Volusia County Code Enforcement

The purpose of Code Enforcement is to protect the health, safety and welfare of the residents of Volusia County.

This information is a brief review of the Volusia County ordinances designed to protect the quality of life, improve economic vitality, and protect the environment.

These regulations and guidelines apply to the unincorporated areas of Volusia County. Please note that cities in Volusia County have their own ordinances, which may vary greatly from the county’s ordinances.

Please refer to the departments listed within to report violations.

You do not need to give your name when reporting a violation. If you do give your name, it becomes a public record and will be revealed if a public records request is made.

For more information, please contact the Volusia County Code Enforcement Office at:

Volusia County Code Enforcement
123 W. Indiana Ave., Room 203
DeLand, FL 32720-4612
(386) 736-5925
CodeCompliance@Volusia.org

Common code violations

These ordinance violations are the ones most frequently called in to Volusia County Code Enforcement.

Vendors and Peddlers

The use of any county right-of-way, including appendages thereto, and the use of any public lands under the authority of the county council for any commercial use, including the sale of and display for sale of any merchandise is prohibited. Further, any person who engages in or manages any business, occupation or profession without first obtaining a local business tax receipt is guilty of a violation. This includes sales on private property with or without the consent of the property owner and state transportation facility right-of-way. (See Sections 94-1 and 114-1 of the Volusia County Code of Ordinances and 337.406 of the Florida Statutes.)

Lawn and lot maintenance and corner lots

Nuisance weeds and grass shall not be permitted if the greater part of such growth on the lot exceeds 12 inches. No structure, shrub or vegetation shall impede vision of traffic in all directors for drivers of vehicles.

Boats – parking and storage

Boats must be stored behind all parts of the residence that face the street and must be at least 5 feet from the lot line.

Tractor-trailers and trucks

No tractor-trailer, semi-trailer, commercial bus, cutaway van, chassis-cab or other trucks with a gross vehicle weight greater than 10,500 pounds may not be parked in a residential area except for loading and unloading.

Vehicle parking

In residential areas, motor vehicles may not be parked in the front yard except on driveways. This also applies to vehicles for sale.

Vehicle storage

Any vehicle that lacks a current license plate or is inoperable may be stored only in a completely enclosed garage.

Motor homes – parking and storage

Motor homes may not be parked in the front yard and must be stored at least 5 feet from the side and rear lot lines.

Garage sales

Garage sales may be held by homeowners only two times a year. Such sales are limited to one week for each sale. Garage-sale signs may be placed only on the site hosting the sale.

House numbers

Correct placement of house numbers is on the front of the building or on a separate structure in front of the building in such a way as to be visible easily from the street. Numbers should be 3 inches or higher and of contrasting color with the immediate background.
Waste materials and trash
Rubbish, trash, garbage and other waste materials must be disposed of properly and not stored on the property. For trash complaints on private property, call the Zoning Compliance Office at 386-736-5925. For complaints for trash on the right of way, please call the Solid Waste Division at 386-943-7889.

Construction
Permits are required for most construction. To ask if a permit is needed, call the Permit Center at 386-736-5929. To report construction without a permit, please call the Code Compliance Office at 386-736-5925.

Fences
Regulations stipulate height and location of fences. Contact Volusia County Growth and Resource Management for details when applying for the required permit.

Noise
Noise that disturbs the peace – such as loud music or parties, especially late at night – should be reported to the Volusia County Sheriff’s Office. Noise generated by industrial activity or machinery should be reported to Environmental Management at 386-736-5927.

Beach and Beach Walkovers
Strategically placed signs inform beachgoers that dogs, glass, alcohol, and litter are not allowed on the beach. Walking on the dunes destroys dunes and their essential vegetation. Please access the beach using walkovers.

Sea turtle nesting season
Sea turtle nesting season is May 1 through Oct. 21. It is unlawful to disturb sea turtles, their nests, dunes and vegetation. Lights cannot illuminate or be visible from the beach during the sea turtle nesting season. For more information, please call the Natural Resources office at 386-238-4668.

Signs
There are restrictions on the size and placement of signs in residential areas. The posting of signs on public property, rights-of-way, utility poles, trees and bushes is prohibited. The posting of off-premises, yard sale, for sale/rent and open house signs also are prohibited. For more information, please call Volusia County Growth and Resource Management.

Lawn watering
Lawn watering Restrictions define permitted days and hours for watering. For restrictions: www.volusia.org/environmental for

Dog restraint and cleanup
Dogs must be restrained when outside their home. Owners are responsible for cleaning up public and private property. For more information or to report a violation, call Animal Control at 386-740-5241.

Unsafe buildings
If a building is abandoned, opened and accessible to children and transients, it is considered a danger to the community and should be reported to the Code Administration Office: 386-736-5957, option 2.

Common Violations

Mission statement: The Building and Zoning Division is committed to providing exceptional customer service and protecting the public health and safety of the citizens and visitors to Volusia County through the application of state laws and county ordinances.