

We are pleased that you have chosen our City for your home or business!

Deerfield Beach has many advantages over other cities of similar size, and we strive to maintain a clean and beautiful environment for our residents. To help achieve these goals, we have created City Codes that must be followed by all.

To assist in making your stay here as pleasant as possible and help you to properly maintain your property, we have compiled a list of the most common Codes you will need to know. We have also included some helpful telephone numbers you may call for assistance.

If you have a question about the City Codes, or if you wish to report a code violation, please call us 24 hours a day at (954) 480-4241.

Sgt. Joe Joyce
Code Enforcement Supervisor
Deerfield Beach District

SHERIFF'S OFFICE

Emergency 911
All other calls 765-4321
Deerfield Beach District Office 480-4300
CODE ENFORCEMENT 480-4241

FIRE

Emergency 911
Information 480-4350
Fire Inspections 480-4360

BUILDING PERMITS & INSPECTIONS

CITY BUILDING MAINTENANCE 480-4250/4251
CITY CLERK 480-4385
CITY LANDSCAPER 480-4200
COMMUNITY SERVICES 571-4521
CUSTOMER SERVICE (water bills) 480-4424
ENGINEERING 480-4279
OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE 480-4270
PLANNING & ZONING 480-4333
PUBLIC WORKS 480-4206
SENIOR SERVICES 480-4391
Adult Day Care 480-4449
Alzheimer Day Care 480-4470
Thrift Shop 480-4460
WATER/SEWER BREAKS 480-4468
After hours, weekends 480-4400
480-4371

*Welcome to
The City of Deerfield Beach*



*Broward Sheriff's Office
Deerfield Beach Code Enforcement
(954) 480-4241*



WEEDS Weeds and tall grass (over 12" high) are prohibited. All properties should be well maintained.

TRASH Accumulating trash and debris on property is prohibited. Your trash may not be placed out for pickup more than 24 hours prior to pickup day. Trees, yard refuse, etc. cut by a contractor and/or construction waste must be removed by the contractor. For information on scheduled collection days, contact the Public Works Department at (954) 480-4391.

HEDGES Hedges in rear and side yards are allowed to be a maximum of 6'00" in height. Front yard hedges may be no more than 4'00" in height and if a hedge is in the swale, it must be no more than 2'00" in height.

TREES Trees may not be removed from commercial or multi-family properties without the approval of the City Landscaper. Additionally, trees must be pruned to meet National Arbor Standards, if they are pruned. For further information, contact the City Landscaper at (954) 571-4521.

RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING Motor homes, boats, campers and trailers must be screened from view by a wood fence or hedge. In some cases, placement in a carport is acceptable. No utility or non-recreational type trailers are permitted on residential property.

INOPERATIVE VEHICLES Vehicles that are unlicensed, rusted, wrecked, disassembled, and inoperative are prohibited.

SWALE ORDINANCE No non-living objects are allowed in the swale area. (This is the portion of property between the property line and the edge of the roadway.) This would include concrete pyramids, rocks, landscape timbers, etc. Small, round buttons are acceptable, if properly placed.

ADDRESS POSTING Your address must be conspicuously posted on the building. You may also place an address on your mailbox. This will allow Fire and/or Sheriff's personnel to find your address in an emergency. Building numbers shall have a minimum height of three inches and a maximum height not greater than 10".

STANDARD HOUSING CODE if you are renting your property, the landlord must maintain the property to reasonable standards of health and safety, including but not limited to sanitary facilities, secure windows and doors, screens, etc. Complaints may be directed to Sheriff's Office Code Enforcement at (954) 480-4241.

ANIMALS Only domesticated household pets (dogs, cats, parrots, parakeets, canaries, rabbits, guinea pigs, hamsters and turtle(s)) are allowed. The maximum number of household pets is six, with no more than four of the same species.

ALARM PERMITS Anyone who installs an alarm must first obtain a building permit. All alarms must also have a user permit, which is renewed annually.

BUILDING PERMITS Building permits are required for any new construction, alterations or additions to any existing building. This includes, but is not limited to interior and exterior walls, floors, windows, doors, etc. Any questions concerning Building permits may be directed to the Building Department at (954) 480-4250/51.

OCCUPATIONAL LICENSE Anyone operating a business, or rental property over two units, must first obtain an occupational license. Contact the Occupational License Division for further information at (954) 480-4333.

SWIMMING POOLS All swimming pools must be maintained in a clean, clear and circulating condition. Swimming pools, Jacuzzis, hot tubs, and spas, constructed after August 5, 1986, shall be protected by a screened enclosure or a fence, not less than 4' high, which shall secure the area in which the pool is located from access except through the dwelling structure located on the property, a screen door, or a fence gate.

GARAGE SALES Residents may have a maximum of three garage sales a year. No more than three signs are allowed. The signs must be placed in the ground on sticks. No signs are allowed to be attached to utility poles, trees, fences or City property. The signs shall be less than six square feet and may only be displayed during the hours the sale is conducted. They must be removed at the end of the sale.

RIGHT-OF-WAY ENCROACHMENT Trees, shrubs, etc. may not grow over the sidewalk or roadway in such fashion as to impede traffic on the public right-of-way including pedestrian traffic on sidewalks. They must not impede visibility of any part of the public right-of-way or traffic control signs.

PARKING RESTRICTIONS Parking of any vehicle on a vacant lot is prohibited. Parking of oversized trucks (over 1 Ton) is prohibited in residential zoning districts. Parking across sidewalks is prohibited. Parking a vehicle "For Sale" is prohibited except at the owner's residence or a car dealership.

SIGNS Before installing or changing any existing sign, the sign must be approved by the Community Appearance Board and a building permit must be obtained. Contact the Sign Inspector at (954) 480-4238 for information.

BANNERS Banners, balloons, festoons, pennants, etc., may not be put out by any business. (See Special Events.)

FLAGS No flags may be displayed on commercial property unless a flag pole meeting City Code has been constructed and a building permit obtained.

CIRCULARS & HANDBILLS It is not permitted to distribute any flyers, circulars, or handbills in any manner or to place them on any vehicle.

SPECIAL EVENTS Grand openings, carnivals, sidewalk sales, etc. require a Special event permit. For further information as to requirements, contact the Community Services Department at (954) 480-4423.