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- High grass and weeds—grass and weeds can't be over 12 inches high
- Inoperable or unlicensed vehicles—all vehicles have to run and have current tags
- Vehicles parked on the grass—all motor vehicles must be parked on a hard surface (asphalt, concrete or gravel)
- Unpermitted vehicle repair—major vehicle repair or vehicle repair for hire is not allowed on residential property
- Premises Identification—all properties must have the numerical address displayed on the building or on the mailbox
- Yard areas—open storage of junk, trash, debris, furniture items, old construction materials, automotive parts, tires, etc. is prohibited
- Dilapidated structure—all structures (houses, businesses, sheds, detached garages, etc.) must be maintained to meet the minimum Property Maintenance code requirements
- Fences—all fences must be made from materials designed for that purpose, be maintained in good condition and must meet the required height and setback requirements
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