

## Notes and references about neighborhood issues – July 2023

The following neighborhood issues relate to the Code of Ordinances of the City of Baton Rouge, Louisiana and East Baton Rouge Parish, Louisiana. The underlined text below has hyperlinks to the online copies of the ordinances and other references.

### **TITLE 11 – TRAFFIC CODE**

#### **CHAPTER 28 – PARKING**

Sec. 11:441. - [Time limitation on parking on any street](#)

“No person shall permit his vehicle, either as an operator or registered owner, to remain parked on any street for a period of time longer than nine (9) hours of any twenty-four-hour period beginning at 6:00 a.m., of one day to 6:00 a.m., of the next day, and the vehicle can only be so parked if parking is specifically permitted under other provisions of this title.”

### **TITLE 12 – NUISANCES**

#### **Yards not mowed**

##### [CHAPTER 5. - WEEDS](#)

“The owner, or his agent, or other person in control of any lot within a recognized subdivision of this city-parish shall be required to maintain his property in such a manner that grass and weeds do not reach a height of more than twelve (12) inches and allowed to remain in such condition for more than two (2) weeks.”

See [this Red Stick 3-1-1 article](#) about tall grass and weeds, which includes the following advice:

“For more information, please contact the Code Enforcement division at (225) 389-8680, or to otherwise file a complaint related to overgrown grass or weeds on a property, please contact 3-1-1.”

#### **Abandoned cars**

##### [CHAPTER 7. - ABANDONED, INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLES ON PRIVATE PROPERTY](#)

“Abandoned, inoperative vehicle means any vehicle which is incapable of being lawfully moved upon the highways and streets, and includes, but is not limited to, wrecked or dismantled vehicles. Lack of current and/or valid registration, inspection sticker, or license plate alone does not constitute abandoned, inoperative condition. Vehicles which are otherwise in compliance with [La. R.S. 32:1301-32:1310](#) (motor vehicle inspection, etc.) are not considered to be abandoned, inoperative vehicles for purposes of this chapter.”

#### **Homes with tarps on roofs** (example: 1332 Barkley)

##### [CHAPTER 11. - BLIGHT ELIMINATION](#)

“For purposes of this chapter, blight shall be defined as conditions upon or affecting premises, which are hazardous to the health, safety or welfare of the public, and/or **conditions which are detrimental to property values, economic stability, or to the quality of the environment**. Such conditions may include, but are not limited to, the following: the accumulation of junk, trash, garbage, litter, refuse, rubbish, appliances, debris, combustible materials, or junked inoperable vehicles (vehicles which are ten (10) years old or older, in such a state of deterioration that they cannot be profitably restored and which have a fair market value of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or less); illegal dumping; noxious weeds; overgrown vegetation; infestation of insects, vermin or rodents; animals running at large; dilapidated structures; condemned properties; abandoned adjudicated properties; criminal violations; weed liens; zoning violations; alcohol beverage control violations; health code violations; and other conditions which are hazardous to public health, safety or welfare.”

If you are a citizen looking to report a potential instance of blight, please contact 3-1-1.

#### **Abandoned houses**

May be covered by Chapter 11 noted above.