

Arlington Code 2023 Summary Key Updates:

NOTE: This is not an exhaustive list of changes in the 2023 Arlington Code but summarizes key changes that may be of greatest interest to the community. The fully updated code is also available for review by the public.

- Penalty (Title I, Ch. 3)
 - Simple misdemeanor fine raised to \$250.00.
- Offenses (Title III, Ch. 1)
 - Stipulations regarding indecent exposure, public urination/defecation, and littering added.
- Nuisances Declared (Title III, Ch. 2)
 - 3-2-1(1) – List of nuisances expanded, including some of the following (see 3-2-1(1) for complete list):
 - 3-2-1(1)(aa) – The open burning of trash, refuse, garbage, junk or salvage materials, and construction and demolition materials are prohibited, unless otherwise excepted.
 - 3-2-1(1)(jj) - Indoor furniture and broken furniture were added to the list of items considered a nuisance if visible from the public right-of-way or adjoining property.
 - 3-2-12 - Condemnation of Nuisance expanded to include abandoned property and to authorize proceedings under Ch. 657 of the Iowa Code.
- Traffic Code (Title III, Ch. 3)
 - 3-3-35 – 48 hour parking limitation on city streets
 - 3-3-36 - Truck parking limited, and permit required for parking in designated truck parking
 - 3-3-37 – Trailer parking limitation added
 - 3-3-38 – Electric vehicle charging section added
 - 3-3-50 – Clarification that motorized bikes/e-bikes obey laws pertaining to non-motorized bikes.
 - 3-3-68 – Stipulations around operation of UTVs updated in line with state code.
- Junk and Abandoned Vehicles (Title III, Ch. 10)
 - Additional junk and junk vehicle stipulations were added.

- 3-10-2(2) – Junk definition added, and further stipulations around junk added in remainder of chapter.
- 3-10-2(3) – Junk Vehicle definition updated, including expanding to include motor vehicles that have remained without moving on a private property for 45 days and not meeting any listed exceptions, and vehicles left unattended on jacks, blocks or elevated in any way constituting a safety hazard or threat to public health and welfare.
- 3-10-2(6) - Vehicle definition updated to include campers and boats.
- **NEW CHAPTER ADDED: Fireworks Ordinance (Title III, Ch. 12)**
 - New chapter addresses recent changes in state law pertaining to fireworks, and provides fireworks definitions, violation definitions, prohibitions, stipulations regarding the sale and use of consumer fireworks (including dates and times), firework permit requirements, and enforcement provisions.
- Animal Control (Title IV, Ch. 1)
 - 4-1-7 – Definition of vicious animals updated.
- Water System (Title VI, Ch. 3)
 - 6-3-3 – Proof of insurance from plumbers involved in installation of water service pipes further stipulated.
 - 6-3-5 – Requirements for service connections added.
 - 6-3-8 to 6-3-9 – Address permit requirement, application and access fees for taps/connections to water mains.
 - 6-3-11 – Further stipulations around making the connection.
 - 6-3-12 – Additional insurance requirement added for excavations.
 - Sections 6-3-15 to 6-3-29 added, providing several additional guidelines for water service.
- Refuse Collection (Title VI, Ch. 4)
 - Schedule of fees updated to reflect increased rates and moved to Section 6-5-8.
 - 6-4-7 – Burning of construction and demolition materials further regulated. Fines added for Burning of Refuse violations.
 - 6-5-10 through 6-5-12 – Sections addresses liens for nonpayment were added.
- Billing Charges (Title VI, Ch. 5)
 - 6-5-5 – Discontinuing service stipulations, process and fees updated.
 - 6-5-8 – Water, sewer and garbage rates reflect increased rates.
- **NEW CHAPTER ADDED: Accessory Buildings and Structures (Title VI, Ch. 9)**

- New chapter addresses accessory building definitions, construction timing, permit requirements, number, location and area, height limitations, setbacks and design.
- Zoning (Title VI, Ch. 10)
 - 6-10-4 – Temporary or movable structures further added under permit requirements.
 - 6-10-16 – Stipulations and fines for commencing work without a permit added.
- Building Permits (Title VI, Ch. 12)
 - Temporary Accessory Structure definition, permit requirement, and base requirement were added.
 - 6-12-15 – Off street parking requirement added stipulating vehicles shall be parking on a driveway or gravel base.
 - 6-12-19 – New stipulations and fees pertaining to commencing work without a permit.
- Fences (Title VI, Ch. 18)
 - 6-18-3 – Fence design materials requirements added.
- **NEW CHAPTER ADDED:** Recreational Vehicle/Travel Trailer Residence (Title VI, Ch. 19)
 - New chapter defines Recreational Vehicles and provides stipulations regulating their long-term use as residences and addresses their location on properties.
- **NEW CHAPTER ADDED:** Property Maintenance Code (Title VI, Ch. 20)
 - New chapter added with purpose of protecting public health, safety, and welfare, esthetics and property values, by establishing minimum standards for maintenance, appearance, condition, and occupancy, and for essential utilities, facilities, and other physical components and conditions to make residential premises fit for human habitation, and to make non residential premises fit for use according to the purpose for which they were developed; by fixing certain responsibilities and duties upon the owners and managers, and distinct and separate responsibilities and duties upon the occupants; by authorizing and establishing penalties for violations; and providing for proper repair, demolition, or vacation of premises which do not comply with the ordinance.
- **NEW CHAPTER ADDED:** Portable Storage Containers (Title VI, Ch. 21)
 - New chapter addresses portable storage container definition, related restrictions for residential, commercial, and industrial properties, restrictions on stacking, maintenance requirements, and compliance for existing containers.