

**Trash and Debris:**  
**Municipal Code Section 13-180:**

*Accumulation of trash or debris on premises is prohibited.*



*Trash and debris on property is unsightly, attracts rodents and can create unsanitary conditions. These things detract from the appearance and quality of our neighborhoods and discourage investment.*

**High Weeds:**  
**Municipal Code Section 13-150A:**

*Grass and weeds in excess of 10 inches is prohibited.*



*Tall grass and weeds are unsightly and can attract vermin. In addition, they detract from the appearance of our neighborhoods.*



To report a code violation  
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# CITY OF NEWPORT NEWS CODES COMPLIANCE



## COMMON CODE VIOLATIONS AROUND COLLEGES AND UNIVERSITIES



Colleges and universities provide many benefits to the localities in which they are located. Occasionally, students' lifestyles conflict with nonstudent residents living near these schools. This document has been prepared to provide guidance on being a good neighbor around colleges and universities. Following are the top 5 housing code infractions found around colleges and universities.

***Inoperative Vehicles:  
Municipal Code Section 13-186:***

*All vehicles must operate and have valid license plates and a valid inspection sticker.*



*Inoperative vehicles are unsightly and clutter our neighborhoods. In addition, they can provide harborage for rodents and illicit activities. Inoperative vehicles blight our neighborhoods and discourage property investment.*

***Outside Storage:  
Municipal Code Section 45-521:***

*Outside storage of equipment and materials in residential neighborhoods is prohibited.*



*Excessive outside storage in residential neighborhoods is unsightly, attracts rodents and blights our neighborhoods. Eliminating excessive outside storage improves the appearance of properties and neighborhood aesthetics.*

***Overcrowding of Residential  
Occupancies (Use of Land):  
Municipal Code Section 45-502:***

*No land shall be used except for a purpose permitted in the district in which the use is located.*

This section prohibits overcrowding of single-family residential occupancies. Limitations to residential occupancies is based upon the City Zoning Ordinance's definition of family. Per section 45-201, "Family" is defined as "(1) An individual living alone in a dwelling unit; or (2) Any of the following groups of persons living together: a) Two or more persons

related by blood, marriage, adoption or approved foster care. b) A group of not more than three unrelated (excluding servants) persons. c) A group of not more than two adults who need not be related by blood or marriage, and the children of each of the adults.



*This is the interior door in an illegal boarding house. This single-family home was converted to a 7 unit multiple-family residence without the required zoning and building code approvals.*

Overcrowding negatively impacts the residential environment by generating higher levels of usage, more traffic and more trash than what has been planned or is customary for the neighborhood. Overcrowding blights residential communities and discourages property investment.