

WHAT CAN YOU DO TO MAINTAIN YOUR PROPERTY

Exterior Surfaces should be painted and kept free of significant cracks, chipped, peeling or faded paint.

Landscaping should be regularly maintained in a healthy condition, free of dead grass, and overgrown vegetation. Foliage should be trimmed to avoid encroachment into public right-of-way. Maintain grass/live plant material at lawn areas or obtain Planning Division approval, prior to installation, for alternative landscaping such as drought tolerant landscaping.

Walls and Fences should be maintained in a structurally sound condition. Warped, dry rotted, termite damage, dilapidated or missing materials should be repaired/placed or removed.

Graffiti must not be allowed to remain on any private property. Monitor and maintain property free of graffiti at all times.

Discarded/Unused Objects including but not limited to, equipment, appliances, furniture, litter, salvage material, auto parts, tires, and other junk shall not be stored on the property.

Large Item Pickup is available by calling Waste Management at 800-225-0175.

Canopy/Accessory Structures shall not be located on any lot for a period of more than three days. Canopy structures shall not be located within the view of a public right-of-way, front or side yard area, driveway and clear of property lines and structures.

Inoperative or abandoned motor vehicles or parts thereof, without current registration from the Department of Motor Vehicles, must be removed, except when stored in a fully enclosed garage.

Recreational Vehicles/ trailers / campers / boats of any kind for occasional or recreational use may not be parked or stored on a driveway or yard areas.

RESOURCES

Code Enforcement Division

(323) 563-9558

(Monday-Thursday)

Hotline: (323) 563-9598

(Fridays, Saturdays, Sundays, After Hours)

Building Division

(323)563-9549

Planning Division

(323) 563-9526

Business License Division &

Garage Sales

(323) 563-9544

(street vendors, new business)

Public Works & Graffiti

(323) 563-5795

Police Department

(323) 563-5436

(non emergency)

Health Department

(626) 430-5450

(Regarding rodents, roaches, overcrowding)

Fire Department

(310) 603-5258

Fair Housing

(800) 446-3247

(Landlords and Tenant Disputes)

Bulky item pick up

(562)334-3660

SEAACA - Animal Control

(800) 225-0175

(Complaints regarding loose pets, animal care and licenses)

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Code Enforcement Program

Code Enforcement is dedicated to working with the community towards a common goal, to ensure the City of South Gate is a safe, healthy and outstanding place to live, by enhancing neighborhoods one property at a time.

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WHAT DOES THE CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION ENFORCE?

SOUTH GATE MUNICIPAL CODE (S.G.M.C), TITLE 9 AND TITLE 11 (BUILDINGS AND ZONING)

✓ **Private Property Maintenance Violations**

Graffiti, Landscaping, Trash & Debris, Inoperable Vehicles, Discarded Furniture, and violations that may cause property values to diminish.

✓ **Building Maintenance Violations**

Unpainted Buildings, Abandoned "or" Unfinished Buildings & Inadequate Electrical, Plumbing, Mechanical, Fire Protection, Sanitation, Exits, and Maintenance of Buildings.

✓ **Improper Occupancies**

Garage Conversions, Rumpus Room Conversions, Illegal Divisions of Dwellings, Enclosed Patio Conversions, and Storage Room Conversions, Laundry Room Conversions "or" any other types of conversions.

✓ **Signage**

General Policies on Signs, Prohibited Signs and Land Use Regulations.

✓ **Non-Permitted Construction**

Any type of construction done without first obtaining all required permits & approvals from the City of South Gate

COMPLAINT PROCESS

Your complaint will be assigned to a code enforcement officer and will be investigated within a week. If the complaint is valid, the property owner/tenant will be given written notice to correct the violation within a specific time period. If the violation continues to remain uncorrected, an administrative citation will be issued. The city will initiate legal action to obtain compliance through the office of the city prosecutor. Violations are considered misdemeanors and the penalty could be a fine of up to \$1,000 and/or six months in jail.

DETERMINING VIOLATIONS

In order to determine if a violation is present or not, the code enforcement officer will research all permits on file, plans, and any other records that will help in this process.

HOW DO YOU FILE A COMPLAINT?

Complaints may be filed by phone, mail, email or in person. Complaints without an exact address will not be taken.

WHAT INFORMATION WILL I HAVE TO PROVIDE?

Provide exact description of complaint in detail. For example, type of debris, car parts, building materials, tires, garbage, discarded appliances, etc. and their location; condition of property, open/vacant house, overgrown vegetation, garage conversion, inoperative vehicle license number, type, color, make of vehicle, right door missing, tires missing, no motor, etc.

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Driveway surfaces cannot be wider than 12 feet, Parking is not allowed on any portion of the property other than the driveway. Paving the front yard is prohibited.

Garbage Cans Emptied containers should be removed from public view by 8:00 p.m. on the day of trash collection.

Garage Conversions Converting a garage to any other use, with or without person(s) living in it, without permits and approval is not permitted. A restoration fee of \$1,495.00 will be assessed to the property owner(s).

Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU)

To legally convert a garage into an Accessory Dwelling Unit (ADU) it must be reviewed by both the Planning and Building and Safety Divisions in the Community Development Department for approval and compliance with relevant codes.

Building Permits are generally required any time a structure is erected, enlarged, altered, repaired, improved, converted or demolished. Please call the Building and Safety Division at (323) 563-9549 for more information.

Holiday Decorative Lighting Temporary electric power and lighting installations shall be permitted for a period not to exceed 90 days for holiday decorative lighting and similar purposes.

Illegal Dumping It is unlawful and a public nuisance for any person to cause, permit, allow, or suffer the placing, throwing, dropping, depositing, sweeping, dumping, or leaving of any organic or inorganic rubbish, refuse, garbage, bulky item, waste matter, hazardous waste, solid waste, or offal on or about any street, highway, sidewalk, alley, right-of-way, or other public property.



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