

# PLANNING & COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT

City of Orange, Texas



## CITY CODE ENFORCEMENT IN FULL EFFECT

Are You in Compliance?

The Code Enforcement Division is responsible for inspecting properties to determine if they are compliant with the City's property codes. The Division is responsible for receiving complaints about the condition of the property, determining if the property is in violation of an ordinance, researching ownership and sending letters to property owners who are in violation of the property codes, and testifying in municipal court if necessary. The Division also helps issue permits, electronic filing of plans and documents, and answering questions from the public about property maintenance codes and ordinances.

## HIGH GRASS & WEEDS

Not only are high grass and weeds unsightly, but they pose a fire hazard, block visibility for drivers, harbor rodents and snakes and contribute to pests like mosquitoes.

**City code** requires property owners to keep grass and weeds in their yards and vacant lots under 12 inches.

If your grass is taller than 12 inches, you will receive a notice and will have 7 days to mow property. If you don't, a city contractor will do the job for you and it won't be cheap. You will be billed for the service and **failure to pay for mowing may result in a lien being placed against the property.**

**Before**



**After**



## MORE WAYS TO GET INVOLVED



### Adopt-a-Street Application

<https://orangetexas.gov/DocumentCenter/View/1270/Adopt-a-Spot-Program-PDF>

### Adopt-a-Street Checklist

<https://orangetexas.gov/DocumentCenter/View/722/Adopt-a-Street-Application-PDF>



**Help your community stay clean, one property at a time!**



## DID YOU KNOW ABOUT?



### Common Code Violations

- Animal control
- Fences
- Grass and Weeds
- Historic Overlay Zones
- Home Occupations
- Junk Vehicles
- Litter
- Materials Storage
- Old Furniture
- Recreational Vehicles
- Residential Temporary Outdoor Sales

## PERMITS - EASY TO APPLY!

Permit applications and permit payments can be submitted by mail at P.O. Box 520, Orange, TX 77631 or in person at 303 N. 8th Street, Orange, TX 77630. For your convenience, permit applications and construction documents can be emailed to our office and permit fee payments may be paid over the phone with a credit card with an additional \$2.50 credit card fee added to the permit fee.

It is unlawful for any person to erect, construct, enlarge, alter, perform major repairs, move, improve, remove, convert, or demolish any building or structure, or install plumbing, electrical or mechanical systems, or perform mold remediation, or perform major landscaping or drainage work, without first obtaining a city building permit. An owner may make minor improvements and repairs on any structure without a permit provided such improvements and repairs are not regulated by this ordinance. An owner planning such improvements and/or repairs shall first contact the City of Orange - **Plans and Inspections Division**.

Staff is available by appointment for assistance with this process or for any questions regarding plans, inspections, and permit operations. Please call (409) 883-1070 to ask questions or schedule an appointment.





# REPORTING

You may report a code violation that pertains to the following:

## Health Hazard



## High Grass Weeds



## Illegal Dumping



## Property Maintenance



## Solid Waste



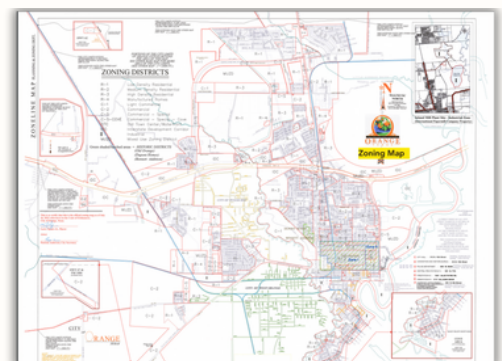
## Substandard Building



## Vehicle



## Zoning



## DAMAGE ASSESSMENT TRAINING

By: Marvin Benoit

Pre-damage assessment training was conducted on May 24, 2023. This training is an annual requirement and utilizes the Forerunner software to expedite the process. Designated team members received the training in preparation of the upcoming hurricane season but are ready to respond to other events causing structure damage.



## CDBG - FUNDING ELIGIBILITY

By: Rita Monson

The Community Development Block Grant (CDBG) fundability is a reimbursable grant. Funding applications are on the City website. Our office accepts applications beginning in January through the end of March. Funding is only available to non-profit organizations who serve citizens in the City of Orange. Funding is not available to those that live in Orange County or outside of the City limits of Orange.

If you have any questions about funding availability, or resources in general, please contact, **Rita Monson** by phone (409) 988-7395 or via email [rmonson@orangetexas.gov](mailto:rmonson@orangetexas.gov).

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# DEMOLITION PROJECTS STILL UNDERWAY

By: John Dee Taylor

The City of Orange continues to take on the initiative to demolish substandard houses. The Planning Department is currently in the process of demolishing 44 substandard structures located throughout the city.

Before



After



Before



After



Before



After



## HURRICANE SEASON PREPAREDNESS

Be ready for extreme weather events. All of the below listed can be accessed on the City of Orange - Emergency Management website.

[City of Orange - Emergency Management](#)

[Hurricane Preparedness](#)

[Individuals with Disabilities](#)

[Senior Adults](#)

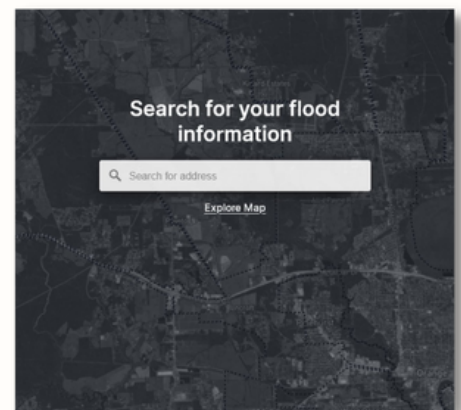
[STAN Registration](#)

[STEAR Registration](#)

### Forerunner Website

Search for a property's  
flood risk here:

<https://orangetx.withforerunner.com/properties>



### Quick Links

- [Adopt-a-Spot Program \(PDF\)](#)
- [Adopt-a-Street Application \(PDF\)](#)
- [Common Ordinance Violations Brochure \(PDF\)](#)
- [Code Enforcement Procedures Flow Chart \(PDF\)](#)
- [1295 Form](#)
- [Consent to Demolish Form](#)
- [Container Regulations \(PDF\)](#)



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303 N 8th Street  
Orange, TX 77630

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409-883-1070

**Office Hours:**

- Mondays - Thursdays 7:30 AM - 5:30 PM
- Fridays 8:00 AM - 5:00 PM