

## CODE COMPLIANCE

Code Compliance will assist any property owner regarding avenues to reach compliance. In many cases, compliance can be met prior to the Notice of Violation being issued.

The Notice of Violation/Notice of Hearing is mailed to the property owner of record, via regular first class and certified mail.

After the Notice of Violation/Notice of Hearing is mailed/posted, the property owner has 30 days to comply. If the property owner is showing progress toward compliance; and, maintains open communication with the Code Compliance Officer, the date of compliance may be extended. If significant progress has not been made to warrant this, no time extension will be approved.

Once a case has been heard by the Special Master, any additional extensions of time must be made by the Special Master.

## CODE COMPLIANCE RESPONSIBILITIES

- ◆ Code Compliance does not accept anonymous complaints unless the complaint is irreparable or is a significant threat to the health, safety and welfare of the public.
- ◆ Code Compliance Officers enforce Citrus County Ordinances only. For deed restriction violations, it is suggested that people contact their civic or homeowner association.
- ◆ The Code Compliance Special Master can issue orders having the full force of law and can impose fines up to \$1,000 each day a property is in violation.

## Other important phone #s

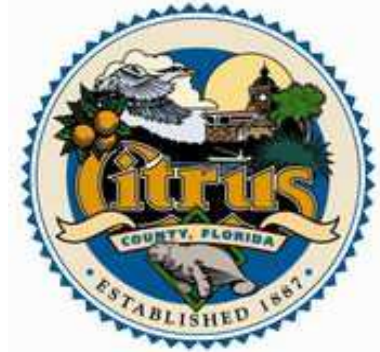
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| Building Division .....                     | 352-527-5310 |
| Land Development .....                      | 352-527-5239 |
| Environmental Health .....                  | 352-527-5295 |
| Road Maintenance .....                      | 352-527-7610 |
| Sheriff (non-emergency) ...                 | 352-726-1121 |
| Animal Services .....                       | 352-746-8400 |
| Solid Waste (Illegal Dumping)               | 352-527-7670 |
| Clerk of Courts .....                       | 352-341-6540 |
| Property Appraiser.....                     | 352-341-6600 |
| Department of Environmental Protection..... | 813-632-7600 |

## Code Compliance *Does Not Handle:*

- ✗ **Stray animals, barking dogs, etc.**  
Call: Animal Services at 352-746-8400
- ✗ **Burn permits:**  
Call Fire Prevention at 352-527-5407
- ✗ **Septic Issues**  
Call Environmental Health at 352-527-5295
- ✗ **Within the City Limits contact:**  
City of Inverness at 352-726-3401  
City of Crystal River at 352-795-4216

The Citrus County Code of Ordinances is available online at the BOCC website: [www.bocc.citrus.fl.us](http://www.bocc.citrus.fl.us) or call the Code Compliance Office at 352-527-5350 for more information.

The information provided in this brochure is a very brief overview; and excerpted from the Citrus County Code of Ordinances, Part II Chapter 20; and Ordinance No. 2009-A26§,III,11-17-09. For complete details regarding these and other violations please consult the Nuisance Ordinance in its entirety.



# Citrus County Code of Ordinances

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Code Compliance Division  
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Lecanto, FL 34461  
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## ACCUMULATION OF JUNK & DEBRIS

Ordinance No. 2009-A26§,11-17-2009



It shall be unlawful for the owner or tenant of any land to permit, cause or have any accumulation of junk and debris, except for junk stored in enclosed litter receptacles or completely enclosed buildings; except for junk which will not fit into standard-sized litter receptacles and which is set out for no more than 48 hours for pick up and removal.

*Shielded from view shall mean completely precluding visibility of the nuisance condition and/or vehicle from all adjacent properties and roadways, by placing the junk and debris, subject vehicle, or any other material that constitutes the nuisance condition, in a duly permitted, fully enclosed structure which has solid walls and a roof that precludes visibility into any portion of the interior thereof.*

## NOISE

Ordinance No. 2010-A05§,2-9-10

Noise generated across real property lines or interior noise within multiple-family dwelling units shall conform to the sound



level limits as set forth in Tables I and II, respectively, of section 21-23. The minimum measurement period shall be ten minutes. Sound shall be measured pursuant to section 21-26.

Exceeding the standard more than ten percent of the measuring period shall constitute a violation.

## ABANDONED, UNSERVICEABLE, UNLICENSED VEHICLES

Ordinance No. 2009-A26§,11-17-2009

It shall be a violation of this article for any person, firm or corporation to keep, dump, store, place or deposit abandoned, unlicensed, inoperable, junked, disabled, wrecked, discarded or otherwise unused vehicles on any property, street, or highway.



## EXCESSIVE GROWTH AND ACCUMULATION OF VEGETATION

Ordinance No. 2009-A26§,11-17-2009

It shall be unlawful for any person owning, leasing, occupying or having control of any property subject to the provisions of this ordinance to permit or maintain grass, weeds, brush or undergrowth in excess of 18 inches in height.

The height provisions of this section shall not apply to parcels with natural vegetation, which shall be defined as any parcel of land considered naturally vegetated, if the parcel has not been cleared or mowed prior to April 12, 2005.



## UNSAFE STRUCTURE CONDITIONS

Ordinance No. 2009-A26§,11-17-2009

The BOCC finds that the existence of blighted or slum structures and conditions creates health hazards and attractive nuisances, interferes with the comfort of the public and the enjoyment of private property and impairs the economic welfare of neighboring properties. Such structures or conditions are hereby declared to be a public nuisance.

### ★ THINGS TO KNOW ★

- ◆ Drainage ditches, ponds, swales and berms should not be altered without approved Engineering permits.
- ◆ Contractors who engage in construction activities and home repairs need to be duly registered or certified with Citrus County.
- ◆ No special permit is required to occupy or use a recreational vehicle on residential property, however use of an RV in this manner is limited to 14 days.
- ◆ Tree cutting on vacant undeveloped land is prohibited without a tree cutting permit.
- ◆ Adding fill dirt, excavating, or grading in any wetland area is strictly prohibited and rigidly enforced.
- ◆ Swimming pools and spa tubs should be protected to prevent children uncontrolled access.