



In order to maintain high levels of public health, safety and welfare in our community, the city has established ordinances that help create a positive environment that promotes quality interactions amongst tenants, students, homeowners and property managers.

PETS

- Animals should not disturb the peace. Long-term barking, howling or other sounds are distracting and can annoy your neighbors.
- Animals should be under owner's supervision and on a leash when off their owner's property to prevent creating a hazard or disturbance to people, animals and property.
- Lawrence has two off-leash dog parks: Mutt Run is located at 1330 East 902, below the Clinton Lake dam. The facility includes drinking fountains, water for dogs, and rest rooms. Paths are mowed through fields and along wooded areas. The other dog park is located at Riverfront Park, at the intersection of North Second St. and Highways 24 and 40.

- On both public and private property, you are responsible for removing your pet's excrement.
- Control your pets; it is illegal for them to damage any public or private property.
- All pet dogs, cats and ferrets that are four months or older must be vaccinated against rabies.
- Some animals are too exotic and dangerous to be owned in the city limits. Generally, you may own domesticated dogs, cats, ferrets, rabbits, rodents, birds, nonvenomous snakes and lizards, amphibians and fish.



BIKES

Parking

- Never park your bike where it can get in another person's way. If you park in an alley, make sure it doesn't block stairs or doors.
- It is illegal to lock your bike to a tree, fire hydrant, street sign, stop sign or streetlight. A parking meter is acceptable unless it is in front of a handicapped parking spot.
- Some parking meters downtown have bike-locking adapters attached. Free-standing U-shaped bike racks are also downtown.

Registration

- It's a good idea to get your bike registered to help identify your bike if it is ever stolen or lost. To register, go to the second floor of the Douglas County Judicial and Law Enforcement Center, 111 E. 11th Street. A small fee is required.



On the Street

- Obey the rules of the road: follow the rules of the road and obey all traffic laws. Bicyclists are subject to all the same duties that are applicable to drivers. Always use hand signals to draw the driver's attention.

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TRASH

- Please recycle! For information about drop-off centers and curbside collection, visit lawrencerecycles.org online.
- Use containers to place trash at the curb. Trash cans need two handles.
- Trash won't be collected unless it is a reasonable weight and size; keep your items under 65 pounds and under 35 gallon capacity, and collapse cardboard boxes.
- Your trash may be set out up to 24 hours before 7:00 a.m. of your collection day. Remove trash containers from the curb promptly after they've been emptied.
- If you live in the Oread Neighborhood or an apartment complex, please use the large metal trash dumpsters that are provided in the alley, parking lots or enclosures. Contact your property manager, landlord or the Solid Waste Division at (785) 832-3032 for questions regarding use of these dumpsters.
- If your trash is refused, read the tag the crews leave and fix the problem before the next week's collection day. Remember to remove the containers or items until the next collection day.
- You may not store loose items of trash in your yard or on your front porch. Abandoned cars cannot be parked in yards either.
- Junked items, including televisions and refrigerators, should be hauled off and cannot be placed on porches. Bicycles can be placed on porches as long as they are operable and in use.
- Furniture may not be kept on your front lawn. Small animals will quickly take up residence inside any furniture you leave outside.
- "Dumpster Diving" - It is unlawful and dangerous to remove any item from the trash that someone has set out for pickup.
- 65 and 90 gallon rolling trash containers can be rented through the Solid Waste Division. Please call (785) 832-3032.



PARKING

Yards

- City Code does not permit parking on unimproved surfaces in your front or side yard (some exceptions are approved for game days in certain locations).
- Parking is only permitted on an improved surface, such as concrete or asphalt.
- Dirt, grass and gravel are not improved surfaces, so they can't be used for parking. This ordinance provides attractive neighborhood landscaping and keeps mud off of the street.



Streets

- You may not park on sidewalks. It looks disorderly and gets in the way of pedestrians.
- Vehicles parked on the street must be moved some visible distance every 48 hours. The streets are primarily for transportation, not for long-term parking. This ordinance is complaint-driven, so keep your neighbors in mind when you park.
- Recreational vehicles parked on the street, such as campers, trailers and boats, must be at least 100-feet from any intersection and drivers need to be able to see around them. They shouldn't impede traffic or visibility.

ROOMATES

- City Code allows no more than three unrelated persons to reside in one housing unit in single-family zoning districts and no more than four unrelated persons in multi-family zoning districts. The Code states: *"...the general public health, safety and welfare of the community is fostered and sustained with reasonable regulations related to the preservation of single-family uses in areas...planned for single families."*

-City Ordinance No. 7323

NOISE

- Don't play music so loud that it could disturb others outside your house. Excessive noise can disturb the peace.
- It is illegal to play music from a vehicle that can be heard from 50-feet away, including bass reverberation.
- Brawling and offensive language are a disturbance of the peace and aren't allowed in public.
- Fireworks are not permitted within the city limits.