



YOUR HOME IN CHEVERLY



The following is a brief synopsis of some of the municipal ordinances and tips for homeowners in Cheverly. Residents can access the Municipal Town Code from our website <http://www.cheverly.com>.

BUILDING PERMITS: County as well as Town building permits must be obtained to construct, or make any major improvement to your home. Homeowners must first obtain a **Prince George's County Building Permit (301-883-5784)** in Largo, and then apply for the **Town Building Permit**.



General repairs do not require permits unless they include cutting walls, partitions, or bearing supports; removing or changing exits; installing, moving, or removing any pipe used for water supply, sewer, drainage, gas, waste, or venting; installing or moving any electrical, mechanical, or other work that could affect the public health and safety. Cheverly requires a building permit for construction of any wall or fence, storage sheds, & paved areas. **DRIVEWAY APRONS** need special approval and permit from the Public Works Dept.



FENCES are **NOT** permitted in the front yard (*corner lots must respect the front building line on both streets.*) Cheverly only allows backyard fences and requires a Cheverly building permit. The County requires a permit for fences over 4ft. and fences over 6ft. require a variance.



ACCESSORY STRUCTURES / DECKS must be maintained safe & sound in good repair. They must be at least 2ft. from rear or side property lines. Only 30% of a lot may be covered by buildings, including accessory structures and parking areas.

EXTERIOR wood or metal surfaces must be painted and free of holes, breaks, loose or rotting boards or any other condition that might admit rain or dampness.

PORCHES & STAIRS more than 2 risers high must have handrails & balustrades fastened securely and in good condition.



POOLS must be at least 8 ft. from rear or side property lines. All pools 24" or deeper require a 6ft. secured fence. Pools may not drain across a neighbor's property.



MOTOR VEHICLES must be licensed and operable and parked or stored on a **PAVED** surface.



Performing heavy repairs, painting or body work on automobiles is prohibited.

PARKING: Vehicles parked on any Town street for a continuous period longer than 72 hours, without being moved can be ticketed.



One **CAMPING TRAILER** or **BOAT** may be stored in side or rear yards only. *These vehicles may NOT be parked on the street or in a front yard driveway.*



COMMERCIAL VEHICLE PARKING: Parking or storage of commercial vehicles on the street or front yard driveway is **NOT PERMITTED**.



Any truck or van larger than 80"x240", or vehicle displaying commercial lettering or equipment (ladder racks, tool boxes, etc), will be considered a commercial vehicle. Stake platform trucks, dump trucks, crane or tow trucks or vehicles with dual rear wheels, etc. may not be stored on residential lots in Cheverly at any time.

WINTER STORMS:

PARKING—Please use driveways as much as possible and leave streets clear for snow plows. Parking is prohibited on the EVEN-numbered side of streets when snow has accumulated 1" or more, except where parking is normally restricted to one side, such as 59th Ave. These provisions are in effect without notification, and shall remain in effect until the street is plowed. The town may tow cars to a nearby cleared street, or to an impoundment lot, and ticket them.



SIDEWALKS—Residents must clear snow from their sidewalks within 12 hrs after snow ceases or within 12 hrs of sunrise. When ice has formed on sidewalks, it must be removed within 6 hrs. If unable to remove, sidewalks should be strewn with sand, sawdust, ashes, etc. until it can be cleared.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE:

GRASS & WEEDS are not to exceed a height of 8".

TREES, hedges, shrubs, plants in your yard must not obstruct sidewalks or obscure street lights, or obstruct vision of motorists. At corners vision must be clear 3ft. above curb level for a distance of 25ft. from an intersection.

DEAD TREES and limbs are a public hazard and must be removed.



TRASH CANS / RECYCLE BINS, etc. must be stored in the rear yard or to the side of the house behind the front building line. All cans require a tight-fitting lid.



YARDS/exterior areas must not be cluttered or littered with rubble, trash, unused furniture, building materials, etc. Storage of construction material or equipment is prohibited.

WOOD PILES must be elevated a minimum of 6" above the ground or placed on a hard surface. **COMPOST PILES** must be maintained regularly and not contain food waste.

❖ If you are cited for these (or any) lot maintenance violations, please correct them within the time frame given. NOTE: In the case of non-compliance, the Town can have a contractor correct the violations and the property owner will be billed. These charges can be \$100 or more plus any fine.

NOISE — a friendly reminder — Please be aware that Cheverly has a noise ordinance. Daytime hours are considered 8AM to 9PM for allowable noise from construction, or emanating from power equipment. Daytime hours on Sunday begin at 9AM.



It is unlawful, between 11:00PM and 8:00AM, to operate radios, televisions, audio systems, etc. that create noise in any way audible to others living nearby, or so as to disturb the peace and quiet of the neighborhood.

VACATIONS & HOME SECURITY: Residents planning to be away for vacations should call the Cheverly Police (301-773-8362) to arrange to have their homes checked while they are gone.

ANIMAL ORDINANCE - CODE VIOLATIONS:

- Animals running at large.
- Failure to pick up fecal waste when walking dog.
- Excessive noise.
- Unsanitary conditions on private property.
- Confined in heat.
- Failure to license a dog/cat.
- Failure to display license and/or current rabies tag.

Don't let your pets become a nuisance.

- ☛ Dogs running loose that have bitten residents.
- ☛ Dogs running loose that have attacked smaller dogs being walked by their owners.
- ☛ Owners walking dogs that leave fecal waste in other people's yards, on sidewalks, or in parks.

PLEASE BE A GOOD NEIGHBOR:

- ⇒ Your dog must be SECURELY confined so that it cannot escape from your property.
- ⇒ Dogs must be on a leash strong enough to control the animal.
- ⇒ Do not let your dog run loose in the parks.
- ⇒ You MUST PICK UP after your animals.



Also, Be aware that if you leave your dog at home alone with the windows open your dog may bark at everything and everyone that passes and become a noise problem for the neighborhood.

RESIDENTIAL BUSINESS LICENSES

If you are currently operating a business out of your home, you are required to obtain a **Town Residential Business License**.

Home occupations are under (Chapter 9-of Town Code) and (subtitle 27-of the Prince George's County Code) and do not include any retail business or trade, etc.

Residential Business Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Please call the Town Clerk at 301-773-8360 or stop by the Town Office to pick up an application form. *The yearly business license fee is \$20.*

CHEVERLY RENTAL LICENSES

All single-family, multi-family, and roomer rental dwellings in Cheverly are required by Chapter 5 of the Town Code to obtain a **Cheverly Rental Housing License**.

Licenses are issued annually for the Fiscal Year (July 1 to June 30). Call the Code Enforcement Office at 301-773-8362 for an application. *The yearly rental license fee is \$40.*