

ROAD TO COMPLIANCE

Violations can be reported in several ways:

Phone: 813-274-6600 or 272-5900

Web: www.hillsboroughcounty.org/hcce

Person: 10119 Windhorst Rd, Tampa

Within five business days a code investigator will conduct the initial inspection.



If failed, a warning and re-inspection date will be issued.



If failed, certified violation notice will be sent with a follow-up date.



If failed, the case is typically scheduled for a Code Enforcement Board Hearing.



An inspection is conducted before the hearing.



If found guilty, fines and corrections deadline will be set.



If failed, an affidavit is filed with the Clerk of the Circuit Court and the daily fines begin.

These issues are handled by other agencies:

Animal Services.....	744-5660
Building Permits	272-5600
Child Care Licensing.....	272-6487
Consumer Protection	903-3432
Contractor Complaints	272-5600
Contractor Licensing.....	635-7308
Landlord/Tenant	903-3432
Mosquito Control.....	635-5400
Neighborhood Relations	272-5860
Section 8.....	273-3794
Trash Collection.....	272-5680
Tree Removal Permits.....	272-5920
Water Restrictions	272-6680
Well Inspections	307-8059
County InfoLine	272-5900
Plant City Code Enforcement	659-4200
City of Tampa Code Enforcement .	274-5545
City of Temple Terrace Code Compliance	989-7040



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The Citizen's Reference to Common Residential Code Violations



CODE VIOLATIONS



CODE ENFORCEMENT

WHO ARE WE?

Hillsborough County Code Enforcement (HCCE) is responsible for preserving the quality and value of public and private property and maintaining a high standard of living by eliminating conditions that threaten the lives, health, safety, and general welfare of the public.

HCCE provides a comprehensive inspection system to respond to citizen complaints and enforce the Minimum Standards Ordinance, Land Development Code, Shopping Cart Ordinance, Graffiti Ordinance, Hand Sanitizer Ordinance, and the condemnation and demolition of dangerous structures.

In addition, Code Enforcement is tasked with damage assessment roles following a disaster, including Initial Safety Assessments, pre-staging with Tactical Search and Rescue Teams, development of damage assessment surveys and condemnation, and demolition of unsafe structures.

Annually, this department performs more than 46,000 inspections, removes more than 33,000 signs from the public right of way, addresses more than 18,000 new code violations and facilitates the demolition of many dangerous structures.

Code Enforcement Department

10119 Windhorst Rd
Tampa, FL 33619
813-274-6600

Violations can be reported seven days a week from 7 a.m. to 11 p.m. by calling
813-272-5900.

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CODE VIOLATIONS

STORAGE Temporary Storage Pods

Temporary storage pods are allowed with the following conditions: they are no larger than 9 feet wide, 16 feet long and 10 feet in height; remain on the lot only 7 days (more than one unit is allowed on the lot during this period); and these storage units may only be placed temporarily on the lot six times a year.



Sheds and Accessory Structures

Sheds may be kept in the rear or side yard of any residential property but must be kept at least 3 feet from all property lines.

Remember that construction of sheds and other structures generally requires a building permit from the Planning & Growth Management Department 813-272-5600.

POOLS

Swimming pools must be fenced or screened to prohibit entry by minors or people who would be at risk of drowning. They must be kept in sanitary and mosquito free conditions, and gates and doors must be self latching and self closing.



BUSINESSES

Home-Based Businesses

Only small home businesses are allowed in residential areas. They must be unobtrusive with very little impact on surrounding properties and must be permitted by Hillsborough County. A few examples of this use would be sewing, ironing, private tutoring, domestic crafts and professional services. Examples of what would not be allowed as a home occupation would be auto repair, kennels, catering or a physician's office. Additional conditions placed on a home-based business include:

- Signs can be only one square foot in size and must be attached to the home
- Noise levels, traffic and property appearance must remain normal
- Employees, other than occupants, are not allowed
- Warehousing of goods is not allowed

Child Care Facilities

Child care facilities are allowed, but cannot have more than 12 children and must obtain a license from the Child Care Licensing Program at 813-272-6487.

Garage Sales

Garage sales are allowed in residential districts. However, there should be only one sale in a six-month period and each garage sale should be no more than three days long.

TRANSPORTATION Automobiles

There is no limit to the number of vehicles a person may own. No more than two untagged vehicles may be stored on residential properties. All vehicles must be kept neat, and clean, and in driving condition.

Commercial Vehicles

Commercial vehicles are not allowed to be parked in a residential district other than for conducting normal, short-term business. A commercial vehicle is one with a capacity of more than one ton and is designed or modified for business purposes.



Boats & Recreational Vehicles

Boats and recreational vehicles are allowed in residential districts. However, if they are longer than 20 feet they should be parked in the rear

or side yard, keeping a 5-foot clearance from side property lines.

They must be operational and may not be used for living. However, they can be parked anywhere on the property for 24 hours for the purpose of loading and unloading only.



RIGHT-OF-WAY

Walls, fences, gates, vehicles or other obstructions may not be constructed or placed within the right-of-way (inside of a sidewalk to the road).

Only signs installed by Hillsborough County, bench signs, and signs authorized to be placed on transit shelters are allowed to be placed in the public right-of-way.

FALSE ALARMS Security Systems

Security system owners will be fined for false alarms that occur within a one-year period. A warning notice will be sent with the first two occurrences. Thereafter, they could be fined up to \$500 per incident. Failure to pay these fines could result in liens against the owner's properties.

Other issues regulated by the CODE ENFORCEMENT DEPARTMENT:

- Accumulations (trash) on properties
- Banners
- Basketball hoops on sidewalk
- Canopy in driveway
- Damaged fences
- Dangerous structures
- Fence height
- False alarm fines
- Placement of accessory structures
- Graffiti
- Ground fault circuit interrupter requirements
- Hand sanitizers in portable restrooms
- Inspections of rental housing
- Junk and appliances on the property
- Land Development Code issues
- Minimum housing requirements
- Mold
- Nuisance conditions
- Number of people living in a residence
- Overgrowth
- Public safety issues
- Roadside vendors
- Shopping cart ordinance
- Signs
- Tall weeds
- Trash in yard
- Vacant unsecured structures
- Vehicle repair on residential property
- Zoning issues

