

Projects that don't require permits include:

- Painting, unless in the Historic or Venetian Theme districts.
- Wallpaper, other wall covering, rugs and carpeting unless it is in an assembly, day care or institutional occupancy.
- Floor and wall tile.
- Kitchen and bathroom cabinet replacements.



Disposing of most "junk" in the City of Venice is a phone call away: 486-2422.

Codes are enforced in response to citizen complaints. To report a code enforcement violation:

• **Telephone:** (941) 486-2626, Ext. 22007 or Ext. 22010.

• **Mail:** City of Venice Code Enforcement, 401 W. Venice Ave., Venice, FL 34285.

• **E-mail:**
jpatek@ci.venice.fl.us
Or:
pstuehler@ci.venice.fl.us.

**To read the city's code of ordinances, go to:
www.venicegov.com,
click on Business,
then code of ordinances.**

This brochure provides general information concerning code enforcement and is not intended to address all details covered by city ordinances.

What is Code Enforcement?



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What is code enforcement and why do we have it in Venice?

When people live together in an urban setting, they have the opportunity to determine how to best maintain property in order to ensure public health standards, low crime rates, maximized property values, and neighborhoods that are pleasant to live in.

Local and state governments have a code of ordinances that sets the rules for everyone to live by in order to meet community expectations. These laws are enforced by code enforcement inspectors.

The following are among items that constitute a violation of City of Venice code of ordinances:

- **Overgrown vegetation:** Grass and weeds should not be allowed to grow more than 12 inches. Trees shrubs and vines should be maintained.

- **Yard waste:** All clippings and waste from lawns must be placed in trash cans, plastic bags, or tied in bundles weighing less than 40 pounds. Recycling containers should be stored in a garage, storage shed or other indoor area. The only outdoor area where they are permitted is in the side or rear yard. The city collects yard waste placed on the curb one day a week. For large amounts, make an appointment for collection by calling 486-2422.

- **Old appliances and electronics:** To dispose of these, contact the Public Works Department at 486-2422 for an appointment. They will be collected from the curb in front of the house on the specified day.



- **Unlicensed inoperative vehicles:** All vehicles parked outside a home must be operable and have a current license tag. Otherwise, they must be in a completely enclosed structure, such as a garage or shed.

- **Boats and Recreational Vehicles:** Recreational vehicles such as boats, trailers, campers, motor homes, private motor coaches

and van conversions may be parked or stored only upon designated parking or drive areas and in no event may they be parked or stored upon a required landscape or buffer area. No parcel shall contain more than one boat and one recreational vehicle stored outside of a completely enclosed building, and no vehicle shall be used for living, sleeping, housekeeping or business purposes. No recreational vehicle or equipment shall be connected to utility services except in preparation for departure.

- **Commercial vehicles:** Vehicles weighing more than 6,000 pounds when empty may not be parked, serviced, repaired or stored in residential areas. Examples are buses, tractor-trailers, wreckers, tow trucks, and flatbed trucks.

- **Signs:** Signs may not be placed in the public right-of-way, medians, or attached to utility poles, trees, shrubs and plants. Garage sale signs may be displayed between 8 a.m. - 7 p.m. for no more than two consecutive days.

Indiscriminate erection of signs detracts from the natural scenic beauty of the city and, in turn, affects the economic well-being of the citizenry. Signs on private property require a permit. Contact Planning and Zoning Department by calling 486-2626, ext. 28004.



- **House numbers:** Address numbers must be at least 3 inches tall on mailboxes and at least 5 inches tall on the house. They are required to facilitate emergency response by fire and police departments.

- **Building permits:** A permit is required before a structure may be built, altered or demolished.

A building inspector will make sure various facets of the construction are done correctly and the building is safe to occupy.

The following construction, alterations or replacements are examples of projects that will require a permit:

- Altering the size or occupancy of a building.

- Altering exterior walls, construction of utility sheds, and repair of damage caused by fires.

- Enclosing carports, porches, or screen rooms for any purpose.

- Creating a raised deck, attached or detached, with or without a roof.

- Addition of columns, beams, joists, rafters, other structural component, walls, floors or roof sheathing.

- Addition or alteration of interior or exterior stairs and guard rails.

- Addition or alteration of electrical, plumbing or parts of an air-conditioning system.

- Addition, alterations or replacements of interior load-bearing and nonload-bearing walls.

- Addition of all types of hurricane shutters and an electric permit for power operated units.

- New roof

- Fences, walls and privacy walls.

- Docks, boat lifts, seawalls or bulkhead installation and repair.