

ORDINANCE NO. 1785-2026

Amending Chapter 11 HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE Section 11-1A.
Definitions of the Laurel Code of Ordinances

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend the Laurel Code of Ordinances Chapter 11 HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE Section 11-1A. Definitions to provide clarity regarding violations of the municipal laws and/or ordinances

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED that Laurel Code of Ordinances Chapter 11 HOUSING AND PROPERTY MAINTENANCE Section 11-1A. Definitions be amended as follows:

(New language is in bold type)

Section 11-1A. Definitions

The additional definitions have been approved by the Laurel City Council to be amended to the Standard Housing Code, 1997 Edition, with all appendices:

“APPLIANCES – IMPROPER USE OF APPLIANCES: APPLIANCES SHALL NOT BE PLACED OUTDOORS IN ANY LOCATION VISIBLE FROM A PUBLIC STREET, SIDEWALK, OR RIGHT-OF-WAY”. Appliance is defined as any household or commercial device designed to perform a specific function related to cooking, cleaning, refrigeration, heating, cooling, laundry, or general domestic operation. This includes, but is not limited to, refrigerators, freezers, stoves, ovens, microwaves, dishwashers, washing machines, dryers, water heaters, air-conditioning units not permanently affixed to a structure, and similar equipment. For the purposes of this Ordinance, “appliances” also includes any inoperable, unused, discarded, or stored appliance, regardless of condition.

“OUTDOOR FURNITURE – USE OF HOUSEHOLD FURNITURE FOR OUTDOOR PURPOSES”: Household furniture which is typically used for inside of residential dwellings, such as couches, loveseats, recliners, daybeds, or similar types of furniture, which are visible from the street and/or sidewalk, are prohibited. The placement of these items is prohibited on the front porch, in the carport, garage, residential yards and other areas visible from public view. Outdoor furniture shall include patio furniture, benches, swings, picnic tables and similar types of furniture for outdoor use.

Source: Ordinance No. 1408-2002, 6-18-02

**Cross References --- Animals and fowl, Ch. 5; buildings and building regulations, Ch. 7; fire prevention and protection, Ch. 9; food and food establishments, Ch. 10; historic preservation, Ch. 10.1; sewers, Ch. 20; solid waste, Ch. 22; garage, carport and rummage sales, §12-101 et seq.; removal of weeds and rubbish from oil drill sites, etc., §17-29; weeds and vegetable growths on sidewalks, §25-17; removal of trees and stumps, §§26.1-5, 26.1-16. State Law Reference --- Housing and Property Maintenance, §§ 21-19-11.*

“UNCLEAN PROPERTY”: Unclean property due to weeds is: (1) Any land within one hundred fifty (150) feet of an occupied residence, with weeds over one (1) foot in height, over a majority of the property within the one hundred and fifty (150) feet area; or, (2) Any land within three hundred (300) feet of an adjoining land- owner or public road with weeds over two (2) feet in height, over a majority of the land within the three hundred (300) feet area.

Source: Ordinance No. 1097-1987; 5-12-87

This Ordinance shall take effect from and after thirty (30) days following the second reading of the ordinance.

SO ORDAINED this the 19th day of **MAY**, A.D., 2026. Motion was made by Councilperson Amos and seconded by Councilperson Scruggs, for the adoption of the Second Reading of said Ordinance.

Upon roll call vote, the result was as follows:

YEAS: Kelly, Scruggs, Carmichael, Amos

NAYS: None

ABSTAINING: None

ABSENT: Capers, Thomas, Allen

The President thereupon declared the motion carried and the Second Reading of this Ordinance approved this the 19th day of MAY, A.D., 2026.

PRESIDENT OF THE COUNCIL

ATTESTED AND SUBMITTED TO THE MAYOR BY THE CLERK OF THE COUNCIL ON

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CLERK OF THE COUNCIL

APPROVED () DATE _____

VETOED () DATE _____

MAYOR

ATTEST:

CITY CLERK
