

# Welcome to the City of Hanford!

The following is a summary of city residential use regulations you will want to be familiar with as a resident of Hanford.

## HOME & PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Your home exterior should not appear rundown. Paint or stain bare woodwork. Repair peeling paint and broken windows. Remove graffiti as soon as possible after it appears, or call (559) 585-2554 and the City will schedule its removal.



## REMODELING

Don't divide your home into more than one residential unit. Before remodeling, get approval from the Hanford Building & Planning Division and obtain any necessary building permits. Also, it is unsafe and illegal to convert a garage, shed, or other building into a living space without a building permit. Garages cannot be converted unless other covered parking is provided.

## YOUR YARD

Regularly maintain landscaping on your property. Don't pave your front yard. The maximum amount of front yard paving cannot exceed 40% of the front width of your property or 24 feet whichever is greater. Remove junk and debris from your yard.

## YARD/GARAGE SALES



Any household can host up to two yard or garage sales in a calendar year. Each sale may not exceed two consecutive days. The driveway, yard, or other space used for the purposes of the sale shall be restored to their normal residential character at the conclusion of the

sale. If you put up signs advertising your sale, be sure to remove them immediately upon concluding the sale. Placing signs in the public street right-of-way or on utility poles is prohibited.

## TRASH CONTAINERS

Store trash containers must out of public view. Place them at the curb or in the rear alley after 7:00 p.m. the day before collection and remove them before 12:00 midnight collection day.

## PETS AND ANIMALS

Each household is permitted up to three total dogs or cats and up to 10 songbirds, exotic birds or pigeons. Farm animals such as chickens, roosters, goats, sheep, etc. are not permitted.



## SWIMMING POOLS

All swimming pools must be enclosed by a fence at least five feet tall with a self-closing gate. Your rear yard fence may be sufficient for this requirement.

## PARKING



Don't park on your front or side yard area or anywhere blocking the sidewalk. Be a good neighbor and avoid parking your vehicles in front of other properties. Store inoperable

vehicles where they are not visible from the street or from neighboring properties (in a fenced rear or in the garage). Never leave an inoperable vehicle in your driveway. At your residence, minor vehicle repairs may be made on your personal vehicles only.

## RECREATIONAL VEHICLE PARKING

Recreational vehicles should be parked within a garage, carport or in a fenced rear or side yard. If this is not possible, you may park your R.V. in the driveway provided it does not create a nuisance, safety problem, and extend into the public right-of-way.

## HOME BUSINESS

Before starting any home business, contact the Planning Division at (559) 585-2581, and make sure the home business you are interested in starting is permitted. Contact the Finance Department at (559) 585-2501 to receive business license information.

## RESIDENTIAL ADDRESSES

Home addresses should be visible from the street in case of an emergency. The numbers should be in a contrasting color from the background. Numbers should be at least 3-1/2" tall unless they are lighted, then 2-1/4".

## WEED ABATEMENT

Every year around April, the Fire Department inspects every residence and business in the city of Hanford for trash, debris, weeds, etc. that can constitute a fire hazard. If a fire hazard or potential hazard is found, the Fire Department will send you a notice to clean your property within 15 days.

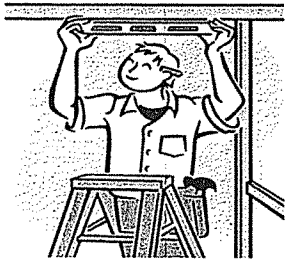


## HANDBILLS & PAMPHLETS

The distribution, delivery, or placement of handbills, circulars, posters, pamphlets, advertising samples, booklets or other notices of commercial advertising in a public place, private yard, driveway, house, business, mailbox or vehicle is prohibited.

Exceptions are bonafide subscriptions to newspapers and magazines, the U.S. mail, United Parcel Service (U.P.S.), Federal Express or the like, religious and charitable organizations or any political subdivision of the Federal, State, County and City governments. (Chapter 5.24 Hanford Municipal Code).

## REPAIRS AND CONSTRUCTION



Listed below are the most common repairs or construction requiring permits. Contact the City Building Division before starting any of these projects:

- Re-roofing
- All room additions
- Replacement water heaters
- New patio roofs
- All electrical repairs, except replacement of fixtures, receptacles, or switches
- Replacement of non-portable heaters and air conditioners
- New sewer or water lines
- Sheds, storage buildings and accessory structures over 120 sq. ft. in area.

The City's Building Division is open Monday through Friday, from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Phone: (559) 585-2581  
Fax: (559) 583-1633

## SHEDS AND ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

If a shed, storage building, or accessory structure is under 120 sq. ft., it may be located within a rear or side yard subject to the following:

**SETBACKS:** Wall—3 feet from both rear and side property lines. Roof eaves—2 feet from both rear and side property lines.

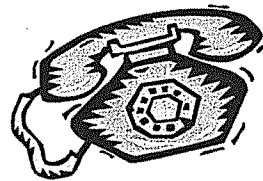
**HEIGHT:** Maximum plate line height of 7 feet measures from the ground with a maximum roof pitch of 4:12 and a maximum roof ridge peak height of 10 feet.

**FLOOR AREA:** Maximum 120 square feet. If it is more than 120 square feet, the accessory structure is required to meet all setback requirements and obtain a building permit. !!

**NUMBER OF ACCESSORY STRUCTURES ALLOWED:** No limitation, except that each 120 square feet structure is to be separated from other structures by a minimum of 10 feet.

## HOW DO YOU REPORT A BUILDING OR CODE VIOLATION?

You can report code violations Monday through Friday from 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m. by calling (559) 585-7167. You can report code violations anonymously. However, if you would like a call back, please leave your name and telephone number. All reports are handled confidentially.



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