

## **BOROUGH OF RUNNEMEDE**

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Subject: Five Common Property Maintenance Violations

1. Overgrown weeds and grass shall not be in excess of 10 inches. Tree branches and vegetation shall not overhang sidewalks and landscaping shall be cut back to the edge of the sidewalk. Both conditions cause obstructions to pedestrian foot traffic.
2. Vehicles on private property shall be registered, insured, inspected, operable and not suffering from collision damage. Vehicles that do not meet this criteria can only be stored in a garage. A car cover is not permitted.
3. Sidewalks shall be smooth and level with no elevation more than ½ inch or cracked blocks, which creates a tripping hazard.
4. The exterior of the property shall be maintained free of trash and debris. Exterior storage shall be confined to proper areas such as sheds or enclosures.

5. Garbage shall be stored in rust resistant containers with a water tight cover with proper handles. Refuse shall be placed on the curb of a public street not more than 24 hours prior to the regular collection day and all containers shall be stored within 12 hours after collection.

Also each structure shall have the address displayed with minimum 4 inches Arabic numerals visible from the street.

Be it ordained by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Runnemede, in the County of Camden and State of New Jersey, as follows:

**§ 88-1. Property owners to maintain standards.**

In and on any public street, highway, avenue or alley in the Borough of Runnemede the grade of which has been lawfully established or which may hereafter be established, curbs and sidewalks shall be set or reset, laid or relaid, altered, repaired, constructed and maintained at the expense of the abutting property owner as provided by law.

**§ 88-2. Compliance with regulations.**

All curbs and sidewalks hereafter set, reset, laid, relaid, altered, repaired or constructed shall be done in compliance with the regulations of the Borough of Runnemede and under the supervision of such officer or employee as the said borough may designate.

**§ 88-3. Permit required; approval; specifications.**

Whenever any curb and/or sidewalk is required to be set, reset, laid, relaid, repaired or constructed in the Borough of Runnemede, application by the owner of abutting lands or his contractor for a permit shall first be made to the Building Inspector, specifying grade, dimensions, mix materials and method of construction or repair to be used. The Building Inspector shall examine said specifications and register his approval or disapproval thereof; upon approval thereof, a permit shall be issued to the applicant for such construction and/or repairs.