

Construction Services News

Construction Site Conditions

City of Tampa Construction Code - Are You in Compliance?

The following information is provided in order to facilitate compliance with the City of Tampa Code in regards to posting of permits/plans, tree barricades, erosion control, trash and debris, sanitary facilities and loud construction noise.

Posting of Permits/Plans

Section 5-105.5 of the City of Tampa Code requires that no site or building construction shall commence until the permit card is posted at the job site and protected from the weather, so that it is visible from the right-of-way. All permit cards and associated site/building plans shall be kept on the job until all work is completed and given final approval by the Inspector.

Tree Barricading

Section 13-164(1) of the City of Tampa Code requires that barricades be placed around all protected trees during any site clearing or building construction. The purpose of the barricade is to create a protective radius around the tree. It must remain in place until all land alterations, site clearing and construction activities are completed. The removal and/or relocation of any tree barricade prior to the approval of the final site inspection is considered a violation of Chapter 13. The Site Inspector MUST approve any temporary relocation of tree barricades.

Erosion Control

Section 13-163 and 21-116 Technical Standards III.F. of the City of Tampa Code requires that silt barriers shall be installed for erosion control and shall be maintained at all times throughout the construction process. Silt barriers shall be erected and maintained in order to protect all wetlands, uplands and bodies of water at property lines, and any other locations, where erosion from the site is possible.



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Trash and Debris

Section 5-105.8.1 of the City of Tampa Code requires that construction job sites be kept clean, such that accumulation of construction debris shall not remain on the property for an extensive period of time. All debris shall be contained in a construction dumpster or site fabricated container to prevent spreading by wind or other means.

Sanitary Facilities

Section 3311.2 of the Florida Building Code requires that adequate sanitary facilities for the convenience of all workmen shall be provided on the construction site. These facilities shall be available and kept clean throughout the duration of the construction project.

Loud Construction Noise

Section 5-301.2.1 of the City of Tampa Code prohibits the generation of any avoidable or unreasonably loud, disturbing or unnecessary noise by construction activity on private property, other than between the hours of: (1) 7 a.m. and 6 p.m. Monday through Friday; (2) 8 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Saturday; or (3) 10 a.m. and 6 p.m. on Sunday. This prohibition applies if such construction activity is within 1,500 feet of any building or portion thereof which is actually occupied and used either as a single family or multi-family residence. Any noise arising from construction activity on private property which exceeds the noise limitations set forth in Section 19-58(b), which states a maximum noise level of 60 decibels, shall be prohibited except during the hours specified.

In addition, no pile drivers or jack hammers shall be operated or used in conjunction with construction activity on private property on Saturday and Sunday except between the hours of 10 a.m. and 6 p.m.

Construction Site Complaints

Construction Site complaints should be called in Monday through Friday during the business hours of 8 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. to the Construction Services Center "Complaint Hotline" at 813-274-3100, ext. 8232. During weekends and evening hours, such complaints should be reported to the Neighborhood Improvement Division by calling 813-690-4631.

Failure to comply with these requirements will result in the issuance of a "Stop Work Order." If the violation is not resolved, legal action shall be taken against the contractor and/or owner through the Hillsborough County Board of Appeals and Examiners and/or the City of Tampa Code Enforcement Board.