



WATERING DAYS

STAGE I

Even Address:

Sunday, Tuesday, Friday

Odd Address & Businesses:

Monday, Wednesday, Saturday

STAGE II

Even Address:

Tuesday, Friday

Odd Address & Businesses:

Wednesday, Saturday

(No outside irrigation is permitted between the hours of 9:00AM and 6:00PM)

HELPFUL PHONE NUMBERS

Animal Nuisance	935-1525
AT&T	(800)-750-2355
City Council	935-1533
City Hall	935-1533
Chamber of Commerce	935-2948
CHP	935-2093
Coalinga Recorder	935-3434
Coalinga Regional Medical Center	935-6400
Comcast	(800)-986-0750
Court House	457-6398
Dial-a-Ride	935-1533
DMV	(800)-777-0133
Fire Dept.	935-1652
Fresno County Health Services	445-3357
Fresno Housing Authority	443-8400
Graffiti Hotline	935-3282
Greyhound Bus	(800)-231-2222
Library	935-1676
Mosquito Abatement	935-1533
PG&E	(800)743-5000
Poison Control	445-1222
Police Department	935-1525
Sanitation-Mid Valley	934-1229
Social Services	935-2058

HOUSING ISSUES

A housing code violation only makes a building “substandard” within the meaning of the Code when the violation is to such an extent that it endangers the life, limb, health, property, safety, or welfare of the public; or deals with illegal additions, alterations, or work without permits.

If you are renting, please inform your landlord in writing of any problems with rodents or insects.

The following are some examples of LIFE, HEALTH, & SAFETY issues:

ELECTRICAL: Hot, open electrical components; overloaded systems; illegal additions; alterations, or work without permits; hazardous use of extension cords.

PLUMBING: Open waste lines; potable water cross connections; anti-siphon devices; stopped-up waste lines.

MECHANICAL: Non-working heating and air conditioning units, or gas water heaters; improperly installed gas supply systems; improper venting or fuel burning appliances; illegal additions, alterations; working without a permit.

STRUCTURAL: Roof structures sagging or failing; walls leaning and/or deteriorating; beams sagging or failing; deteriorated and/or failing flooring member, floor joist, sub-floor under floor supports, or foundations.

Keep your roof, garage, fence, etc. in good repair and in conformance with City codes.

VACANT PROPERTY REGISTRATION

Coalinga Ordinance Number 741 requires the registration of foreclosed properties in the City of Coalinga that have come within ownership or control of a trustee or beneficiary as a result of the default of the borrower and/or the foreclosure process. The foreclosed property ordinance establishes a vacant foreclosed property registration program as a mechanism to protect neighborhoods from becoming blighted through the lack of adequate maintenance and security of vacant foreclosed properties. The City of Coalinga requires vacant buildings to be registered with the City within 10 days of vacancy. The registration forms can be picked up at City Hall or by downloading from the City website. Forms and fees may be presented in person or by mail to: City of Coalinga Community Development Department, 155 W. Durian Avenue, Coalinga, CA 93210.

CONTACT US

Code Enforcement Division

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Coalinga, CA 93210

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CITY OF COALINGA

The Sunny Side of the Valley

CODE ENFORCEMENT DIVISION

NEIGHBORHOOD GUIDE



City of Coalinga Mission Statement

The Mission of the City of Coalinga is to provide for the preservation of the community character by delivering quality, responsive City services in an efficient and cost-effective manner, and to develop, encourage, and promote a diversified economic base in order to ensure the future financial stability of the City for its citizens.

~Coalinga Code Enforcement



WHAT IS CODE ENFORCEMENT?

Code Enforcement is a special type of law enforcement which regulates land use. The City obtains its authority to regulate land use from the police powers conferred upon it by the California State Constitution which permits cities to make and enforce within its limits all local, police, sanitary, and other ordinances and regulations not in conflict with general laws of the land.

The City of Coalinga Code Enforcement Department is responsible for enforcing Municipal Code regulations on private property throughout the city. The Coalinga Municipal Code regulates parking on private property, zoning, property maintenance, animal control, weed abatement, fire hazards, public nuisances, and other substandard conditions on residential, com-

mercial, and industrial properties.

Enforcement is done in the interest of public health, safety, and the welfare of the community.

WHAT IS A PUBLIC NUISANCE?

Anything which is injurious to health, or is indecent, or offensive to the senses, or an obstruction to the free use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable or safe enjoyment of life or property of the community, or any portion thereof, or neighborhood therein, is a public nuisance.

HOW DO I FILE A COMPLAINT?

Complaints may be filed by calling the Code Enforcement office directly (559) 935-1533 (Monday through Friday, 8:00 am—4:00 pm. Addresses or specific locations are required to file a complaint. You will also need a description of the alleged violation. Complainant information is kept

strictly confidential and is not released outside of the Code Enforcement office.

WHEN IS A CITATION ISSUED?

Citations are used as a tool to gain compliance in difficult code enforcement cases, and in zoning cases where abatement is not possible. Issuing a citation can be a very effective way to bring a case closer to a resolution. “Compliance” means taking action to resolve a situation that violates City Ordinances. Fines continue to accumulate until there is compliance.

FAILURE TO CORRECT A VIOLATION

If a property owner fails to correct a public nuisance as directed, the City may abate the nuisance at the owner’s expense. The City may alternatively cite the property owner or tenant for the violations that exist and for the failure to comply. The City may also request the City

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Attorney’s office to institute legal action in order to obtain an order directing the property owner/tenant to remove the nuisance.



COMMONLY REPORTED VIOLATIONS

ABANDONED BUILDINGS which may attract malicious mischief activity or trespassing should be reported to Code Enforcement.



ANIMALS such as ducks, geese, chickens, pigs, goats, sheep, cattle, mules, and horses are not permitted in residentially zoned districts of the City. Animal neglect, loose/stray dogs, and animal bite complaints should be reported to the Coalinga Police Department Animal Control Division at 935-1525.



FENCES should be kept in good repair. There are rules for building a fence. Backyard and side-yard fences cannot be over 6 feet in height. A front yard fence cannot be over 3 feet in height.

Fences must not block utility meters. You may pick up a Residential Fence Location Detail at City Hall.

HOME BUSINESS

You may not operate a business out of your home for any type of repair, manufacture, process, sale, display; or for trade of goods, materials, or objects. There are rules regulating running a business out of your home. Contact Administrative Services, City Hall, at 935-1533 for more information.

HOUSING STANDARDS

Minimum standards for dwellings are required by the Uniform Housing Code and the California State Health and Safety Code. These standards include such items as requiring adequate heating, plumbing, and electrical systems. If repairs are needed, tenants are encouraged to first work with their landlords to have repairs made. For more information, please refer to the Califor-

nia Tenants Handbook. This handbook can be picked up at City Hall. For questions regarding housing standards, please contact the Building Department at City Hall.



ILLEGAL DUMPING of trash or debris lowers the standards of our neighborhoods. Please report this violation to Code Enforcement at 935-1533. If possible, get a description of the person doing the dumping and vehicle information, including license plate number.

PEDDLERS/SOLICITORS are required to have a City Business License to operate within the City limits. Applications can be obtained from the Coalinga Police Department at 270 N. Sixth Street. If you are approached by someone selling merchandise on City streets or private property, ask to see their City Business License. If one cannot be furnished, please contact the Coalinga Police Department at 935-1525.



NOISE Excessive noise can detract from the quality of life in a neighborhood. It is important that neighbors work together, privately, to solve minor problems. Should the problem continue please contact the Coalinga Police Department.



POOLS Pool fencing is required around all swimming or wading pools and spas. Green pools and spas are a hazard to small children and to the environment. They attract mosquitoes and can breed diseases such as West Nile. The Coalinga Municipal Code requires that all pools and spas be kept clean and clear.

If not, the owner can be cited and the City will drain the pool or spa at the owner's expense. Please contact the City prior to draining a pool.

PUBLIC NUISANCE

Some common code violations related to property maintenance are a failure to remove rubbish and/or junk, which includes garbage, scrap metal or lumber, concrete, asphalt, tin cans, tires, and piles of earth. Also included is failure to maintain yard landscaping such that it can create a fire hazard or provide obstructions to traffic or blight to the neighborhood.



SHOPPING CARTS are provided to customers as a convenience and are intended to take purchases to the parking lot of the store. State and

City codes make it illegal to remove them from the store premises. Removal can result in a fine. Carts left on streets, alleys, or sidewalks are dangerous and a blight in our community.



TIRES It is unlawful to store or dump tires in alleys, creek beds, or on residential and vacant lots. If you see someone dumping tires call the City at (559)935-1533.

The City sponsors several "Tire Amnesty Days" throughout the year where you may dispose of used tires for no fee.

To help solve this problem, please remember to leave your old tires with your dealer.

ACCESSORY STRUCTURES

When constructing accessory structures please be sure to consult with the Building Department for permits and setback requirements.

COMMONLY REPORTED VIOLATIONS—CON'T



TARP AND POLE STRUCTURES are temporary structures that must meet development standards and cannot be kept up longer than 90 days in one calendar year (CMC§9-2.419).

ALLEYS are the property owner's responsibility – from their property line to the middle of the alley. They should be kept clean and clear of debris and weeds.

VACANT LOTS

If you own a vacant lot in the City make sure it is kept free of weeds, trash, and debris all year long. You may be charged for cleanup if the lot is not maintained.



GRAFFITI Property must be kept free of graffiti. Graffiti shall be removed from the property within 72 hours of placement on the property.

STORAGE of items such as metal, lumber, appliances, and furniture in your yard is not allowed. Store unused furniture and appliances in your garage.

TREES on private property are, for the most part, a civil issue. Unless an eminent hazard (dead), City codes do not

allow us to interfere. It is possible to trim ends of branches, etc. that overhang onto your property and are across an imaginary property line. Call the Code Enforcement Division if there is an easement obstruction – low overhead branches. Property owners must keep trees trimmed fourteen (14) feet above surface streets and seven (7) feet above sidewalks. Also, a listing of trees allowed for planting within the City limits can be picked up at City Hall or by visiting our website at www.coalinga.com

YARDS & LANDSCAPING

In order to minimize fire hazard and health risks, and to make the neighborhood more pleasant, Coalinga has laws that require you to remove weeds and trim your lawn. Maintain your lawn and park strip area between the sidewalk and curb in front of your house. Please be advised of the mandatory watering schedule which can be located at City Hall or on our website.



WEEDS The accumulation of tall, dry grass on vacant lots is prohibited. Property owners are required to maintain their lots year round and ensure all weeds that constitute a fire hazard are cleared from their property or that the land is turned with a disc. Keep your weeds

well below four inches all year and avoid getting a Notice of Violation.



YARD/GARAGE SALES No person shall conduct a garage sale unless a permit is first obtained from City Hall. City residents are allowed to have one sale per month, not to exceed four per calendar year. Each sale is limited to three consecutive days. The applicant shall deposit the sum of Twenty Five Dollars (\$25.00) with the City as security to insure compliance with the conditions of the permit. The applicant will be entitled to a refund of the security deposit when the sale is completed, unless the applicant fails to comply with the conditions of the permit. Conditions are explained on the application, which is located at City Hall, or by visiting our website.



TRASH RECEPTACLES Please make sure that all trash receptacles are removed from the streets, alleyways, and out of sight within twenty-four (24) hours after pick-up day.

VEHICLES



VEHICLE PARKING Oversized vehicles (buses, semi-trucks) cannot be stored at residences. Vehicles parked on private residential property must be parked on driveways, in a garage or carport. Vehicles CANNOT be parked on dirt, lawn, or landscaped areas. Vehicles may not be parked on City streets for longer than (72) hours and must have current registration.



INOPERABLE/ABANDONED VEHICLES shall not be visible from the street or side yards. Inoperable vehicles cannot be parked on private property unless fully enclosed within a legal structure, such as a garage, or behind a 6' solid fence. All vehicles must display current vehicle registration and be in a moveable condition with all tires inflated.



RECREATIONAL VEHICLES (including boats, trailers, or motor homes) may be parked or stored on private property as long as: (1) they are enclosed within a legal structure; (2) they are within a side or rear yard with an approved drive approach; (3) they are not used for housing purposes; (4) they are parked on approved surfaces.