St. Martin's Village Neighborhood Standards, Conduct, and Compliance Guidelines

Official Handbook

Adopted by the St. Martins Village Neighborhood Association

(Printed Edition)

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Purpose of This Handbook

This handbook is intended for **print distribution** to homeowners and residents of St. Martin's Village. It consolidates neighborhood standards, applicable Lexington–Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) ordinances, and St. Martin's Village Neighborhood expectations into a single reference document.

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Fireworks Regulations

Prohibited

- All aerial and audible ground fireworks, including bottle rockets and firecrackers, pursuant to LCO §§14-91 through 14-99.

Permitted

- Ground and hand-held sparkling devices such as sparklers, ground spinners, and fountains, when allowed under state and local law.

Enforcement Authority: Lexington Police Department

Pets and Animals

In accordance with LCO Chapter 4 (Animals and Fowl):

- Barking or yelping must not cross the boundaries of the residence (LCO §4-44)
- All pet waste on public or unowned private property must be promptly and sanitarily disposed of (LCO §4-47)
- Dogs must be on a leash, behind a fence, or on the owner's property under the owner's direct supervision at all times (LCO §4-34)
- Dogs may not run at large, even under voice command
- All dogs must wear current license and rabies tags at all times (LCO §§4-20, 4-21)

Enforcement Authority: Lexington Police Department and Animal Care & Control

Property Nuisances

The following conditions are prohibited under LCO Chapter 17 (Property Maintenance and Nuisances):

- Weeds or grass exceeding 10 inches in height (LCO §17-7)
- Trash, garbage, refuse, building debris, or waste of any kind (LCO §17-8)
- Wrecked, junked, partially dismantled, nonoperating, or unlicensed motor vehicles that are readily visible and remain on the property for more than 10 days (LCO §17-9)
- Water discharged across a public sidewalk that creates ice (LCO §17-11)
- Upholstered furniture, appliances, or equipment not designed for outdoor use being stored or used outdoors (LCO §17-12)

Enforcement Authority: Code Enforcement

Purpose and Authority

This document is issued by the St. Martin's Village Neighborhood Association to communicate policies, procedures, and information applicable to all homeowners. Its purpose is to promote consistency, clarity, and understanding regarding community standards and homeowner responsibilities.

These guidelines are based on applicable Lexington–Fayette Urban County Government (LFUCG) Code of Ordinances (LCO) and the neighborhood association's requirements. Adherence to these standards helps ensure the continued upkeep, safety, overall well-being, and established culture of the neighborhood.

Community Communication

Homeowners are encouraged to communicate regularly and respectfully with their neighbors. Awareness of activity within the neighborhood is important, and many misunderstandings, concerns, or minor disputes can be resolved through direct and courteous communication. A cooperative approach supports a safe and harmonious community.

Noise Regulations

Prohibited Conduct

- Any noise audible outside a residence that would annoy or disturb a reasonable person of normal sensitivities is prohibited, pursuant to LCO §14-132 (Noise disturbances).
- The use, operation, or permission of any loudspeaker, public address system, mobile sound vehicle, or similar device for noncommercial purposes is prohibited between the hours of **11:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.**, pursuant to LCO §14-133.

Enforcement Authority: Lexington Police Department

Parking and Obstructions

Pursuant to LCO Chapter 18 (Traffic and Vehicles), the following are prohibited:

- Blocking driveways (LCO §18-96)
- Parking on sidewalks or in yards (LCO §18-94)
- Parking on any public street for more than 24 hours (LCO §18-95)
- Parking large or commercial/work vehicles in residential areas (LCO §18-121)
- Parking large vehicles on residential streets for more than two (2) hours
- Allowing trees, bushes, or other objects to obstruct the passage or view of streets or sidewalks (LCO §12-8)

Enforcement Authority: Lexington Police Department and Code Enforcement

Neighborhood Culture, Appearance, and Standards

To preserve the appearance and character of the neighborhood, the following HOA standards apply:

- BBQ grills are not permitted on front porches, front lawns, or driveways unless part of a permitted street party
- Inflatable slides, bouncers, tree houses, basketball goals, and swing sets may not be placed on front lawns, sidewalks, or in areas visible from the front of the home
- Shrubbery must not obstruct the front façade of the home
- Holiday decorations must be removed within one week following the holiday
- Yard sales are permitted only on the neighborhood's designated spring and fall yard sale dates

Compliance and Enforcement

Violations of LFUCG ordinances may result in enforcement action by the appropriate city agency. Homeowners are encouraged to promptly address concerns to avoid citations or penalties. The St. Martin's Neighborhood Association reserves the right to issue additional guidance consistent with applicable laws and governing documents.

LFUCG Ordinances Summary Chart (with Fines)

Category	LFUCG Ordinance Reference	Standard Summary	Fine / Penalty	Enforcement Authority
Noise Disturbance	Ch. 14, Art. IV (§§14-70–14-80)	Prohibits sounds that disturb a reasonable person, cross dwelling boundaries, or endanger health or safety. Quiet hours generally 11:00 p.m.–7:00 a.m.	1st: $50–$5002nd (12 months): $100–$5003rd+ (12 months): $250–$500	Lexington Police Dept.
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Property Maintenance (General)	Ch. 16 – Property Maintenance Code	Exterior structures and premises must be kept safe, sanitary, and in good repair.	$50–$500 per violation; daily fines possible	Code Enforcement
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High Grass & Weeds	Ch. 16 – Weeds & Grass	Grass and weeds must be maintained below allowable height limits.	$100–$500 per occurrence	Code Enforcement
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Trash, Junk & Debris	Ch. 16 – Nuisance / Solid Waste	Accumulation of garbage, refuse, or debris visible from public areas is prohibited.	$100–$500 per day until corrected	Code Enforcement
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Junk / Inoperable Vehicles	Ch. 16 – Nuisance Vehicles	Prohibits storage of inoperable or unlicensed vehicles on residential property.	$100–$500 per violation	Code Enforcement
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Parking Violations	Ch. 18 – Traffic Code	Regulates on-street parking, blocking sidewalks or driveways.	$25–$200 per citation	Lexington Police Dept.
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Sidewalk / Right-of-Way Obstruction	Ch. 12 & Ch. 18	Blocking sidewalks or streets with vehicles or debris is prohibited.	$25–$200 per offense	Lexington Police Dept.
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Outdoor Storage	Zoning Ordinance – Residential	Limits outdoor storage of equipment and materials.	$50–$500 per day until compliance	Code Enforcement
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Failure to Comply / Abatement	Multiple LFUCG Chapters	City abatement and liens may be imposed for unresolved violations.	Cost of abatement + fees	LFUCG

How to Report a Concern

Homeowners are encouraged to report concerns promptly to help maintain the safety, appearance, and quality of life within the neighborhood.

LexCall / 311 – Non-Emergency Service Requests

LexCall is LFUCG's centralized customer service system for reporting non-emergency issues.

How to Contact LexCall:

- Dial: 311 (within Fayette County)
- Phone: (859) 425-2255
- Online: LFUCG LexCall / 311 service request portal
- Mobile App: LexCall 311 mobile app (iOS and Android)

Common Issues to Report via LexCall:

- Property maintenance violations
- Parking violations or blocked sidewalks/driveways
- Non-emergency noise complaints
- Animal concerns
- Right-of-way obstructions

LexCall will route requests to the appropriate department, including Code Enforcement, Animal Care & Control, or the Lexington Police Department.

Emergency Situations

For emergencies or situations requiring immediate police, fire, or medical response, call **911**.

Homeowners Communication

Homeowners may also contact St. Martin's Village Neighborhood Association for general questions or neighborhood-specific concerns. Enforcement of city ordinances, however, is handled by LFUCG departments.

Important Reminder

This reporting process is intended to promote safety, compliance, and community well-being—not conflict. Homeowners are encouraged, when appropriate, to first attempt respectful communication with neighbors before escalating concerns to city enforcement.

Appendix A – One-Page Quick Reference Guide

Common Issues & Where to Report

Issue	Who Enforces	How to Report
Noise complaints	Lexington Police Dept.	LexCall 311 or Non-Emergency Police
Barking dogs / leash issues	Animal Care & Control	LexCall 311
Overgrown grass / trash	Code Enforcement	LexCall 311
Parking & blocked driveways	Lexington Police Dept.	LexCall 311 or Non-Emergency Police
Sidewalk obstructions	Police / Code Enforcement	LexCall 311

Emergency situations: Call **911**

Non-emergency police number is (859) 258-3600

Appendix B – Neighborhood Association Board Resolution

Resolution Adopting Neighborhood Standards Handbook

WHEREAS, the St. Martins Village Homeowners Association seeks to promote the safety, appearance, and quality of life within the neighborhood; and

WHEREAS, the Association desires to provide homeowners with clear guidance regarding applicable city ordinances and neighborhood standards;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED that the St. Martin's Village Neighborhood Standards, Conduct, and Compliance Guidelines are hereby adopted as the official informational handbook of the Association.

This handbook is intended to supplement, not replace, the governing documents of the Association or the official Lexington–Fayette Urban County Government Code of Ordinances.

Adopted this 8 **day of** July, **20** 26

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