



# Department of Code Enforcement

City of New Orleans

## Sec. 26-172. Roofs

The roof and flashing shall be sound, tight and not have defects that admit rain. Roofs must be adequate to prevent dampness or deterioration in the walls or interior portion of the structure.

## Sec. 26-160. Weeds and Plant Growth

Premises and exterior property, including vacant land, shall be maintained free from weeds or plant growth more than ten inches tall on the entirety of the lot, plot, or parcel. All noxious weeds shall be prohibited. Weeds shall be defined as all grasses, annual plants, and vegetation, other than trees or shrubs. Said term shall not include cultivated flowers and gardens.

## Sec. 26-179. Window, Skylight, Door Frames

Every window, skylight, door and frame shall be kept in sound condition, good repair and weather tight.

## Sec. 26-177. Chimneys and Towers

All chimneys, cooling towers, smoke stacks, and similar appurtenances shall be maintained structurally safe and sound, and in good repair.

## Sec. 26-171. Exterior Walls

Exterior walls must be free from holes, breaks, and loose or rotting materials, and maintained weatherproof and properly surface coated where required to prevent deterioration.

## Sec. 26-167. Protective Treatment

All exterior surfaces, including but not limited to: doors, door and window frames, cornices, porches, trim, balconies, decks, and fences, shall be maintained in good condition.

## Sec. 26-178. Handrails and Guardrails

All handrails and guardrails shall be firmly fastened and capable of supporting normally imposed loads and shall be maintained in good condition.

## Sec. 26-181. Doors

All exterior doors, door assemblies and hardware shall be maintained in good condition and all exterior doors shall lock tightly to secure the door.

## Sec. 26-176. Stairways, Decks, Porches and Balconies

Every exterior stairway, deck, porch, balcony and gallery, and all appurtenances attached thereto, shall be maintained structurally sound, safe and in good repair, with proper anchorage and capable of supporting the imposed loads.

## Sec. 26-157. Sanitation

All exterior property and premises shall be maintained in a clean, safe and sanitary condition, free from any accumulation of trash, litter, debris, garbage, waste, rubbish or other similar material.



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## Common Code Violations & Locations

The **most common code violations** are provided in the diagram above.

If violations are found on your property, you should start fixing them right away. Talk to a contractor or repair worker to find out how to fix violations effectively.

Some fixes may need a permit. To learn more, visit [nola.gov/safety-and-permits](http://nola.gov/safety-and-permits).

Getting a permit can take time. Be ready with all your papers, contracts, and forms when you apply.