

JEFFERSON POLICE DEPARTMENT PRESS RELEASE OPERATION CLEAN SWEEP TO BEGIN APRIL 20TH, 2020

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The City of Jefferson Police Department would like to announce that starting on Monday, April 20th, 2020, we will be initiating the 'Operation Clean Sweep' detail throughout the City of Jefferson.

Over the past two months, City of Jefferson Police Officers have canvassed neighborhoods locating properties in violation of the City of Jefferson Public Nuisance Chapter 197 laws related to garbage, debris, or accumulated junk in driveways or yards. These unsightly violations are unfair to neighbors and are a violation of City Ordinance.

In conjunction with this effort, officers have also identified properties that are in violation of City of Jefferson abandoned/junked vehicles, vehicles that are disassembled, and unauthorized storage of vehicles including farm machinery or heavy trucks. Officers have also identified unregistered cars and trucks parked in yards and driveways contrary to Chapter 219 of the City Ordinances.

Officers will provide those residents with violation(s) notices to abate (remove/clean-up) their properties starting next week. Re-inspections will occur after 10 days.

Please understand that we wish to work with ALL property owners and not single out any individual properties. This effort is city wide and we hope the effort of everyone results in an overall enhancement in not only general appearance of our city, but in the overall property values of the area as well. It is our goal to gain voluntary compliance with current City Ordinances, NOT to issue citations or remove property/vehicles at the owner's expense.

To review the City of Jefferson Ordinances related to nuisances or abandoned/junked vehicles, please cut and paste the following links, which defines the problems and the process in which these properties will be dealt with:

Chapter 197 Public Nuisances <http://ecode360.com/9781229>

Chapter 219 Abandoned/Junked/Disassembled Vehicles <http://ecode360.com/9781416>

We wish to thank all citizens of Jefferson for helping us to keep the City a beautiful place to live. If you have any questions on a notice you have received please do not hesitate to contact us at the information listed above.

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