

CONTACTS and REMINDERS

CITY OF HERON LAKE

This information is provided to give a brief overview of services and regulations within the City of Heron Lake. To view the complete ordinances, or if you have any questions, please contact City Hall (507-793-2826) or the Heron Lake Police Department (507-793-2813).

Utility Bills include water, sewer and garbage. They are sent out monthly and bills are due the 15th. If you are having trouble paying your bill, please call City Hall. Recycling is a county-wide program and is billed yearly on your property taxes. **Residential RECYCLING pickup is alternating Thursday & GARBAGE pickup is every Friday.**

Weed & Grass Control is the responsibility of property owners. Ordinances require mowing grass and weeds before they are six inches high. If not done, the City will mow the property and assess the cost to the owner. In addition, it is illegal to mow or otherwise place grass or weeds in the streets to avoid lake pollution and plugging up storm drains.

Burn Site is open to Heron Lake residents for leaves, branches, grass clippings and garden materials only. Please leave these items in the designated areas for each. Please do not dump leaves on brush piles and do not leave bags or boxes – please take containers home with you. **CONCRETE & ASPHALT IS NOT ACCEPTED.**

Dogs/Animals – Dogs must be licensed (\$5) yearly with proof of rabies vaccination. It is illegal to allow your dogs to run at large – if found, they will be placed at the Cottonwood Veterinary Clinic in Windom. No animals other than dogs, cats and house pets are allowed in the city limits. Please check at the city office about dog houses/kennels/fences.

Zoning Permits are required for the following: New construction of any building, enlarging of any building, moving or demolition of a building or landing, decks, fences over 3 feet high, storage sheds, kennels and signs. Permits are not required for shingling, inside remodeling, new siding or windows and doors.

Sump Pumps – It is illegal for sump pumps or roof drains to be connected to the sanitary sewer system. Ordinance #202 gives the City the right to inspect homes for violations. **First offense is a misdemeanor** punishable by a \$250 fine.

Snow & Winter Parking Ordinance #214: To facilitate snow removal, anything parked on streets must be removed after snowfall ends until streets are cleared. \$25 tickets will be issued to owners who do not move their vehicles. Ordinance #215 prohibits the blowing, pushing, or scooping of any snow from private premises, driveways or buildings or the side of any street or alley into the public streets or alleys.

Solicitors – It is unlawful for any person to go door-to-door attempting to sell goods. Please contact the Police Department if a solicitor comes to your home.

Semi-tractors/trailers – It is illegal to park a semi-tractor or trailer on residential streets, except for the purpose of loading or unloading. Engine braking is not allowed.

Junk Vehicles/Vehicle Repair – No person shall park or store a junk vehicle on a public street or alley or on private property unless it is within a building. No person shall service or repair vehicles beyond 24 hours on a public street or on private property unless it is within a building.

Tree Planting – To help avoid interference with underground or overheard electric lines and cables, or water and sewer lines, please check with the City before planting or removing trees. Please call Gopher State One Call (800-252-1166) before doing any digging.

House Numbers – All residents are encouraged to put their street address beside their front door, so they may be read from the street. This can help fire, ambulance and police locate someone more quickly when time counts.

Snowmobiles/ATVs – Please check with the police department regarding use of snowmobiles and ATVs within city limits.

Curfew & Park Hours – Curfew for anyone under the age of 18 is 10:30 pm. Minors and adults are to be out of the park by 9:00 pm during the school year and by 10:00 pm during the summer.

Misc. Information – City Council meets on the first Wednesday of each month at 7:00 pm at City Hall.