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City Hall Hours:

- Monday 8:00am - 4:30pm
- Tuesday 8:00am - 6:00pm
- Wednesday - Closed
- Thursday 8:00am - 6:00pm
- Friday 8:00am - 4:30pm
Closed 12:00pm - 1:00pm
daily for lunch
- City Hall will be closed
June 18 - 20

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

June 3
July 15
August 5
August 19
September 2
September 16
October 7
November 10
November 18
December 2

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City of Kimball

June 2014

Summer Has Arrived!

A reminder about curfew per City Ordinance 500:

Section 500.01: Persons Subject to Curfew. Every person under the age of 16 years shall be subject to the curfew restrictions of this section. For purposes of this section, such person shall be designated as a "child."

Section 500.02: Curfew Times. No child shall lurk, loiter, idle or be in or upon the public streets, highways, parks, playgrounds, schools, or other public grounds, public places, places of entertainment or refreshment, or any other unsupervised places within this City between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 5:00 a.m. the following day.

Section 500.03: Exceptions. The provisions of this Section do not apply:

(a) To a child who is accompanied by his or her parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of the child.

(b) To a child who is upon some necessary errand by permission or direction of his or her parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of the child. Such permission shall be in writing and signed by the parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of the child. Permission may not be required in an emergency situation.

Section 500.04: Parental Responsibility. Except as provided herein, any parent, guardian or other person having the care or custody of a child who permits the child to violate the provisions of this Section shall be guilty of a petty misdemeanor. Each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 500.05: School Nights. The provisions of this Section shall be temporarily suspended and shall not apply to any child, parent, guardian, or other person having the care or custody of the child, if the child is lawfully going to, attending or returning from any official school sponsored event, between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 1:00 a.m. of the morning following the event.



A Reminder on “Public Nuisances”

With the summer months upon us and people out and about, complaints on public nuisance problems become a bigger concern for residents and their neighborhood. In the next few weeks the City will be conducting a “Spring Clean-up” sweep throughout the City to identify violators of public nuisances. Letters will be sent to property owners who are in violation, notifying them of the violation and asking them to correct the situation. City Ordinance 400 deals with nuisances. Residents and business owners should know these ordinances to avoid public nuisance complaints. Common nuisance complaints received by the City are: junk in yards including but not limited to household appliances, automobile bodies, trash and debris situated in a manner as to constitute a fire, health or safety hazard; garbage cans left on a sidewalk for long than 24 hours after pick-up day; noxious weeds such as Canadian thistle; grass longer than 8”; placing and/or throwing glass, nails or other items which may injure any person, animal or vehicle passing over the item; inoperable and/or unlicensed motor vehicles; animal feces that owners do not pick up in the public right-of-way and any dog that repeatedly and habitually barks, howls, bays or whines. Residents should also be aware of the fact that during construction or repair of property, building materials should be stacked or stored in a neat and orderly fashion and in a manner so as to avoid presenting any danger to the general public. The City is authorized to abate the nuisance if not remedied by the deadline given to a property owner. All costs of abatement are the responsibility of the property owner.

When is a building permit required?

You are going to do a project at your home or business and you want to know **if** a permit is required. Let’s see what the administrative section of the building code says.

Section 1300.0120 Permits – Subpart 1. states: “An owner or authorized agent who intends to construct, enlarge, alter, repair, move, demolish, or change the occupancy of a building or structure, or to erect, install, enlarge, alter, repair, remove, convert, or replace any gas, mechanical, electrical, plumbing system, or other equipment, the installation of which is regulated by the code; or cause any such work to be done, shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.”

You may be asking: **Are there any exceptions?** Yes, certain types of projects may not require a permit. To be safe and avoid getting charged a penalty fee, call our office prior to beginning any project.

Another good question is: **“When** do I pull the permit?” That question was also answered in Section 1300.0120. Didn’t catch it? Look at the last sentence: “. . . shall first make application to the building official and obtain the required permit.” A permit needs to be issued before starting any work.

Once again, there is **one exception**: when there is an emergency. The code states “If equipment replacement and repairs must be performed in an emergency situation, the permit application shall be submitted to the building official within the next working business day.” Perhaps now is a good time to offer some clarification – Not an emergency: “My contractor had an opening today and I had to take it.” An emergency: “It was 20 degrees below zero and my grandma’s furnace went out.” If in doubt, call our inspections office Inspetron - 1-800-332-6153.

Building permits are available on the City Website along with a link to project information handouts on Inspetron’s Website.