

Parkwood Terrace Improvement Association (P.T.I.A.)

BAKER and EBR PARISH ORDINANCES AT A GLANCE

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City of Baker Ordinance

Article II. Domesticated Animals

Sec. 4-52. – Registration

"CHAPTER 4 (CITY OF BAKER CODE OF ORDINANCES) REQUIRES ALL DOGS, CATS AND FERRETS TO BE:

Vaccinated against rabies by a LICENSED VETERINARIAN at three (3) months of age initially, revaccinated one (1) year later and vaccinated either annually or triennially thereafter.

Registered with Animal Control Center on an annual basis.

Tagged with the rabies license tag on a collar or harness with the current registration tag. Exception: Ferrets shall be exempt from wearing tags.

Prevented from running at large and/or causing a nuisance.

For your convenience, your veterinarian collects the registration fees. These fees fund the Animal Control Center's public health and safety function by administering the rabies program, investigating cruelty, dog-fighting and dangerous animal cases and conducting animal rescues, stray animal, leash law and nuisance animal investigations involving domestic, exotic, wildlife, and livestock animals.

VIOLATION: FINES UP TO FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS (\$500.00) AND/OR SIX (6) MONTHS IMPRISONMENT UPON CONVICTION."

Sec. 4-54. - Minimum requirements for pens and yards

Minimum requirements for dog and cat yards:(1)

(b) It shall be unlawful for any person keeping or harboring animals to fail to keep the premises or dog or cat yard where such animals are kept, free from offensive odors to the extent that such odors are disturbing to any person residing within reasonable proximity of said premises.

Sec. 4-55: Owner's Responsibility

(b) Other Provisions

(5) No dog shall cause any excessive noise making or excessive barking. The animal control center will respond to excessive noise making and excessive barking dog complaints.

Sec. 14:204. - Owner's responsibility.

Threats to public health and safety. The owner or possessor of any dog shall be held responsible and liable for any and all actions taken by said dog, etc.

Confining his dog in such a manner so as to prevent escape. All dogs shall be kept, at all times, from running at large.

Preventing his dog, while at large, from threatening, attacking, biting, mauling, or disfiguring any person or animal conducting himself lawfully.

Situations that cause the animal control and rescue center or another law enforcement agency to resort to using drastic measures to seize and impound a dog that is an imminent threat to public health and safety or to the safety of another animal whether at large on or off the owner's property. An owner who displays an interest in reclaiming said dog may have his dog classified as potentially dangerous, dangerous or vicious, as the case may be, and the owner shall have to abide by [section 14:208](#). Any other applicable fees or fines shall also apply.

Situations where his dog, unprovoked, constitutes a serious and imminent threat to a person conducting himself lawfully, and said dog is not at large, but is inadequately confined to an owner's property while the owner is not present, and that has previously escaped or has the propensity and capacity to effect an escape from said property and cause grievous bodily harm.

Baton Rouge, East Baton Rouge Parish

[Sec. 14:110.](#) - Definitions.

For the purpose of this title, the following definitions, terms, phrases, words and derivations shall have the following meaning herein, unless it shall be apparent from the context that a different meaning is intended:

Nuisance: Damaging, soiling, defiling or defecating on property other than its owner's, or on public sidewalks, excessive noise making, excessive odor, excessive barking, molesting, threatening, attacking or interfering with persons on public or private property, chasing automobiles or other means of conveyance, attacking other animals and disturbing or turning over garbage containers or running at large or interfering with another person's enjoyment of his property is hereby declared a nuisance. However, no community cat shall be declared a nuisance for running at large.

To read this section in its entirety refer to **Title 14: ANIMALS** in the City of Baker Code of Ordinances or the Animal Control & Rescue Center website at www.brla.gov

Animal Control contact: (225) 774-7700

City of Baker Ordinance. Sec. 10-31. - Noises interfering with enjoyment of property or public peace and comfort prohibited.

No person shall make or cause to be made any loud and raucous noise in the city which is offensive to persons of ordinary sensibilities, and which renders the enjoyment of life or property uncomfortable or interferes with public peace and comfort.

PARKING

- ****Overnight Parking on Streets – EBR Parish Ordinance**
Vehicles are prohibited from permanently parking on the street.
Visitors may park for several hours.
- ****Cars Parked Across Sidewalks – EBR Parish Ordinance**
 - **** Parking on Neutral Ground, Sidewalks, etc.**
Sec. 11:437. (c) Violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and imprisonment in the parish prison for not more than thirty (30) days.
- **Parking on the Street - Parish Ordinance**: Vehicles are prohibited from permanently parking on the street. Visitors may park for several hours.

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. Violation of the provisions of this section shall constitute a misdemeanor and shall be **punishable by a fine of not more than fifty dollars (\$50.00) and imprisonment in the parish prison for not more than thirty (30) days.**

- **Sec. 11:428. - Parking of wreckers, buses, trucks and semitrailers prohibited.**
No person shall stop, stand or park or, as registered owner, permit the following described vehicles to be stopped, standing or parked upon or adjacent to any lot in the A1, A2, A2.5, A3 and A4 districts or upon the drive or in a yard between the residence and the street in recognized subdivisions: Wreckers; Buses for hire (excluding school buses used primarily for transporting children); and **Trucks or semi-trailers with more than two (2) axles, etc.**

IMPEDING DRAINAGE | GRASS CLIPPINGS, ETC.

- ****Sec. 21-1. - Impeding drainage on streets; obstruction of gutters, ditches, and drains.**
 - (a) **No person shall impede or obstruct the passage or flow of water over or on any street, gutter, ditch or drain, or on any property,** whether owned by the City of Baker, the Parish of East Baton Rouge, or on any servitude or right-of-way of whatever nature under the possession or control of the city the parish. Nor shall any person construct a driveway ramp within any public street or right-of-way, which obstructs the flow of water or allows or causes any material to remain in any public street, gutter, ditch or drain adjacent to the property served by such ramp or crossing; the term material as used in this section shall include, but not limited to be leaves, branches, mud, sand, gravel, or any other debris of any nature whatsoever.
 - (b) Any person who violates any provision of this section shall:
 - (1) For a first occurrence receive a written warning from a City of Baker Code Inspector;
 - (2) For a second occurrence, be fined \$50.00; and
 - (3) For a third and subsequent occurrence, be fined \$100.00.
- **Grass Clippings in Sewer Drains – EBR Parish Ordinance**
Sec. 12:401. Any persons violating this section shall be fined one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for each occurrence.

GARBAGE CONTAINERS

Neutral ground shall mean that area between the property line and the curb or ditch.

- **Sec. 6:384. - Removal of containers from neutral ground.**
It shall be unlawful for any person to permit any garbage container, required by [section 6:381](#)(a)(1), to remain on the neutral ground in front of, or on the side of, their premises or place of business, **from 6:00 p.m. Saturdays to 6:00 p.m. Sundays.**

Whoever violates the provisions of this section shall pay a penalty of one hundred twenty-five dollars (\$125.00) for a first violation; a penalty of two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for a second violation within a two-year period; and a penalty of five hundred dollars (\$500.00) for a third and any subsequent violations within a two-year period.

Sec. 6:404. - Owners' and occupants' responsibility to keep premises clean.

All owners and occupants of any building, house, structure or grounds shall be held responsible for the cleanliness of their premises and of alleys and neutral grounds immediately adjacent to their premises and all business owners and managers of stores, restaurants, markets, or stands, shall be responsible for keeping sidewalks in front of the building occupied by them in a clean condition. It is hereby declared unlawful to sweep paper, trash, litter, dirt, or other material into the streets, sidewalks, or other public ways adjacent to such stores, restaurants, etc.

Sec. 6:445. - Litter on vacant lots.

No person shall throw or deposit litter on any open or vacant private property within the city-parish whether owned by such person or not.

(City Code 1951, Title 6, § 445; Parish Code 1962, Title 6, § 445)

Sec. 6:448. - Dumping.

No person shall dump on any public property or on any privately owned lands within the city or parish any litter, dirt, building material or other material, except for the purpose of grading or otherwise improving a building site or a site where a house or other habitable building already exists, without first having obtained a permit for such operations from the director of public works.

(Ord. No. 9340, § 4, 9-25-91; Ord. No. 10582, § 1, 2-28-96)

Sec. 6:449. - Penalty.

Whoever violates the provisions of this part, except as otherwise provided, shall be punished in accordance with the following:

- (1) Any person violating the provisions of this part shall be fined not less than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00), or shall be ordered to pick up trash or refuse for a period of not less than sixteen (16) nor more than forty (40) hours, or both, upon a first conviction.
- (2) For a second conviction, such person shall be fined not less than five hundred dollars (\$500.00) nor more than seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00), or shall be ordered to pick up trash or refuse for a period of not less than forty (40) nor more than one hundred twenty (120) hours, or both.
- (3) For a third or subsequent conviction, such persons shall be fined not less than seven hundred and fifty dollars (\$750.00) nor more than one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00), and shall be ordered to pick up trash or refuse for a period of not less than one hundred twenty (120) nor more than two hundred (200) hours.

(City Code 1951, Title 6, § 448; Parish Code 1962, Title 6, § 448; Ord. No. 9340, § 6, 9-25-91; Ord. No. 18376, § 1, 12-8-21)

Sec. 6:395. - Civil penalties. (City)

- (a) Environmental specialists and building inspectors, upon evidence establishing more probably than not **the identity of the person who has dumped and/or collected or the property owner who has allowed the dumping and/or the collection of garbage or trash, as defined in section 6:375, or building/construction materials, litter, refuse, rubbish, appliances, junk vehicles, limbs, trees or other discarded materials or debris**, which create a nuisance as prohibited by section 6:387, shall send notice personally or by certified mail that the person shall begin to make efforts to **clean up such nuisance within ten (10) days of receipt of the letter or service**, and steadily and without delay continue such cleanup efforts under the monitoring of the environmental or inspection division of the department of public works. Ownership of the property shall be determined by the last address of record in the most recent parish assessment roll. If no effort is made to begin cleanup within the specified time period and the certified letter has been received or the party has been served, or if the **certified letter is refused, suit allowing injunctive relief shall be filed requiring cleanup and authorizing fines of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00)** a day in which no efforts are made toward cleanup without an excuse acceptable to the environmental or inspection division. If the certified letter is not received due to reasons other than refusal, or if service is not achieved after due and diligent efforts have been made, then an attorney at law shall be appointed to represent the party as curator. Additionally, where the property owner is a minor or an interdict, a curator shall be appointed.
- (b) Where immediate action is required to avoid a threat to public health the department of public works shall have the authority to enter upon the property and cause the necessary work to be done to effect compliance with the provisions of this part after twenty-four (24) hours notice has been served upon the owner of the property or his agent, or upon the occupant of the property, if any, or upon the curator, if any. The city-parish shall have a lien and privilege on the property and any improvements thereon for the cost of remedying the violation. The privilege and lien shall be preserved and enforced only after the owner has failed to reimburse the city-parish within thirty (30) days after notification by the city-parish to pay the costs incurred. The thirty (30) days shall run from the date of mailing of the notification. In order to preserve the lien and privilege it shall be the duty of the mayor-president to prepare and sign a sworn statement of facts, giving the description of the property and an approximation of the cost of the remedial measures implemented. This statement shall be filed and recorded in the mortgage office of the parish in which the property is located and the city-parish shall be entitled to recover the amount of this expense, together with all costs of court and legal interest from the date of recordation of the lien, by ordinary process in the district court having jurisdiction of the property. Additionally, where it is necessary for the city-parish to appoint an attorney as curator as hereinabove provided, the attorney shall be paid a scheduled fee to be taxed as costs.

To report any Illegal Dumping or Spills Contact 225-775-6000
To report any Drainage Problems and Ditch Maintenance Contact 225-775-5584.

BRANCHES OR ROOTS OF TREES, ETC.

2011 Louisiana Laws

Universal Citation: [LA Civ Code 688](#)

Art. 688. Branches or roots of trees, bushes, or plants on neighboring property.

A landowner has the right to demand that the branches or roots of a neighbor's trees, bushes, or plants, that extend over or into his property be trimmed at the expense of the neighbor.

A landowner does not have this right if the roots or branches do not interfere with the enjoyment of his property.

Acts 1977, No. 514, §1.

CHAPTER 3. - SIDEWALKS

• PART I. - OBSTRUCTING SIDEWALKS

Sec. 2:150. - Riding on sidewalks. (Parish)

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to ride or drive horses, carts, carriages or any vehicle whatsoever, except baby carriages and children's tricycles, on any sidewalks of the city and parish.

(b) Any person violating the provisions of this section shall be fined in a sum not exceeding twenty-five dollars (\$25.00) or imprisoned for not more than twenty (20) days, or both, at the discretion of the judge.

(City Code 1951, Title 2, §§ 150, 151; Ord. No. 9156, § 1, 10-10-90)

• Sec. 2:151. - Dangerous trees. (Parish)

It shall be the duty of the director of public works to give ten (10) days' notice to all owners of property having trees on the sidewalks abutting their property which shall have been condemned as a nuisance or as being dangerous to cut down and remove same. Upon the refusal or neglect of such owners to comply with such notice, the director shall cause such trees to be cut down at the expense of the owner.

(City Code 1951, Title 2, § 152; Ord. No. 9156, § 1, 10-10-90)

• Sec. 2:171. - Duty of owners.

It shall be the duty of all owners of lots fronting on streets having paved sidewalks to:

(1) Pave, repair and keep in repair, the sidewalks in front of their said lots by removing all uneven and broken sections and replacing them with such materials as will level the surface and make it uniform;

(2) Provide sufficient drainage over or under the sidewalks to prevent the accumulation or standing of water on or near the sidewalks;

(3) Prevent the growth or accumulation of weeds, grass, dirt or other nuisance on the sidewalks, or the neutral grounds adjacent thereto.

(City Code 1951, Title 2, § 171; Parish Code 1962, Title 2, § 171)

- **Sec. 2:172. - Penalties.**

Any person who violates the provisions of this part shall be fined not more than one hundred dollars (\$100.00) or imprisoned for not more than twenty (20) days, or both, at the discretion of the court and each day on which a violation occurs or continues shall be considered a separate offense.

(City Code 1951, Title 2, § 172; Parish Code 1962, Title 2, § 172)

Parish Attorney

Code Enforcement Obstruction of Sidewalks, Signs, etc.

Owners of any property within the City are responsible for pruning tree branches so that they do not obstruct the view of any street or alley intersection. To report obstructions of sidewalks, signs and other items caused by overhanging trees or to report dead, diseased or dangerous trees, please call 311.

City of Baker Municode Library

Sec. 5-316. - Signs permitted in residential zones.

Political signs. Political signs are allowed within residential zones provided they conform to the following regulations and requirements;

Political signs shall not be illuminated.

One sign is permitted per street frontage.

Signs shall not exceed nine square feet in sign area.

Signs shall not be erected more than 90 days prior to an election and shall be removed within ten days following the election. Upon the failure to timely remove such signs, the city may thereafter remove and dispose of any remaining signs.

No political sign shall be erected or displayed in any public right-of-way.

RS 48:347

§347. Removal of obstacles or hazards from highway or vicinity; campaign signs

A. The department may apply to the court for any process necessary to prevent the installation of any structure, sign, obstacle, object, deposit, or thing within the limits of a highway contrary to this Chapter or any lawful regulation issued hereunder.

B. Whenever any advertising **sign located within fifty feet of the outer edge of the right of way constitutes a dangerous hazard to the traveling public**, the department may, after due notice to the owner thereof to remove it, apply to the district court of the parish in which the sign is located for the process necessary to effect the removal of the sign.

C. Whenever any of the things described in Subsection A of this Section are found to exist within the limits of a highway, the department may summarily remove and dispose of it at the expense of the person responsible therefor. If it retains apparent value, the owner shall be notified, orally or in writing, to remove it within five days or such other period as may be agreed upon. If the owner be unknown or cannot be found, a written notice shall be affixed to the object setting forth that it must be removed within a period not less than five days from the date specified. Failure to remove within the specified period operates as a forfeiture of all rights thereto and the department may remove the object for its own use, or dispose of it at private or public sale, or destroy it, or dispose of it in any manner. The owner and any other person responsible therefore remains liable for any damage to public property or expenditure of highways funds resulting from the installation or removal of such things.

D. Notwithstanding any other provision of law to the contrary, **political campaign signs shall not be erected, displayed, or posted within any highway right-of-way or litter-free zone**, subject to the provisions and penalties of R.S. 30:2531 and R.S. 30:2544, and the collection and distribution of fines as provided in R.S. 30:2532.

Amended by Acts 1954, No. 126, §1; Acts 1984, No. 225, §1; Acts 1989, No. 768, §4; Acts 1998, 1st Ex. Sess., No. 148, §6.

CHAPTER 7. - DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED, INOPERATIVE MOTOR VEHICLES ON PUBLIC PROPERTY

Sec. 2:350. - Definitions.

The following definitions apply in the interpretation and enforcement of this chapter:

(1)**Inoperative** means incapable of being lawfully moved upon the highways and streets, and includes, but is not limited to, vehicles which are not currently and validly registered for operation or use on the highways and streets. All such vehicles are declared to be inoperative.

(2)**Abandoned** means a vehicle left unattended and inoperative for a period of forty-eight (48) hours.

(3)**Enforcing agency** means the chief of police, sheriff, director of Aviation, or director of public works, as well as their duly authorized agents.

(4)**Vehicle** shall mean every device by which persons or things may be transported upon a public highway or bridge, except devices moved by human power or used exclusively upon stationary rails or tracks.

Sec. 2:351. - Removal of abandoned, inoperative motor vehicles.

(a)The enforcing agency shall be responsible for the administration of this chapter and may remove or cause to be removed from the streets and public property of the city-parish all abandoned inoperative motor vehicles in accordance with the provisions of this chapter.

(b)The enforcing agency may remove or cause to be removed the abandoned inoperative vehicle and is hereby authorized to convey same to a wrecker service approved.

(c)Wrecker services provided under the authority of this section shall be licensed, bonded and registered with the city-parish government and shall not charge fees in excess of the approved fee schedule as adopted and in force in the city-parish.

(d)All abandoned inoperative motor vehicles removed from the streets or public ways in accordance with this section shall be subject to towing and service fees as set forth by law, which charge shall be due by the owner of or any person claiming an interest in the abandoned inoperative motor vehicle.

(Ord. No. 10717, § 1, 9-25-96; Ord. No. 15308, § 1, 5-9-12)

Sec. 2:352. - Record of sales of abandoned, inoperative motor vehicles.

The enforcing agency shall keep a complete record of all abandoned inoperative motor vehicles removed from streets and public ways with details as to the date of removal, location from which removed, name and address of the approved wrecker service to whom the inoperative junked motor vehicle was conveyed.

(Ord. No. 10717, § 1, 9-25-96; Ord. No. 15308, § 1, 5-9-12)

Sec. 2:354. - Penalty for violation.

Any abandoned, inoperative vehicle as herein defined shall constitute a misdemeanor and the violator shall be subject to the issuance of a misdemeanor summons. The penalty shall be a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500.00) or six (6) months imprisonment or both for each violation.

(Ord. No. 10717, § 1, 9-25-96; Ord. No. 15308, § 1, 5-9-12)

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