

A MESSAGE FROM THE CITY OF CHELAN

Spring has just arrived! As the days grow longer and the sunlight hours are longer, our residents will be busy playing and working outside. They'll be walking throughout the neighborhoods more often. We'll see more pets outside taking walks with their owners too. The following information is a quick reminder of a few key ordinances that seem to move to the forefront of code enforcement during the spring and summer months.....

City of Chelan Municipal code 8.09.020 is regarding the ABATEMENT of WEEDS.

8.09.020 Definitions.

Unless the context in which they are used otherwise requires, the following definitions shall govern the construction of the terms found in this chapter:

- A. "Abate" means to destroy, remove, correct or terminate.
- B. "Continue" means failure to destroy, remove, correct or terminate.
- C. "Owner" means the person in actual control of real property, or his agent, whether such control is based on legal or equitable title or any other interest entitling the holder to enjoyment, possession or use of the property, and for purposes of liability for payment pursuant to the provisions of this chapter, means the possessor of legal or equitable title.
- D. "Person" means any individual, partnership, corporation, unincorporated association, firm, the state of Washington, or any department, agency or subdivision thereof, or any other entity.
- E. "Weed" includes but is not limited to, any noxious plant which has been determined by the State Noxious Weed Control Board to be injurious to crops, livestock or other property and which is included for purpose of control on Chelan County's noxious weed list; or, thistles, nettles or other plants that are a nuisance, hazard, tend to overgrow or choke out more desirable plants, or cause injury to man, animal or a desired crop, flower, garden plant or lawn cover. (Ord. 887 § 2 (Exh. A (part)), 1990).

8.09.030 Prohibited conditions designated.

The following conditions are prohibited:

- A. Trees, plants, shrubs, or vegetation, or parts thereof, which overhang any sidewalk, street or fire hydrant, or which are growing thereon in such a manner as to obstruct or impair the free and full use of the sidewalk, street or fire hydrant by the public.
- B. Grass, weeds, shrubs, bushes, trees or vegetation growing or which has grown and died which constitute a fire hazard or a menace to public health, safety or welfare.
- C. Debris which is a fire hazard or a menace to public health, safety or welfare. (Ord. 1061 § 6, 1997; Ord. 887 § 2 (Exh. A (part)), 1990).

City of Chelan Municipal Code 10.38.030 is regarding vehicles and vehicle parts

10.38.030 Junk vehicles – Private property – Public nuisance.

- A. No person shall abandon any junk vehicle within the city. Any junk vehicles or parts thereof located on private property within the city are hereby declared to be a public nuisance. The city of Chelan police officer is authorized to perform the junk vehicle inspection and to certify it as a junk vehicle.
- B. This chapter shall not apply to:
 - 1. A vehicle or part thereof that is completely enclosed within a building in a lawful manner, where it is not visible from the street or other public or private property; or

2. A vehicle or part thereof that is stored or parked in a lawful manner on private property in connection with the business of a licensed dismantler or licensed vehicle dealer and is fenced according to RCW [46.80.130](#), as the same exists now or may be hereafter amended. (Ord. 1146 § 2, 1999).

City of Chelan Municipal Code 10.36.280 is regarding parking of trailers/ like vehicles

10.36.280 Parking of trailers prohibited.

A. It is unlawful for any person to park a trailer upon any street, highway, off-street parking facility, or way open to the public within the city, except as in this section provided.

B. For the purpose of this section, the word “trailer” shall include boat trailer, camping trailer, house trailer, utility trailer, or any other vehicle or conveyance designed to be connected to and drawn by a motor vehicle or dray animal.

C. The traffic engineer is authorized to determine and designate by proper signs off-street parking facilities adjacent to public parks, recreational areas, and boat launching sites where recreational trailers may be parked.

D. The authority granted to the Chelan County sheriff by this chapter in respect to the impounding of vehicles shall include any trailer parked in violation of this section. (Ord. 1287 § 6, 2004; Ord. 443 § 25, 1972).

The information provided in this flyer is intended to highlight only a few key areas where the City of Chelan plans to increase enforcement in upcoming months. The increase in enforcement will be City wide.

Each of us as citizens and/or property owners in the City of Chelan owe it to ourselves and our neighbors to maintain our homes and businesses in a manner which has a positive effect on the overall appearance.

The basis of the Code Enforcement program rests upon each of us acting as good neighbors. We all have property rights that protect us; however the term “property rights” also implies that a property owner has certain responsibilities.

We encourage you to read the full text within the chapters listed above. These codes are available on the City of Chelan website cityofchelan.com

Working together, we can all have a clean and pleasant environment to enjoy this spring and summer! Thanks for your Cooperation

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