



International Property Maintenance Code Frequently Asked Questions

If I am a Commercial Property Owner:

- *Why is the city doing this?*

City Council wants to ensure residents live in safe conditions and protect Cleburne's growth and prosperity. To achieve this, the City Council is considering adopting international maintenance codes that will hold residential and commercial properties to modern standards.

Compared to other North Texas communities, the city of Cleburne has not had the same level of property maintenance codes. This has led to residents living in hazardous conditions or maintaining properties in ways that negatively impact the health and safety of neighbors and the values of nearby homes and businesses.

These changes introduce policies that many municipalities around the world already enforce and that many residents expect including the parking of vehicles in residential neighborhoods, noxious and invasive plants, and more. Other Texas cities that have adopted the IPMC include Burleson, McKinney, Coppell, Austin, and Waco. The City Council is also considering changes that provide the city more ways to monitor and respond to violations and creating a process to help residents meet code.

- *How does this affect me?*

Most commercial property owners are already meeting the proposed standards and won't feel any impact from these possible changes.

- *What are some of the more common changes?*

Commercial property owners are now dually responsible for donation boxes that violate code in addition to the donation box owner. Donation box owners must now submit an annual \$45 permit and violating boxes can be confiscated, and appropriate fees will be applied.

- *What's the timeline?*

The City is planning a series of town hall meetings for the community this fall. City Council will then vote to adopt the International Property Maintenance Codes and other code changes with possible implementation on Jan. 1, 2019.

- *Who can I contact if I have feedback or questions?*

Please contact our Code Compliance at codequestions@cleburne.net or by telephone at 817-645-0972.

- *Where can I review the IPMC and other code amendments?*

Visit Cleburne.net for more details.