

# Did You Know?

## Tucson City Code 25

### **Graffiti prohibited, abatement procedures, penalty**

No person who owns or is in control of any real property within the City of Tucson shall maintain, permit or allow graffiti to remain on any building, fence, structure or otherwise on such property where the graffiti is visible from the street or other public or private property.

### **Accumulation of vegetation prohibited**

Each owner, lessee, tenant, resident or occupant shall maintain a property so it is free of the accumulation or untended growth of vegetation. The accumulation or untended growth of vegetation means the presence of plants on property that create a fire, safety or health hazard, or that attract vermin either on the property, on neighboring properties, or on both, and includes but is not limited to:

1. Any lawn grass that exceeds six (6) inches in height.
2. All weeds that exceed ten (10) inches in height.
3. Dead plants or dead parts of plants of any kind.

#### B. Accumulation of refuse prohibited

Each owner, lessee, tenant, resident or occupant shall maintain a property so it is free of accumulated refuse. Accumulated refuse means contained or uncontained refuse that is present on the property in a manner not authorized by the Tucson Code for more than twenty-four (24) hours. Material recycling facilities meeting the requirements of section 15-24.7 are exempt from this prohibition.

### **Junked Motor Vehicles.**

#### A. Prohibited Storage

- (1) No person owning or having custody of any junked motor vehicle may

store such vehicle on private property within the City, except as otherwise permitted under this section;

(2) No person owning or occupying any private property within the City may store any junked motor vehicle on the owned or occupied property, except as otherwise permitted under this section;

#### B. Permitted Storage

This section shall not apply to any junked motor vehicle stored on private property if the vehicle:

1. Is on the premises of a business enterprise operated in a lawful place and manner and licensed by the City under chapter 19 of the Tucson Code, and the storage of the vehicle is necessary to the operation of the business enterprise; or;

2. Is lawfully enclosed within:

(a) an enclosed garage or other permanent building lawfully constructed of opaque materials without openings, holes or gaps other than doors and windows;

(b) a carport, if an opaque car cover completely covers the body of the vehicle; or

(c) any fence, wall or barrier, not less than five (5) feet in height, constructed of opaque materials without openings, holes or gaps other than gates or doors, completely enclosing the vehicle, and equipped with self-latching gates or doors.

#### C. Persons Responsible

Whenever the City finds that any junked motor vehicle is stored on private property in violation of this section, the persons responsible for the violation include the recorded owner or occupant of the private property, as well as the registered owner or custodian of the vehicle.