

# PERMITS

With Spring on its way, people start thinking of fixing and repairing their homes.

Please keep in mind that permits are required for any type of construction work, including: roofing, leveling homes, carports, driveways, swimming pools, fences, storage buildings, plumbing, electrical, mechanical work, and remodeling.

Permits are not required for any type of decorative aspects such as painting, shutters, wall paper, carpeting and/or floor tiles.

For more information on what is required, contact Development Services for an informative brochure regarding building permits.



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## Spring

As a Kaufman citizen, you may not be aware of your responsibilities regarding the City ordinances. Studies have shown that an individual does not violate a City ordinance due to lack of concern or neglect. Most often, violations are noted when the average citizen is unaware of his or her current responsibilities regarding municipal regulations. The purpose of this brochure is to bridge this communication gap by providing you with some of the safety reminders and ordinances, regulations, and policies of the City of Kaufman.



## Carbon Monoxide & Smoke Detectors

Remember to test them twice a year. The Daylight Savings schedule is a great time to check to make sure they are both working properly. Just remember **Spring Forward – Fall Back – Check Detectors.**

## Garage Sales



If you are planning to have a garage sale, please don't forget to get your permit, they are **free of charge**. You can obtain your Garage Sale Permit at City Hall, Monday thru Friday from 8 am to 5 pm. Make sure you read the requirements and understand what they are, especially regarding the placement of your signs. One citation could wipe out the profit of your sales.

**Fencing:** Electrical fencing and barbed wire is prohibited as perimeter fencing, except for the containment of farm animals on three (3) or more acres.

## Garage Sales vs. Sidewalk Sales vs. Fundraising Sales vs. Special & Seasonal Sales

Is there a difference?  
**Yes, Yes, Yes, and Yes!**



1. **Garage Sales** are for residential homes only and require a permit. They are limited to three (3) sales during a twelve (12) month period; each sale is limited to three (3) consecutive days only .
  2. **Sidewalk Sales** are for businesses only and do not require a permit. This allows the business to temporarily display their sale items or specialty products while the business is open, but cannot be left out overnight. Businesses are not permitted to have garage sales at their place of business.
  3. **Fundraising Sales** are events for nonprofit educational, community service or religious organizations where the public is invited. A Temporary Use Permit is required before the event.
  4. **Special and Seasonal Sales** are intended to sell, lease, rent or promote specific merchandise, services or product lines. A Temporary Use Permit is required before the event.
- Washington Street Corridor does not permit Special and Seasonal Sales.

## Maintenance Time



The International Property Maintenance Code requires all exterior surfaces to be maintained in good condition, including; all doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks and fences .

Exterior wood surfaces, other than decay resistant woods, shall be protected from the elements and decay, by painting or other protective covering or treatment.

Peeling, flaking and chipped paint shall be eliminated and surfaces repainted.



**Free Mulch:** is available at the Kaufman Citizen's Convenience Station (972-932-2161) located at the end of Alton Street, off of East First North Street.

The mulch helps prevent weeds, retains water, and improves the look of the garden or flowerbed.



Open Wednesday-Saturday from 8 am to 4 pm..