

## Help Us, Help You!

### A Guide to a Safe and Healthy Neighborhood



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contain a minimum of 100 square feet and all other bedrooms shall be a minimum of 70 square feet .

(b) At least 50% of the floor area for every habitable room shall have a ceiling height of at least 7 ft.

(c) All dwelling units should have access to bathroom facilities.

(d) No cellar space shall be used as a habitable room or dwelling unit.

(e) No basement shall be used as a habitable room unless it can be deemed safe and sanitary.

(f) No habitable rooms shall open directly into a food store, barber or beauty shop, doctor or dentist examination or treatment room.

(g) All dwelling units should be supplied with approved rubbish and garbage storage or disposal facilities.

(h) All one (1) and two (2) dwelling units shall have two (2) means of egress from each dwelling unit.

(i) Three or more dwelling units must meet the exit requirements of the NC Building Code.

For complete information regarding the Minimum Housing Code please contact the Planning Department

at (910) 299-4904.

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## Housing

The City Code establishes minimum requirements for the initial and continued occupancy of all buildings used for human habitation. The City may declare a dwelling unfit for human habitation due to dilapidation, defects increasing the hazards of fire, accidents or other calamities, lack of ventilation, light or sanitary facilities, or due to other conditions rendering such dwellings unsafe or unsanitary, or dangerous or detrimental to the health, safety or morals, or otherwise inimical to the welfare of the residents of the city. (Sec. 12-1)

No person shall occupy or rent to another for occupancy, any dwelling unit for the purpose of human habitation which does not comply with the following requirement.

Have the following basic equipment and facilities:

- (a) Kitchen Sink
- (b) Water closets and lavatories
- (c) Bathtub and showers
- (d) Hot water facilities
- (e) Heating

Have the following light and ventilation:

- (a) Every room shall have a window with a minimum of six (6) square feet or proper ventilation approved by the Department of Inspections.
- (b) Every habitable room or every building shall contain at least two

(2) separate floor or wall electrical outlets and every bathroom, laundry, furnace room, entrance, exit way and public hall shall contain at least one electric light fixture. The electrical service serving the dwelling unit shall be of sufficient capacity to carry the demand load as determined by the National Electrical Code.

Have the following features to ensure safe and sanitary maintenance:

- (a) Screening for insects
- (b) Screening for rodents
- (c) Rodent proof and weather tight flooring
- (d) Rodent proof and weather tight windows
- (e) Safe stairs and porches
- (f) Reasonable strength of supporting members
- (g) Proper plumbing fixtures
- (h) Bathroom floor surface that can be easily kept in clean and sanitary condition.

All interior and exterior areas must be kept clean, sanitary and fit for human occupancy.

The dwelling must meet the following space, use and location requirements:

- (a) Every dwelling unit shall contain a minimum gross floor area of 150 sq.ft. for the first occupant and 100 sq.ft. for each additional occupant. The living room shall contain a minimum of 100 sq. ft. The first bedroom shall

# Excerpts from the Clinton City Code

The following information are excerpts from the Clinton City Code regarding your responsibilities as a citizen of Clinton. This information is meant to serve as a general guide for our citizens. For a complete copy of an ordinance please contact the Clinton City Clerk at 910-592-1961 or visit our website at [www.cityofclintonnc.us](http://www.cityofclintonnc.us)

## Garbage and Trash

Every owner and every occupant or other person in control of any building or land in the city, including vacant property shall keep the same in clean and orderly condition and shall deposit all refuse for collection in accordance with the City Code. (Sec. 11-6)

It shall be unlawful to throw, place or deposit garbage, waste, trash or refuse of any kind in any public place or on any public or private property. (Sec. 11-9)

It shall be unlawful to maintain any property, vacant or otherwise

upon which there is an uncontrolled growth of noxious weeds, grasses, or bushes to a height in excess of ten (10) inches and causing or threatening to cause infestation by rats, mice, snakes or vermin or in way detrimental to the public health, morals, safety or general welfare; however this section shall not apply to shrubbery or crops, property not reasonably accessible to power mowing equipment and undeveloped parcels greater than 5 acres unless they constitute a public nuisance. (Sec.11-10)

## Animals

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain overnight any horse, mule, cow, cattle, sheep, hog, or goat within the corporate limits of the city; and it shall be unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any live fowl for any period of time within the corporate limits of the city. (Sec. 4-6)

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, possess or in any way maintain a wild or dangerous animal within the corporate limits of the city. (Sec. 4-9)

The owner of a dog shall keep it under restraint at all times and shall not permit it to be at large (Sec.4-210)

The owner of any dog or cat kept within the city shall provide such animal with a collar to which shall be fixed a tag or tags denoting the name and address of the owner, and the fact that such dog has been vaccinated for rabies in accordance with the laws of the state. (Sec. 4-22)

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, to keep custody of or take custody of or to take care of four(4) or more dogs, five months or older, who are frequently outside on the premises, unless the person has a special permit issued by the animal control officer. (Sec. 4-24)

No owner shall keep more than three (3) cats within the city except within a pet shop or animal shelter or the premise of a humane society. (Sec 4-42)

It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, possess or maintain an animal in such a manner so as to constitute a nuisance.

The actions of an animal constitute a nuisance when an animal disturbs the rights of, threatens the safety of, or damages a member of the general public; or interferes with the ordinary use and enjoyment or private or public property. (Sec. 4-25)

## Abandoned and Nuisance Motor Vehicles

It shall be unlawful for the registered owner or any other person in possession thereof, whether lawfully or not, to cause or allow a nuisance vehicle to be abandoned on their property. (Sec. 15-88)

A nuisance vehicle means a motor vehicle on public or private property that is determined and declared to be a health or safety hazard. (Sec. 15-87)

It shall be unlawful for any person to work on, repair or service in any manner any vehicle on the streets or in any alley; provided that this

shall not apply to emergency repairs necessitated in order to remove such vehicle to a garage. (Sec. 15-45)

## Water and Sewer System Components

It shall be unlawful for any person to tamper with, break, damage or cause to be broken or damaged, any public fire hydrant, water meter, meter box, value box or any other element of the city water system. (Sec. 9-45)

### City of Clinton Phone Listing

Emergency	911
Police (Non-Emergency)	592-3105
Fire (Non-Emergency)	299-4902
Water & Sewer Billing	299-4909
Planning and Development	299-4904
Public Works	299-4905
Public Work (After Hours)	592-1151
Recreation	299-4906
Finance	299-4901
Administration	592-1961