

If one of these conditions exists on your property, you may be cited by the Property Maintenance Division of Inspections, Permits & Licenses. You will be notified that you have an illegally parked or stored vehicle on your property. Failure to remove the vehicle or move it into a compliant parking spot, may result in a penalty being assessed against you, criminal court action and/or having the vehicle impounded by Louisville Metro.

This brochure briefly covers the most commonly cited violations. Your particular situation may not be addressed. If not, please see below.

To Report a Complaint

Metro Call 311 or (502) 574-5000

To Discuss a Vehicle Citation

IPL (502) 574-2508

To Obtain a Copy of Property Maintenance Code

[http://www.louisvilleky.gov/ip/
PropertyMaintenance/PM-PMC.htm](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/ip/PropertyMaintenance/PM-PMC.htm)

To Obtain a Copy of the Land Development Code

[http://www.louisvilleky.gov/
PlanningDesign/ldc/
LDCMarch2006.htm](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/PlanningDesign/ldc/LDCMarch2006.htm)



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Vehicles and Your Property

⇒ *Parking*

⇒ *Repair*

Codes & Regulations
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IPL Property Maintenance Website:
[http://www.louisvilleky.gov/ip/
PropertyMaintenance/default.htm](http://www.louisvilleky.gov/ip/PropertyMaintenance/default.htm)

Where can I park in my yard?

Off-street parking is prohibited in all required building setbacks, unless specifically authorized by the Form District. Generally, your required front yard is the first 25 feet of your property beginning at your property line and moving toward your house. You must park in a driveway which is made of a hard durable surface which leads to the house, garage or rear yard. Please consult the Land Development Code for information regarding your Form District.

How many vehicles may I park on my property?

The minimum and maximum number of parking spaces allowed is based on the use of the property and the Form District.

- For a lot less than 6,000 square feet, the maximum number of cars permitted is 3 vehicles.
- For lots between 6,000 - 20,000 square feet, the maximum is 4 vehicles
- For lots over 20,000 square feet, the maximum is 5 vehicles.

Please consult the Land Development Code Table 9.1.1 and Table 9.1.2 for further information.

When is my property considered a junkyard?

Any property which has 5 or more inoperable, unlicensed or junked vehicles stored on it is considered a junkyard. This includes, but is not limited to, auto salvage, auto crushing, and used car parts dealers. Junkyards are only permitted in Zone M-3 with a Conditional Use Permit (CUP).

Can vehicles be parked on a vacant lot?

Parking on a vacant lot is prohibited at all times.

Can I use my property for automobile repair?

Vehicle repair is only permitted in a residential area if the vehicles are registered to the residents of the property and the repair is minor (tune-ups, replacement of minor parts) or if the repair is major work (such as body work, use of air tools, welding and engine removal) and done within a completely enclosed and approved structure. Painting of vehicles is prohibited unless conducted inside an approved spray booth.

How many trucks and trailers may I park on my property?

- No more than one medium truck (vehicles, other than truck trailers, with single rear axles and dual rear wheels) per dwelling unit may be parked outside on a lot that is less than 20,000 square feet in size.
- No more than 2 medium trucks per dwelling unit may be parked outside on a lot that is greater than or equal to 20,000 square feet in size.
- Heavy trucks and equipment (trucks, including truck tractors, and similar vehicles with two or more rear axles) are **prohibited**. (This includes the parking of tractor-trailers on a residential lot or street.)
- Buses, utility trailers and recreational vehicles, if they are under 16 feet in length, may be parked in required parking spaces but may not be parked between the public street and the front of the structure. Utility trailers, and accessory recreational vehicles over 16 feet are considered heavy trucks.

Parking and vehicle storage is regulated by the Property Maintenance Code (PMC) and the Land Development Code (LDC) also known as Zoning. This brochure highlights the provisions of these codes and gives guidance on vehicle parking and storage guidelines.

May I keep an unlicensed vehicle on my property?

All motor vehicles outside an enclosed structure must be licensed. An unlicensed vehicle is an inoperable vehicle and not allowed.

What do you consider inoperable?

A vehicle is considered inoperable when it has flat tires, missing wheels, broken windows or other missing parts required for driving.

Can I part out a vehicle?

Vehicles may not be in a state of major disassembly or in the process or being stripped. A vehicle is only permitted to undergo major overhaul if the work is performed inside a structure or enclosed area.

Can I park on the grass?

Parking of vehicles, motorcycles, trailers, etc. cannot be parked on grass, but must be parked on a hard durable surface. Asphalt, brick, concrete paving and interlocking paving blocks, including semi-pervious systems, are acceptable paving materials. Gravel may be permitted with approval.