



# PROPERTY MAINTENANCE EVERYTHING SPEAKS

**BE RESPONSIBLE &  
BE COMPLIANT**

## City of Detroit

### CODE OF ORDINANCES

**Secs. 8-15-13, 8-15-103(a), 8-15-201,  
& 8-15-113 (Minimum Requirements for  
Vacant Buildings and Structures)**



The Property Maintenance Code establishes the minimum legal requirements and standards for the maintenance, inspection and reinspection of all buildings, premises, and structures within the City.

The exterior of a building, premises, or structure shall be maintained in good repair and:

- be structurally sound and sanitary so as not to pose a threat to the public health, safety, or welfare.
- maintained in good condition and protected from weather and decay including exterior wood surfaces, siding, openings, and masonry joints, and all metal surfaces.
- free from all noxious weeds, and from plant growth greater than eight inches. Other than in cultivated lawns, flowerbeds, or gardens, exterior premises shall be free of shrubs, trees, grasses, annual plants, and vegetation.

### Secs. 42-2-97, 8-15-104.

It is the duty of the owner of any vacant or occupied premises to maintain its sidewalks, and all adjoining public property between the center of the street and one-half of the alley

All driveways, parking spaces, sidewalks, and areas of traverse shall be free from hazardous conditions and accumulated water.

### COMPLIANCE INFORMATION

For more information about property maintenance or to schedule an inspection, contact the Property Maintenance Bureau at (313) 628-2451.

## RESPONSIBILITY ZONE

Property owners are responsible for maintenance from the center of the alley to the center of the street.



## FRONT STAGE

“Front Stage” areas are customer-facing – it is what we call everything the public sees including the curb!



## WHAT IS YOUR MESSAGE?

People may not consciously notice every detail, but subconscious clues are being communicated. What is your property/ environment saying about you, your neighborhood, and your city?