in our Town. These standards generally include the requirement for steel poles which must be placed on the inside of a fence so they do not face the street, and specifications for the allowable type of fencing materials. This section also requires specific construction elements which are detailed in depth within this section. Questions about perimeter fence construction and the required permits can be directed to the Building Inspections Division at 972-874-6355. (Section 14-542 of the Code)

To report or discuss a concern you may either contact us at 972-874-6340 or you may email us at [anna.morgan@flower-mound.com](mailto:anna.morgan@flower-mound.com) or [mike.zapata@flower-mound.com](mailto:mike.zapata@flower-mound.com) . You may also utilize the Town's online code violation report form located at [http://www.flower-mound.com/code\\_enforce/ce\\_complaintform.php](http://www.flower-mound.com/code_enforce/ce_complaintform.php).