



**Illuminated signs-** Internally illuminated sign means a sign directly lit from an interior light source contained within the sign structure through a transparent or translucent surface. Luminous tube sign means a sign which consists of or is illuminated by exposed electrically charged gas-filled tubing, such as neon or argon signs, or by fiber optics. These types of signs are prohibited.



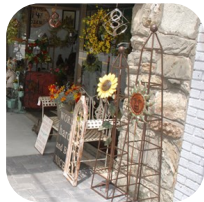
**Menu or A-frame signs-** A-frame or menu board signs displaying the type and price of food and beverages sold in connection with a restaurant or any other goods in connection with a business are prohibited. Any sign installed or placed in the public right-of-way is subject to confiscation.



**Real Estate signage-** Signs are allowed without a sign permit in all zones and must advertise the property on which it is located. A maximum of one rider sign, 18 inches wide and 6 inches high, is allowed. Brochure or leaflet holders boxes, containers or other devices used for the purpose of holding real estate information or advertising materials are prohibited.



**Banners-** One temporary banner sign, not exceeding five square feet in the downtown and ten square feet outside of the downtown, may be located on a face of building for a term not to exceed thirty days. Temporary banners may not be displayed within or on a window or be ground-mounted.



**Outdoor Displays-** Street vendors, temporary sales booths, sidewalk sales or enterprises of a similar nature are subject to the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit. TUP's may be obtained through the Community Development Department.



## Contact Us

City of Laguna Beach  
Code Enforcement Division  
505 Forest Avenue  
Laguna Beach, CA 92651

- **Business Hours**

Monday – Thursday 7:30 AM to 5:30 PM

Friday 7:30 AM to 4:30 PM

Closed Alternate Fridays

- **In Person**

Visit the Community Development counter at City Hall to complete a Service Request.

- **Mail**

Please send written correspondence to the address listed above.

- **Telephone**

Code Enforcement: (949) 497-0301

*For messages left after hours, all calls are returned by the next business day.*



- **Online Request System**

City Hall Connect



# Code Enforcement Division

## “Keep it Safe, Keep it Beautiful”

The Laguna Beach  
Community Development  
Department

The mission of the Code Enforcement Division is to preserve and promote public safety and welfare by enforcing the standards of the Laguna Beach Municipal Code. Code Enforcement investigates possible violations of the code, which include sign regulations, zoning code, property maintenance, business license requirements and the noise abatement program. Code Enforcement also responds to complaints of the Uniform Housing Code and complaints of garage conversions along with constructing new units without a permit. *(Please refer to the last page of this brochure for further options on how to contact Code Enforcement to file a complaint.)*

Tenant/landlord issues are typically considered civil matters unless they are building safety and/or unpermitted construction issues. For more information regarding tenant/landlord issues, please visit the Fair Housing website: [www.fairhousingoc.org](http://www.fairhousingoc.org).



The Design Review Board is charged with the review of certain proposed development projects to determine whether or not the proposed development conforms with the policies of the City's General Plan, Certified Local Coastal Program, Zoning Standards and Design Review Criteria specified in the Municipal Code Section 25.05.040(H).



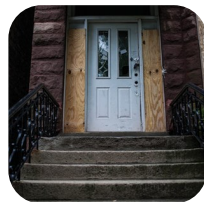
Short-Term Lodging- Short-Term means the leasing or occupancy of a lodging unit for a period of thirty consecutive calendar days or less. Short-term lodging units are subject to the issuance of an Administrative Use Permit. Not all properties will qualify due to density requirements.



Municipal Code Section 25.38 was recently amended to require commercial businesses and owners of properties located in Special Flood Hazard Areas (SFHA) to install contingency flood proofing devices. The devices are intended to protect structures and structure contents from flood damage.



Occupancy of garage as a living area is prohibited. No required parking area or parking space shall be eliminated, reduced or converted in any manner unless equivalent facilities approved by the city are provided elsewhere on the property.



Substandard conditions pose a risk to the health, safety or physical well-being of its occupants and its neighbors and visitors. Outdated or dangerous electrical systems, rusting or loose pipes and gas leaks can all pose significant safety hazards.



Maintenance of real property requiring the operation of any tool, equipment or machine in a manner which produces loud noise that disturbs a person of normal sensitivity who works or resides in the vicinity, shall only be conducted between the hours of eight a.m. and six p.m. on weekdays and between ten a.m. and five p.m. on Saturdays. Work shall not be conducted on Sundays or Federal Holidays. Leaf blowers are prohibited.



Overgrown vegetation- It is a public nuisance for any person owning, leasing, occupying or having control of possession of any premises within the city of Laguna Beach to maintain overgrown vegetation or dead trees.



Inoperable vehicles- The accumulation and storage of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled, or inoperative vehicles is found to create a condition tending to constitute an attractive nuisance. Inoperable vehicles shall be stored out of public view.



Front yard parking- No required parking area or parking space shall be eliminated, reduced or converted in any manner. Residential parking, shall not be used for any purpose which would preclude the use of the area for the parking of motor vehicles.



Trash containers- Containers are to be placed out for collection on the scheduled collection day by 7:00 a.m. and take them in by 6:00 p.m. to minimize interference with the public right-of-way. Outdoor storage areas may be screened using lattice, wood or other suitable fencing materials with approval from the City's Zoning Division.



A business license is required in accordance with Chapter 5.08 of the Municipal Code to engage in business in the City of Laguna Beach.



The fence/hedge height limits are specified in Zoning Ordinance Section 25.50.012. Only if the City determines that the hedge(s) specified in the claim are a safety hazard and/or block views and/or sunlight, will hedge owners be required to reduce the hedge heights.