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AUTO RELATED BUSINESS

MEETING ANNOUNCEMENT

Please join us on **February 8, 2023** for an Auto Related Business Compliance Meeting from **11:30 a.m. to 12:30 p.m.** at City Hall, 300 W. Main St., in Conference Room D. During this meeting, City Staff will discuss zoning and Specific Use Permits. This is also a chance to discuss any questions or concerns you may have. **A complimentary lunch** will be provided for all in attendance.

This meeting is **FREE** to attend and is an opportunity for ARB businesses and City staff to have an open discussion on compliance issues or obstacles they are experiencing. For more information, please contact Jody Cason by phone at (972)-237-8070 or by email at jcason@gptx.org.

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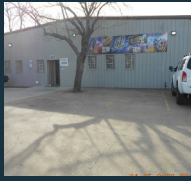
The goal of the Clean Prairie Companies program is to encourage businesses to participate in beautification efforts at their own business or throughout the community. This is a tiered certification program: Bronze, Silver, or Gold.

Congratulations to the Auto Related Businesses that passed a Clean Shop Inspection and became Bronze Certified as a Clean Prairie Company in 2022. This entails ensuring that the inside and outside of the shop is clean, orderly, and free from litter.

CONGRATULATIONS 2022 CLEAN SHOP WINNERS



EAGLE AUTO BODY PARTS - 1628 E MAIN ST.



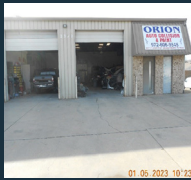
GP AUDIO, TINT & SECURITY- 425 SE DALLAS ST.



ADVANCED MODERN PERFORMANCE - 247 GILBERT CIRCLE



AUTO HAUS IMPORTS - 2034 W MAIN ST.



ORION AUTO COLLISION - 2377 W FORT WORTH ST.

PARKING OR STORING OF OPERABLE AND INOPERABLE VEHICLES

A junked or inoperable vehicle which is located in any place where it is visible from a public place or public right-of-way is a public nuisance for the following reasons:

- It is detrimental to the safety and welfare of the general public
- It tends to reduce the value of private property
- It invites vandalism
- It creates fire hazards
- It creates an attractive nuisance to the health and safety of minors
- It produces urban blight



Vehicles parked or stored in this way, are considered a public nuisance and are in violation of city code. If convicted, violators will be subject to a fine up to two hundred dollars (\$200) and the court shall order the removal and abatement of the nuisance.

The storage or parking of any vehicle, operable or inoperable, or any portion of such vehicle on the public right-of-way between the improved roadway and the property line is a nuisance and prohibited. Vehicles should not be parked or stored to impede traffic on the sidewalk or to block a portion of the roadway. Vehicles parked or stored on the right-of-way for a period in excess of forty-eight (48) hours will be towed to the city vehicle impound or another approved vehicle storage facility and charges will be assessed for such expenses.

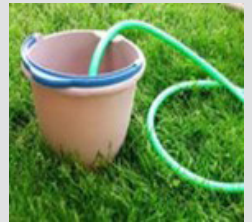
TOP 7 VIOLATIONS AT GRAND PRAIRIE AUTO BUSINESSES IN 2022

1. **Accumulation of trash and debris.** All trash should be picked up on a daily basis in order to keep your outside area clean. Even trash/debris that did not originate from your facility must be picked up.
2. **Storage of tires without rims outside.** Tires without rims stored outside can collect stormwater which provides a potential breeding ground for disease carrying mosquitos. Keep all tires without rims under cover.
3. **Improper discharge of vehicle fluids to the ground.** All spills to the ground must be cleaned up immediately and disposed of properly. A drip pan should be placed under all leaking vehicles outside. If fluids are discharged to the soil, all affected soil must be removed and disposed of properly.
4. **More than 2 inoperable vehicles stored outside.** The city ordinance allows no more than 2 inoperable vehicles to be stored outside of an enclosed building at any one time.
5. **Violation of off-street parking regulations.** No parking space may be in the right-of-way of any street, roadway, or public alley. Parking spaces must be provided for employees. No parking or storage of vehicles is allowed in the fire lane.
6. **Outside repair of vehicles is prohibited.** Repair of vehicles outside is not allowed. Working under an awning is considered outside repair.
7. **Certificate of Occupancy Violations.** The operator who obtains a Certificate of Occupancy (CO) must follow the regulations stated on the CO at all times. Activities not approved on the CO are not permitted.

BACKFLOW PREVENTION: IMPORTANCE AND APPLICATION TO AUTO BUSINESSES

Backflow is the undesirable reversal of the flow of water or mixtures of water and other undesirable substances from any non-drinking water source into the distribution pipes of the drinking water system.

Backflow is a result of a “cross-connection” within the water system. A cross connection exists when there is an actual or potential connection between a drinking water system and any non-drinking source or system. Examples include when water hoses which are connected to the drinking water system are put into water buckets or water storage tanks used for vehicle washing. The photo above demonstrates a cross connection situation.



When such a cross connection exists and back siphonage occurs, the water system can become contaminated and potentially very harmful to the public. Backflow can also be a problem with the use of pressure washers due to the high amounts of pressure they create. This can lead to backpressure and contamination of the drinking water system, especially when soaps or other chemicals are used with the pressure washer. There are multiple types of



protection against backflow issues. The Reduced Pressure Zone Assembly (RPZ), example shown to the left, is the device used to prevent health hazards and backpressure from pressure washers.



A professional plumber must install this device at every business that uses a pressure washer. A second type of protection is the Hose Bib Vacuum Breaker (HVB) shown in the image to the right. This device is used on outdoor faucets. It prevents backflow by venting water to the atmosphere (onto the ground) when backflow conditions exist. The HVB can be purchased online or at a local home improvement store. All backflow devices must be tested yearly on your assigned annual due date by a certified backflow prevention assembly tester registered with the City of Grand Prairie. A list of these certified backflow testers can be found at: <https://www.gptx.org/files/sharedassets/public/departments/public-health-amp-environmental-quality/documents/current-backflow-testers.pdf>.

For more information on backflow, device installation, and regulations please visit our website at <https://www.gptx.org/Departments/Public-Health-and-Environmental-Quality/Environmental-Quality/Permits-Policies/>

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TEXAS TROUBLE

REDUCE AIR POLLUTION

A bus terminal and fleet maintenance facility in El Paso County was fined \$2,100 for failing to prepare and implement a Stormwater Pollution Prevention Plan and failing to maintain a rain gauge on site to determine when a qualifying storm event occurs and monitor a minimum of once per week and once per day during storm events.

Carpool to work
and maintain
a consistent
driving speed

An auto crushing and salvaging facility in Denton County was fined \$2,500 for failure to obtain authorization to discharge stormwater associated with industrial activities and failing to pay outstanding stormwater permit fees.

A caterpillar track loader in Franklin County was fined \$11,250 for failing to maintain the system or device used to control emissions from the motor vehicle in good operable condition.

A freight shipping and trucking operation was fined \$6,562 for failing to immediately abate and contain a spill, failing to submit written notification describing the details of the spill, and failing to adequately respond to the spill.

An unauthorized scrap tire storage site and scrap tire transporter site in Tarrant County was fined \$12,037 for failing to register as a scrap tire transporter, failing to retain all manifests, and failing to obtain registration prior to storing more than 500 used or scrap tires on the ground or 2,000 used or scrap tires in lockable containers.



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