

CITY OF ROBINSON TEXAS

CITY OF ROBINSON PUBLIC INFORMATION REPORT

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Calendar:

- City Council Meeting
February 2, 6 p.m.
- Chipper/Shredder Day
February 6, 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m
- Board of Adjustment Meeting
February 12, 6 p.m.
- City Hall Closed - Presidents' Day
(Garbage will run as normal)
February 15, all day
- Planning & Zoning Meeting
February 16, 6 p.m.
- Plat/Zoning & Board of Adjust.
Deadline
February 19, 6 p.m.
- City Council Meeting
March 1, 6 p.m.

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Afterhours & Weekends

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Common City Ordinance Violations

In an effort to better educate our residents about our city's most common ordinance violations, we have provided a list of the top nine offenses. This information is provided for public information purposes only. Visit the City of Robinson's website to view Code of Ordinances for a complete description of each ordinance listed below. For questions or additional information contact our office at 254.662.1415.

1.Tall Grass, Brush, Weeds, Trash, Debris - 10.28: Grass should not be higher than 12 inches tall. It shall be unlawful for any person in charge of the premises in the city to allow any of these things to accumulate which may potentially become a health or fire hazard. This includes front and back yards.

2.Open Storage - 6.6.8: All premises in a residential district used for open storage shall have a solid fence, not less than seven feet high and completely enclosed.

3.Signs - 6.5.4.o.1: No sign shall be placed on or over public right-of-ways or utility poles.

4.Junk and Abandoned Vehicles - 18.138.a: A motor vehicle located in any place where it is visible from a public place or public right-of-way with expired registration.

5.Garage Sale Permit - 15.77: A garage sale shall not be conducted until the individual desiring to conduct such sale obtains a permit from the city to do. Members of no more than three residences may join in on one garage sale permit.

6.Garage Sale Signs - 6.5.8: Only city issued signs are allowed and can only be displayed on the premises where the sale is being held, no more than 4 signs per sale. The signs can be displayed up to 2 days prior to the beginning of the sale and signs must be removed at the end of daylight on the last day of garage sale activities.

7.Parking in the Yard - 6.4.5.a: Required, front yards shall be used only for landscaping, walkways and driveways.

8.Stagnant Water - 10.127: All premises within the city shall be maintained in such

a manner as to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes on the premises. All premises within the city shall be maintained in such a manner as to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes on the premises. Artificial containers, ditches, streams, and all other such sources of standing water or other liquid that serve as breeding sources must be removed, drained, treated, altered, maintained, or otherwise eliminated by the person occupying the premises or, in the absence of an occupant, by the owner, in such a manner as to prevent the breeding of mosquitoes.

9.Discharge of Pool Water - Prohibited discharges - 19.282.10: No person may discharge or cause to be discharged onto land or into nonsewer waters or any watercourse any of the following substances: Normal domestic wastewater, which is considered pool water. The correct way to drain a pool is into your sewer clean out.

Police enforce any code violations on public property or that effect public property, such as:

- Illegal parking in the street
- Burning without a permit
- Animal complaints
- Livestock complaints
- Noise complaints
- Fireworks, which are NOT allowed in the City Limits of Robinson.

The Police Department may write tickets for any of the above code violations.

Permits:

You can get more information regarding permits, such as; burn and garage sale on our website: www.RobinsonTexas.org.



What happens if you are not in compliance with an ordinance?

The City of Robinson must give written notice of the violation to the permittee or the owner of the property where the violation exists. The City does this by sending a certified letter to the permittee or owner of the property, and owner has 10 days from the day they receive the letter to take care of the violation. If the violation is corrected during the 10 days no other action will be taken. However, the letter sent regarding the violation of the ordinance is good for one year. *If the violation of the same ordinance occurs again it will go straight to court.*

Violations not corrected within 10 days will be forwarded to City Court where a summons will be issued for the violation. During the summons the offender will plead guilty or not guilty. If the plea is not guilty the judge will set a pre-trial, if the plea is guilty the judge will set a fine.

If an owner cannot be reached by certified letter the city will do its best to handle the issue that is out of compliance (in order to preserve the health and well being of its citizens). This may consist of sign removal, brush removal, or mowing of property. There are fees associated with some of these acts, such as mowing of property. The minimum fine to do so is \$200 and may go up depending on other activity completed at the property, such as removal of brush. There will be a fine assessed anytime an act is performed by the city, and liens will be placed against the property if they are not paid.

Need help staying in compliance with city ordinances?

Paint the Town Ministries

Paint the Town Ministries offers help to those who need assistance mowing a yard, removing debris, painting, cleaning out barns, etc. If you need help in any way for any reason, we will do our best to help you. If you are looking for help in these areas, or if you would like to be a part of Paint the Town Ministries, please call David Tenberg at 254-662-6803.



Pet Ordinances

The following ordinances apply to pets within the City of Robinson:

•Vaccinations of pets - 4.61.a.c:

All dogs or cats four months of age or older within the city shall be vaccinated against rabies, and vaccinations should be repeated in accordance with state law. It is unlawful for any person within the city to own, keep, possess, harbor or allow any dog or cat to not be vaccinated. *This will also help prevent costly diseases.*

•**Microchip required for all pets - 4.206.c:** All dogs or cats in the City of Robinson corporate city limits must be microchipped. *1 out of 3 pets will escape from home, by microchipping your pet helps Animal Control ensure your pet is returned home quickly and safely.*

•**Spay/neuter required with exceptions - 4.210.a(1-4).b:** All dogs or cats in the corporate city limits shall be spayed/neutered, subject to the following exceptions: The animal is under four months of age, a licensed veterinarian certifies to the city that the dog or cat should not be spayed/neutered for health reasons or is permanently non-fertile, the animal is a trained animal used by or under the authority of a governmental agency in police or rescue work or, an animal belongs to a legitimate animal breeder that is: microchipped and vaccinated. *This can help prevent rowdiness and other behavioral problems.*

Animal Birth Control Clinic

The Animal Birth Control clinic offers a low-cost alternative for the entire community to achieve a reduction in the numbers of unwanted and euthanized animals, as well as to help animals find their owners through microchipping. Generally, our services are used by Waco and McLennan County residents. Reduced cost vaccination clinics are provided monthly as a community service. For more information visit <http://animalbirthcontrol.org>.



Community News

The Robinson Music Festival, formerly known as Rocktober Fest, is the annual Robinson Festival set to take place Saturday, October 1st in Robinson Texas (southeast of Waco). The festival began as something fun for the citizens of Robinson to attend and enjoy as well as encourage tourism to the City of Robinson. Last year's festival attracted over 1500 people, and with its successful attendance it inspired the City to change the name to encompass the true theme of the event, music. Our hope is this annual event will grow to a much larger scale such as festivals like; the Great Mosquito Texas Festival, Chili Fest, and Holland Corn Festival.

The Festival will encompass an array of musical acts beginning shortly after the gates open along with the Kids Rock Area and Vendor Area. The event doesn't stop there, it will offer several contests such as; a food eating contest, the Annual Washer Tournament (benefiting the Robinson ISD Education Foundation), and lots of other great activities. First thing Saturday morning we will begin with

the Rocket Race, a run benefiting the Robinson ISD Foundation, which will include a ½ mile, 1 mile, and 5K. Festival grounds will open at 11 a.m. beginning with an opening ceremony.

The Robinson Music Festival held in Robinson, Texas is an enjoyable event for the entire family. Our festival committee would love for you to join our committee for more information: call 254.662.1415 x1135 or email d.delillo@robinsontexas.org.



City-wide Easter Egg

There will be a City-wide Easter egg hunt hosted by Brookshire's and the City of Robinson on Friday, March 25th, starting at 4 p.m. in Peplow Park.



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