



My Property Our Community

New Property Ordinances Effective July 1, 2021

Take Action

Look over your property(ies) - are they in compliance with the new ordinances?

Show you are **HOMETOWN PROUD** by making sure they are cleaned and fixed up!

If you have any questions or concerns please contact the Jennings County Area Plan office at 812-352-3005.

Violation Level A (low)

Fine \$100-\$1,500

Extreme overgrowth of vegetation



Trash, litter, or debris



Inoperable/unlicensed vehicles



Violation Level B (medium)

Fine \$100-\$1,500

Large discarded equipment/litter



Extreme uncontrolled vegetation



Unsafe exterior deterioration or decay



Unhealthy living conditions



Violation Level C (high)

Fine \$100-\$1,500

Condemnable and/or uninhabitable



Extreme deterioration and structurally unsafe



Extreme health hazard



Fire damage over 60 days





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Enhancing our Community's Appeal

Jennings County, the City of North Vernon, and the Town of Vernon encourage all Jennings County property owners and residents to be **HOMETOWN PROUD** and to do your part in making our community look its best!

Ordinance changes were created through years of dedicated work by the Area Plan Commission, numerous conversations with residents and experts, and multiple public input sessions. They were approved and adopted by all municipal entities in Jennings County. Ordinance changes will go into effect beginning July 1, 2021. Ordinances can be accessed online at the Jennings County website under the "Area Planning" page.

The **GOAL** of our work - Make ordinances clear and defined, speed up inefficient processes, and bring laws and ordinances into compliance with current times.

We invite you to be **HOMETOWN PROUD**, keep your property looking nice, and enhance the appeal of Jennings County!

Ordinance Changes

(full details)

Violation Level A (low)
Fine \$100-\$1,500
(Not imposed until court)

Violations that can be remediated quickly and by nature are not extremely detrimental to the safety and well-being of the owners, tenants or general public.

Ordinance violations:

- Extreme overgrowth of vegetation
- Trash, litter or debris
- Inoperable / unlicensed vehicles

Violation Level B (medium)
Fine \$100-\$1,500
(Not imposed until court)

Violations that are more serious in nature and place the homeowner, tenant or general public in a safety or health hazard. These violations can be remedied in a 30-60 day period long as the violator is actively working with the APC to resolve the problem.

Ordinance violations:

- Unnecessary Clutter – heap, litter, or strew, in a confused and disorderly manner, any material or objects on property owned, leased, or rented for residential purposes, discarded household appliances, furniture, tires, motor & electric vehicle parts, tools, lawn equipment, construction material, scrap metal, trailers, hauling equipment, machinery, barrels, grills, plastic, and/or Styrofoam
- Missing or boarded up windows and/or doors
- Extreme uncontrolled vegetation in, on, or around the base of the home such as weeds, vines, trees, grass, etc.
- Exterior deterioration or decay such that it leads the property to be unsafe, unhealthy, or impairs the property values. Specifically, gutters that have fallen or are falling off the structure, eaves, soffits, decks, porches, wall or roof coverings that do not provide adequate weather protection or are completely missing
- Unhealthy living conditions including but not limited to mold, vermin, pigeons, feces and other harmful conditions

Violation Level C (high)
Fine \$100-\$1,500
(Not imposed until court)

Violations that are extremely severe to the point that the property is condemnable and/or uninhabitable. These properties are typically, but not always, vacant or abandoned.

Ordinance violations:

- Extreme deterioration such as holes in roof, structurally unsafe
- Extreme health hazard due to rodents, mold, and or sewage
- Fire damage of longer than 60 days