



EXTERIOR MAINTENANCE FOR BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Code Enforcement & Public Health

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One goal of the City of Brooklyn Park is to create a safe and healthful community where all those who live, work or visit can experience a sense of pride and well-being. The assistance of every citizen is needed to prevent blight and improve the appearance of residential areas. When properties are not properly maintained, the whole community is negatively affected. Well-maintained properties:

- ✓ Increase property values
- ✓ Enhance the local economy
- ✓ Decrease crime and vandalism
- ✓ Minimize illnesses and/or injuries caused by hazardous conditions
- ✓ Improve the overall quality of life

This brochure summarizes some city regulations, including the adopted International Property Maintenance Code (IPMC- City Code Chapter 106). Other brochures are available regarding exterior storage, lawn maintenance, vehicle storage, and other property maintenance issues.

Responsibility

Those who own, lease, occupy or are in control of property are responsible for maintaining their property. All exterior property and premises must be maintained in a clean, safe, and good condition. All vacant structures and land must be kept clean, safe, secured and otherwise properly maintained.

Ground Cover & Drainage

All premises must be graded and maintained to prevent the erosion of soil and to prevent the accumulation of stagnant, standing water. Drainage areas may not be altered. Adequate ground cover must be provided for all exposed landscaped surfaces.

Exterior Structure Maintenance

All exterior surfaces, including but not limited to, siding, roofs, foundations, doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim/fascia, balconies, decks, fences and accessory structures must be maintained in good condition and be structurally sound so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety or welfare.

- Protective Treatment- All exterior surfaces must be finished with the appropriate sealant, stain, paint, or other process (to manufacturer's specifications) to withstand the elements and prevent fading, chipping, chalking, cracking, peeling, warping, rot, rust, water damage, or other natural degrading processes. All metal surfaces subject to rust or corrosion must be coated to inhibit current or future rust and corrosion problems.
- Deterioration- All exterior walls must be free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials, and must be weatherproofed and properly surface coated where required, to prevent deterioration.

House Numbers

House numbers are required for property identification, such as for emergency personnel. House numbers (address) must be at least 6" inches in height and of a contrasting color, attached to the house, and be plainly visible and legible from the street or road fronting the property.

Sidewalks & Driveway

All sidewalks, walkways, stairs, driveways, parking spaces, and similar areas must be kept in a proper state of repair, and maintained free from hazardous conditions.

Accessory Structures

Accessory structures are not permitted between a public right-of-way and the dwelling or principle use. Accessory structures may not be closer than five feet from neighboring property lines. Properties may not have more than two detached accessory structures or over a public right-of-way or easement.

All facades on accessory structures must be coordinated with the facades of the principal building by integrating some or all of the same materials, textures and colors.

Structural Supports

All structural members must be maintained free from deterioration, and must be capable of safely supporting the designed loads.

Foundation Walls

All foundation walls must be plumb, free of cracks and breaks and in such condition to prevent the entry of rodents and other pests.

Stairways, Decks, Porches, & Balconies

Every exterior stairway, deck, porch, and balcony must be kept structurally sound and in good repair, with proper anchorage. Further, they must be sized and designed to support the imposed loads.

Doors, Windows, & Screens

During the period from May 15 to October 15, every door, window and other outside opening must be supplied with approved tightly fitting screens of not less than 16 mesh per inch.

Roofs & Drainage

The roof and flashing must be sound, tight, and not have defects that admit rain. Shingles must be in good repair. Roof drains, gutters, and downspouts must be in good repair and free from obstructions. Drainage from the property must not create nuisance to neighboring properties.

City Contacts

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Please contact us if you have any questions/concerns regarding this brochure, or would like more information concerning the enforcement of city ordinances.

763-493-8070

Building/Housing Division

To request a building permit for new/remodeled siding, roofs, foundations, accessory buildings and decks:

763-488-6379

This brochure is intended only as a general guide. Other codes and ordinances may apply. You can reference ordinances at the city website by visiting www.brooklynpark.org