



# June 2016

## The City's 2015 Consumer Confidence Report is online

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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

### Upcoming City Council Meetings:

June 7  
July 12  
August 1  
August 16  
September 6  
September 20  
October 4  
October 18  
November 1  
November 15  
December 6  
December 20

Annually the City is required to issue results of monitoring done on its drinking water. The purpose of this report is to advance consumers' understanding of drinking water and heighten awareness of the need to protect precious water resources.

The City of Kimball provides drinking water to its residents from a groundwater source: two wells ranging from 48 to 59 feet deep that draw water from the Quaternary Water Table aquifer. The water provided to customers may meet drinking water standards, but the Minnesota Department of Health has also made a determination as to how vulnerable the source of water may be to future contamination incidents. If you wish to obtain the entire source water assessment regarding your drinking water, please call 651-201-4700 or 1-800-818-9318 (and press 5) during normal business hours. Also, you can view it on line at [www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa](http://www.health.state.mn.us/divs/eh/water/swp/swa).

No contaminants were detected at levels that violated federal drinking water standards. However, some contaminants were detected in trace amounts that were below legal limits. (Some contaminants are sampled less frequently than once a year; as a result, not all contaminants were sampled for in 2015. If any of these contaminants were detected the last time they were sampled for, they are included in the table along with the date that the detection occurred.)

You may view this entire report at <http://www.ci.kimball.mn.us/consumerconfidencereport>

Full copies of the report can also be requested by contacting City Hall.

### Brush & Compost Pick Up

Tuesdays Mornings - All brush/compost must be placed at the curb by 6:30 am

#### RULES TO FOLLOW:

- Brush not to exceed 4 feet in length & must be bundled and tied.
- Compost - not to exceed 50 lbs. ONLY Corn-based self-composting bags will be picked up. Compostable bags are distinct from regular plastic bags because they are usually clear or a green-tinted opaque color. Most home improvement, grocery and hardware stores now carry them. If you don't see them, ask an employee at the store.

**Biodegradable bags and Regular Garbage bags are NOT accepted and will NOT be picked up!**

#### COMPOSTABLE BAGS ONLY

- Residents also have the option of bringing brush and compost to the City's compost site on their own by appointment only.

Please contact the Public Works Dept. for additional information or an appointment at (320)980-4906.

# Let's Talk About Pet Etiquette

As the weather gets warmer, the City typically receives more phone calls about dogs and cats. City Ordinance 650 - Animals regulates all types of animals within the City limits.

While we all have our own views and we may even have differences of opinion on animals, there are a few things that we would like to remind residents of:

- Only domesticated animals are allowed within the City limits; with the exception of areas zoned as Agricultural Districts (AG). This means that the only types of animals allowed on your property are: Domestic animals shall mean those animals commonly accepted as domesticated household pets. Unless otherwise defined, such animals shall include dogs, cats, caged birds, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, domesticated rabbits, fish, non-poisonous, non-venomous and non-constricting reptiles or amphibians and other similar animals. **The City does not allow "backyard chickens"**.
- Areas zoned as "AG" allow farm animals; which are the following: Farm animal shall mean those animals commonly associated with a farm or performing work in an agricultural setting. Unless otherwise defined, such animals shall include members of the equestrian family (horses, mules), bovine family (cows, bulls), sheep, poultry (chickens, turkeys), fowl (duck, geese), swine (including Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs), goats, bees and other animals associated with a farm, ranch or stables.

The majority of the following statements apply to dogs:

- **Running at Large Prohibited.** It shall be unlawful for any person who owns harbors, or keeps a dog, or the parents or the guardians of any such person under 18 years of age, to allow such dog to run at large. Any person (or the parents or the guardians of any such person under 18 years of age) who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog which runs at large shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Dogs on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person or accompanied by and under control and direction of a responsible person, so as to be effectively restrained by command as by leash, shall be permitted in streets or on public land unless the City has posted an area with signs reading "Dogs Prohibited."
- **License Required.** All dogs over the age of six months kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the City, shall be licensed and registered with the City. Dog licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk upon payment of the license fee established by the ordinance establishing fees and charges adopted pursuant to Section 2 of this code, as that ordinance may be amended from time to time. The owner shall provide proof of current rabies vaccination, as evidenced by a certificate by a veterinarian qualified to practice in the state in which the dog is vaccinated. The certificate provided should also include such information as name and address of the owner, name of dog, breed of dog, color of dog, weight of dog, sex of dog and age of dog.
- **Habitual Barking.** It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a dog which habitually barks or cries. Habitual barking shall be defined as barking for repeated intervals of at least five minutes with less than one minute of interruption. The barking must also be audible off of the owner's or caretaker's premises.



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- **Cleaning up Litter.** The owner of any animal or person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of the feces in a sanitary manner whether on their own property, on the property of others, or on public property. **PLEASE CLEAN UP YOUR ANIMALS POOP!** If you fail to do so, whether on your property, the property of others or on public property it can be declared a public nuisance and you can be issued a citation.
- **Fences.** If you install a fence to contain your dog it **DOES** require a permit.

## Minn. State §346.57

### **DOGS AND CATS IN MOTOR VEHICLES.**

Subdivision 1. **Unattended dogs or cats.** A person may not leave a dog or a cat unattended in a standing or parked motor vehicle in a manner that endangers the dog's or cat's health or safety.

Subd. 2. **Removal of dogs or cats.** A peace officer, as defined in section 626.84, a humane agent, a dog warden, or a volunteer or professional member of a fire or rescue department of a political subdivision may use reasonable force to enter a motor vehicle and remove a dog or cat which has been left in the vehicle in violation of subdivision 1. A person removing a dog or a cat under this subdivision shall use reasonable means to contact the owner of the dog or cat to arrange for its return home. If the person is unable to contact the owner, the person may take the dog or cat to an animal shelter.

Subd. 3. **Petty misdemeanor.** A person who violates subdivision 1 is subject to a fine of \$25.