

Things to Know About Midland...

Codes and Ordinances

The following information pertains to some of the most common issues regarding City Codes and Ordinances that city residents and property owners must follow. For more about these and other Code requirements, you can view the Code online at www.midland-mi.org or contact the Building Department, 989-837-3383.

Abandoned, Dismantled and Inoperable Vehicles

Dismantled vehicles are those that have been partly dismantled and are missing parts.

Abandoned, dismantled, and inoperable vehicles or related parts may remain on residential property for no more than 14 days. They may not be stored or placed in the front yard of any property at any time. An extension may be obtained from the Building Department to allow a vehicle to remain on site for an additional 14 days. However, the vehicle must be registered in the applicant's name and may not be parked on any street or front yard.

Vehicles without license plates that are properly parked are acceptable.

To report an abandoned or dismantled vehicle, call the City Building Department, 989-837-3383.

Parking

On-Street Parking:

Vehicles may not be parked on any city street between the hours of 3 - 6 a.m.

All requests for exceptions must be submitted to the

Midland City Police Department, 989-631-5716.



From April 1 - October 1, certain restrictions will apply for parking on streets near Dow Diamond stadium on game or event days. Visit the City of Midland website (www.midland-mi.org) or call the City's Planning Department, 989-837-3374, for more details.

Outlawn Parking (between sidewalk & curb): Vehicles may not be driven upon or parked between the curb and lot line nearest the street (commonly called the outlawn).

Residential Parking: Parking is prohibited in the yard between the street and the house or in the side yard between the house/garage and the side lot line except on improved surfaces that comply with the City's Zoning Ordinance. Read the Zoning Ordinance at www.midland-mi.org or call the Building Department (989-837-3383) for more details.

Trailers, Coaches, Campers, and RVs may be parked in a backyard. They may not, however, be parked overnight on any city street nor in a side or front yard unless on an improved surface that conforms to the City's Zoning Ordinance. Temporary occupancy of an RV, trailer coach, or camper for accommodating visitors is possible upon receipt of a permit from the Building Department.

Please contact the Building Department, 989-837-3383, for Zoning Ordinance specifications.

Rental Units

All rental units must be certified by the City of Midland and meet the minimum standards of the Housing Code for heat, light, ventilation, health, and life safety. This includes all non-owner occupied properties.

Rental unit owners are responsible for meeting the parking needs of their tenants and for keeping units and their surrounding area clean and sanitary.

Find more details on rental unit inspections on the Building Department portion of the City's website (www.midland-mi.org). Questions or concerns about rental units can be directed to the Housing Inspector at 989-837-3383.

Signs

Rummage Sales/ Garage Sales / Homes for Sale / Business & Contractor Advertising Signs: Section 22-2(a) of the

City's Code of Ordinances governs the placement of signs in the public right-of-way (the sidewalk and the outlawn area between the sidewalk and the curb).



Some exceptions to this ordinance apply. For current rules and regulations regarding signs, visit the City's website at www.midland-mi.org; under the Services header, select A to Z Services Directory, then choose the Signage link. Or, call the Building Department at 989-837-3383.

Trash, Litter and Debris

Property owners must keep their property free from litter at all times. This includes maintaining appropriate trash receptacles (garbage cans, etc.) so that litter will not be carried or blown onto streets, sidewalks or other public and private property. Indoor furniture and other items not meant for outdoor use should not be stored outdoors. Building materials that are not part of an active project must be stored indoors.

Grass and Weeds

City property owners are responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds on their property. Every property owner must keep weeds and grass cut to less than 12 inches in height within 100 feet of occupied adjoining properties.

If you see problems with overgrown yards, have any questions, or need more information, call the Department of Public Services at 989-837-6900 or fill out an Action Line Request form on the City's website (www.midland-mi.org).