



City of Kimball

September 2014

City Hall will be closed the following dates:

- September 1

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

Upcoming City Council Meetings:

September 2
 September 9 - Maus Dr.
 September 16
 October 7
 November 10
 November 18
 December 2



Back to School Safety Tips from the Minnesota Department of Public Safety

Watch for pedestrians and bicycles around schools - Office of Traffic Safety

Back-to-school means added pedestrian and bicycle traffic around schools and campuses. Motorists are reminded to drive attentively and scan the road for pedestrians. It's the law to stop for pedestrians within the crosswalk. Motorists should use extra caution when turning to look for pedestrians crossing and bicyclists in blind spots.

Key safety tips for pedestrians:

- Clearly show intentions to cross and make eye contact with drivers to ensure they see you.
- Cross at intersections, and where possible, in marked crosswalks.
- Continue to look both ways while crossing; distracted drivers aren't looking out for pedestrians.

Bicyclists are reminded to ride on roads with traffic and obey traffic signals. Riders should also wear helmets and use reflective gear and lights to increase visibility. Motorists must give riders room (at least three-foot clearance) and look twice for bicyclists.

School bus safety is for motorists and children — State Patrol

Study up on school bus safety: Drive attentively, be ready to stop for school buses and be watchful for children exiting buses and crossing streets — that's where and when they are most vulnerable.

- It's the law to stop for red flashing lights and when bus stop-arms are extended — both when driving behind a bus and when coming toward a bus on an undivided road.
- Red flashing lights indicate children are entering or exiting the bus.
- Motorists are encouraged to alter their routes or schedules to avoid buses. In doing so, motorists won't find themselves driving behind a bus and potentially putting children at risk.

Parents should discuss and demonstrate pedestrian safety with their children, and reinforce safe crossing after exiting a bus. Specifically, when getting off a bus, children should look to be sure no vehicles are passing on the shoulder (side of the road). And before crossing the street, take five "giant steps" out from the front of the bus, make eye contact with the driver, wait for the driver to signal that it is safe to cross, and then keep watching traffic when crossing.

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In this economy more and more people and families are having difficulties making ends meet.

If you are having difficulty paying your heating and/or electric bill we encourage you to contact your local Energy Assistance provider.

How can Energy Assistance help you?

Energy Assistance programs can provide:

Assistance towards a household's home energy bill

Emergency assistance if a household's home energy service is shut off

Emergency assistance if a household is unable to get fuel delivered

Advocating with energy-related services such as weatherization improvements, furnace equipment repair and replacement, and budget counseling.

LOCAL ENERGY ASSISTANCE PROVIDER FOR:

BENTON, MORRISON, SHERBURNE, STEARNS COUNTIES:

TRI-COUNTY ACTION PROGRAM, INC

1210 23RD AVE S

WAITE PARK MN 56387

(320) 251-1612 or 1-888-765-5597

WWW.TRICAP.ORG

"This program is funded by the Minnesota Department of Commerce and U.S. Dept. of Health & Human Services"

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.