



# The Kenwood Oaks Neighborhood Association

Springfield, Virginia 22152

## “Community Guidelines Checklist”

*(Designed to enhance “curb appeal” and sustain home values.)*

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1. Tree limbs, leaves, bushes, hedges, and other vegetation should be properly trimmed and maintained and not permitted to overhang or obstruct sidewalks where it might interfere with normal pedestrian traffic.
  2. Grass, weeds, and other vegetation should not be allowed to grow too high (including along a fence row or up against the house) and cuttings should be placed in plastic bags and placed on the curb for pick up.
  3. Garbage receptacles should be placed in the rear or side yard up against the house, or inside the garage when not at the curb ready for pick up.
  4. Residents should be considerate of their neighbors at all times regarding the volume of noise from music, visitors, power equipment, cars, pets, *etc.* Avoid offensive, loud late-night parties, or disruptive activity in any home, patio, deck, or common area that might be an annoyance to neighbors.
  5. Fairfax County and Virginia state guidelines should be closely followed regarding the number of people permitted to reside in one home.
  6. Sidewalks and drive ways should be regularly edged, swept, and kept clean and clear of trash, debris, vegetation, and other unsightly materials.
  7. Peeling paint on house trim, windows, a garage door, or an asphalt or concrete driveway in disrepair, or wood fences and decks in need of repair, washing or staining should all be corrected and reconditioned.
  8. Trash, debris, sports gear, appliances, equipment, ladders, tools, junk, containers, and other extraneous materials should be picked up and properly disposed of and/or stored internally out of sight as applicable.<sup>1</sup>
  9. Parking of trucks, boats, trailers, campers, mobile homes, work vans, commercial vehicles, and/or inoperable or unlicensed vehicles should not be allowed on residential streets or grass areas *per* Fairfax County and Virginia state guidelines.<sup>2</sup> Park only adjacent to your home property.
  10. Those individuals with dogs should pick up after them when walking in the neighborhood.<sup>3</sup> Additionally, all animals should be properly registered, tagged, and immunized according to Fairfax County regulations.

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<sup>1</sup> Material storage is an important safety and health issue, as failure to eliminate these items encourages vermin, snakes, insects, rats, squirrels, *etc.* to find a home to breed. Moreover, these materials left unattended may also allow small children to explore unsafe and unhealthy environs.

<sup>2</sup> *Fairfax County Ordinance, Section 82-5-7. Parking commercial vehicles in residential districts.*

<sup>3</sup> Residents should be aware of the Fairfax Code on animal control, which states clearly in Article III, Chapter 6, and Section 6-61(b): “*It shall be unlawful for the owner of any dog to fail to remove immediately the dog’s excrement from a public right-of-way or from any property other than the dog owner’s property*”. (Code 1978, §4-8, 4-12; Ordinance. No. 2004-18, 7-27-2004.)