

Hi Rental Property Participants,

I know that many of you may not have properties in the University area, but I have been asked to send out a quick message about a current issue - **abandoned furniture being left on rental properties.**

An accumulation of junk on a property can act as an attractant for other negative behavior that effects the quality of life of your residents and other area neighbors. Abandoned furniture left outside can act as an attractant to trespassers who choose to occupy the furniture or build a “camp” around it. It can also cause the area around the furniture to become a “dumping ground” for more garbage and/or other abandoned property. Currently we are seeing some of this in the West University Neighborhood with the departure of area renters (who did not adequately dispose of their property) as they left for the summer, completed their studies at the UO, or just moved out of their lodging location. Leaving this “abandoned property” on your premises can lead to action being taken by the City of Eugene Zoning and Nuisance staff.

The actual city code that pertains to this issue is as follows:

6.800 Junk and Used Vehicle Accumulations.

(1) Except in an I-3 Heavy Industrial District no person shall store or permit to be stored used building supplies, scrap, junk, used furniture, used plumbing supplies or fixtures, used electrical supplies, fixtures or appliances in any manner as to expose it to view from a street or sidewalk adjoining the premises for a period of more than 30 days.

(2) No person shall store or permit to be stored for 48 hours a used motor vehicle or portion thereof without a license plate or with an expired license plate on any private or public property unless the vehicle is placed so as not to be exposed to view from a street or sidewalk adjoining the premises or unless it is stored on the premises of a business enterprise dealing in used vehicles lawfully conducted within the city.

(3) In addition to being a violation, the conditions prohibited by this section are also nuisances and may be abated as provided in this code.

(Section 6.800, formerly 6.500 amended by Ordinance No. 19393, enacted July 28, 1986, effective January 28, 1987; and renumbered by Ordinance No. 19939, enacted November 17, 1993, effective December 17, 1993.)

Thanks,

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