

City Ordinances of Interest

The following ordinances are paraphrased from the Code of Ordinances and the Unified Development Code: City of Baton Rouge Parish of East Baton Rouge, Louisiana.

While the wording of these ordinances may be negative in tone, collectively they provide a very positive standard of comfort and community integrity.

A1 Single Family Residential Zoning

- The homes in the Greater Oak Hills Civic Association area are zoned A-1 Single Family Residential. The City-Parish A-1 zoning restrictions prohibit more than two unrelated persons from residing in a single family home. If the owner resides on the premises, a total of four unrelated persons may reside in the home.
See Unified Development Code, Sec.8.201, Ch2 & 6.7(c).

* Vehicles

- **Parking on Right-of-Way** - No parking, storing or driving motor vehicles or watercraft on or across neutral grounds, right-of-way, sidewalks, strip of land between a property line and street curb, or other public or private property and parking or storing of motor vehicles or watercraft on private property without the consent of the owner of said property. **(No for sale vehicles parked at entrances)** *Sec. 11:289*
- **Street Parking** – No person shall park a vehicle in a roadway other than parallel with the edge of the roadway headed in the direction of lawful traffic movement and with passenger-side wheels of the vehicle within eighteen inches of the curb or edge of the roadway. **For safety reasons, residents are encouraged to park in their driveways, using the roads for temporary parking only.** *Sec. 11:418*
- **Abandoned, Inoperative Vehicles** – Abandoned, inoperative motore vehicles on private property constitute a public nuisance because they tend to reduce property values, create a hazard to the health and safety of minors, create fire hazards, harbor rodents and insects, etc. *Sec. 12:500*
- **Riding on Sidewalks** – It is unlawful for any person to ride or drive any vehicle whatever, except baby carriages and children’s tricycles, on the sidewalks. For safety reasons, bikes should be ridden on the right side of the road in the same direction as traffic; walkers and runners should face traffic on the left side of the road. *Sec. 2:150*

* Burning Trash

- It is unlawful for any person to start or light fires to burn trash, other than in a proper container which will prevent the spread of any ashes from weeds or fields. *Sec. 5:35*

* Cleanliness Responsibilities

- All owners and occupants shall be held responsible for the cleanliness of their premises. It is unlawful to sweep paper, trash, litter, dirt or other material into the streets, sidewalks or other public ways adjacent to their house. *Sec. 8A:105*

* Animals

- Owners or possessors of any animal shall be held responsible and liable for any and all actions taken by said animal. All dogs and cats shall be kept at all times from running at large. All dogs and cat must be registered/vaccinated annually by a DVM. Should your pet become a nuisance, you may be fined. Example: excessive noise, turning over garbage, soiling or defecating on property other than the owner's. *Sec. 14:201, Sec. 14:204*

Noise

- No person shall make or cause to be made any loud and raucous noise in the parish which is offensive to persons of ordinary sensibilities and which renders the enjoyment of life or property uncomfortable or interferes with public peace and comfort. A few examples of this include:
 - (1) The use of any abusive, indecent, profane, or vulgar language in a public place, when the language by its very utterance tends to incite an immediate breach of the peace.
 - (2) The playing of any radio, phonograph, tape, compact disc, musical instrument or any other machine or device capable of producing or reproducing sound, from a stationary location in such a manner, or with such volume as to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any dwelling, apartment, hotel, or other type of residence or in any public place.
 - (3) The playing of any radio, phonograph, tape, compact disc, musical instrument or any other machine or device capable of producing or reproducing sound, from a vehicle in such a manner, or with such volume, as to disturb the peace, quiet, comfort, or repose of persons in any dwelling, apartment, hotel, or other type of residence; of persons in any other vehicle; or of persons in any public place.
 - (4) The sounding of any horn or signal device on any automobile, motorcycle, bus, streetcar, or other vehicle, except as a danger signal, as required by state law. *Sec. 12:100, 12:101*

* Copied from the Greater Oak Hills Civic Association Neighborhood Directory, 2004-2005

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- Unified Development Code: <http://www.brgov.com/dept/planning/udcodeonline.asp>
- Code of Ordinances: <http://www.municode.com/Resources/gateway.asp?pid=10107&sid=18>