

Things to Know About Midland...

Codes and Ordinances

The following pertains to some of the most common issues involving City Codes and Ordinances that city residents and property owners must follow. For more about Code requirements, view the Code online at www.midland-mi.org or contact the City's Building Department.

Abandoned, Dismantled and Inoperable Vehicles

Abandoned (any vehicle without a current license tag), dismantled, and inoperable vehicles or related parts (including tires) may remain on residential property for no more than 14 days. The Building Department may grant an extension 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.

To report abandoned or dismantled vehicles, call the Building Department at 989-837-3383.

Parking

On-Street Parking: Parking on city streets between 3-6 a.m. is prohibited. All requests for exceptions must be submitted to the Midland Police Department, 989-631-5716.

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

Outlawn Parking (between sidewalk & curb):

Vehicles may not be parked on or driven upon the outlawn area between the sidewalk and curb, nor may they be parked on the driveway blocking the sidewalk or between the sidewalk and street. A diagram showing proper parking is available online (www.midland-mi.org).

Residential Parking: Parking is prohibited in the yard between the street and 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. The

ordinance is posted online at www.midland-mi.org. Call Building (989-837-3383) with questions.

Trailers, Coaches, Campers, & 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.

For more on the Zoning Ordinance, visit www.midland-mi.org or contact the Building Department at 989-837-3383.

Rental Units

All rental units – including all non-owner-occupied properties – must be certified by the City of Midland and meet minimum standards of the Midland Housing Code for the structure and its heating, lighting, ventilation, plumbing, and safety features.

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

More rental unit inspection details are online (www.midland-mi.org). Call the Building Department (989-837-3383) with any questions.

Signs

Rummage / Garage Sales / Homes for Sale / Business & Contractor Advertising Signs: Section 22-2(a) of the City's Code of Ordinances pertains to placement of signs in the public right-of-way (the sidewalk and the outlawn area between the sidewalk & curb).

There are some exceptions to this ordinance, including these requirements for yard/rummage sale signs:

- Garage/rummage sale signs may be placed on your property for a maximum of four (4) consecutive days.
- The maximum allowable size of signs is six (6) square feet.



- The top of each sign may be no more than 30" above the crown of the roadway.
- All signs must list the owner's name and address on them.
- Signs may be placed on another person's outlawn only with the permission of the owner of the private property that abuts that particular outlawn.
- Signs may not obstruct or interfere with vehicular or pedestrian traffic.
- Signs may be posted from Thursday, 8 a.m. to Monday, 8 a.m. After 8 a.m. on Monday, signs must be removed.
- Signs may not be attached to trees, power poles, or other signs in the outlawn.

Violations may result in a \$50 fine. Call the Building Department (989-837-3383) for more information.

Trash, Litter, and Debris

Property owners must keep their property free from litter at all times. Trash, litter, debris, and garbage that is stored outside must be kept in solid, covered containers (no loose garbage bags).

Indoor furniture and other items not meant for outdoor use should not be stored outdoors. Also, building materials that are not part of an active project must be stored indoors.

General Property Maintenance

All structures within Midland must be well-maintained, including business structures, houses, garages, sheds, fences, etc. Buildings must be completely painted or covered with some other protective treatment (vinyl or aluminum siding, shingles, stain, etc.).

Grass and Weeds

City property owners are responsible for maintaining the grass and weeds on their property. Property owners must keep weeds and grass cut to less than 10 inches in height within 100 feet of occupied adjoining properties.

For questions or concerns about grass and weeds, fill out an Action Line Request form on the City's website (www.midland-mi.org) or call the Department of Public Services at 989-837-6900.