

City of Farmers Branch

Code Enforcement Violation Priorities

The table below offers a list of common violations and their priority ranking for abatement as established by the Code Enforcement Division. Please be advised that the priorities of the Code Enforcement Division are subject to change at any time based on a variety of factors.

For example:

- A broken air conditioner is a high-priority concern during the summer months but a low-priority concern during winter months.
- A missing fence panel is a high-priority concern at a vacant and unsecure property but a very-high priority at a vacant property with a pool.

Priority	Violation Categories	Explanation	Example(s)
Very High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Dangerous Structures • View Obstructions 	Imminent Health and Safety Hazards	The roof of a building is about to collapse.
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Junk Vehicles • Pools 	Attractive Nuisances	A child wants to swim in an unattended pool.
High	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Vacant and Unsecure Buildings • Stagnant Water • Indoor Pest Control • Dangerous Grass and Weeds • Plumbing, Gas and Electricity • Smoke and CO₂ Detectors • Work without Permits 	Enhanced Health and Safety Hazards	A vacant building has been broken into by a vagrant who is starting fires inside to keep warm.
Medium	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Trash and Debris • Grass and Weeds • Inoperable Vehicles • Some Minimum Bldg Standards • Outdoor Pest Control • Heating and Cooling • Building Numbers 	General Health and Safety Hazards	<p>An elderly resident is in a hot home with a malfunctioning air conditioner.</p> <p>Tall grass and weeds attract rodents and snakes.</p>
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Minimum Bldg Standards • Some Outside Storage • Graffiti 	Low Health and Safety Hazards	Paint is missing on the outside of a building.
Low	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Some Outside Storage • Parking on Unimproved Surfaces • Cart Storage • On-Demand Container Storage 	Aesthetic Issues	A resident leaves their trash cart at the curb for several days.