



City Hall Happenings

CONGRATULATIONS NEW & RETURNING COUNCIL MEMBERS

- **Ron Grobeck:** Mayor, 2 year term 2021-2022
- **Judah Burlingame:** Council, 2 year term appointed
- **Mike Windey:** Council, 4 year term 2021-2024
- **Janet “Jan” Hill:** Council, 4 year term 2021-2024
- **Jill Carlson:** Council, 4 year term 2019-2022

BIG BUILD! BUILD HERE!

The City in cooperation with Otter Tail County CDA is offering up to \$10,000 depending upon market value in property tax abatements for new homes built in the next five years. Go to Otter Tail County’s website or call City Hall at (218) 367-2250 to find out how to apply.

BUILDING BIG IN OTTERTAIL!

The City of Ottertail is offering building sites for \$1.00! There are some requirements when applying but incentives along with possible tax abatements make this deal too good to be true! If you’re thinking about building in Ottertail, call City Hall for details or check the city’s website for an information packet and application.

Nine Residential lots are available in the new Happy Acres Development, three on Arvilla Drive, one on Maple Ave. and one in the Three Lakes Retreat area.

DEFERRED LOANS AVAILABLE

Businesses: looking to do some up-grading to your building? The City has available deferred loans up to a \$3,000 match and add that to a grant from Otter Tail County Partnership Growth program depending on the value of your project. Applications are required.

*Zoning permits are required for structures, land alterations, driveway bituminous or concrete, signs or fences. Applications are on-line or stop in and pick-one up from city staff. Any changes to outside dimensions, all new structures, land alterations and driveway blacktopping require a permit. Those projects within 1,000 ft. of Shoreland are restricted to no more than 25% impervious surface. Non-shoreland is 30%. **Any commercial changes/improvements/signs require a zoning permit.***

**Zoning Permit Reminder!
\$300 After the Fact Fine**

NEW AND AMENDED ORDINANCES

RECREATIONAL CAMPING UNITS

Properties with a principal dwelling: 1) Maximum of four units allowed at any one time with provision only one unit can be licensed. All others can be used up to a total of 22 days in one calendar year. 2) No individual camping unit may be place for use longer than 22 days within any 60 days. 3) One camping unit may be allowed in outside storage. That unit may be stored year-round.

Properties without a principal dwelling: 1) Maximum of four units (RV’s, campers, tents etc.) are allowed at any one time with the provision only one can be licensed. All others can be used up to a total of 22 days in one calendar year. 2) Each individual camping unit is allowed for 22 days in one calendar year without a permit. 3) A permit is required if established for more that 22 days in a calendar year and the permit requires installation of an approved sewage treatment system.

Properties where a principal structure is being constructed: 1) Camping units are allowed in conjunction with a land use permit for construction of a principal structure providing an approved permanent sewage system is in place. 2) Camping units are allowed up to 12 months during construction with an extension for an additional 12 months in conjunction with an extension of the land use permit.

Camping units must meet all set-back requirements!

Please be advised these sections of the ordinance will be strictly enforced in 2021. Violations to Chapter 156 shall be a misdemeanor offense for each violation.

GUEST CABINS - SECOND DWELLING

Chapter 151.028 Table One Classifications and Uses
Guest Cabins, mother-in-law suites, or bunk houses are a non-permitted use in the City of Ottertail and all shoreland areas of the City. Violations of this section of the ordinance will consist of a misdemeanor and everyday such a violation exists is a separate violation! It has come to administrations attention that there may be a few of these “guest cabin/bunk houses” in existence in the City. To avoid penalties, these uses should be discontinued. City code allows for only one single family unit allowed per parcel. Bed and breakfast/ rooms for rent (Airbnb) are only allowed through conditional use, in applicable zoning district and licensed by MN Dept. of Health, with suitable septic systems.

Please be advised that this ordinance will be strictly enforced in 2021. Violations to any section of Chapter 151 is guilty of a misdemeanor and each day the violation continues is a separate offense.

ADDITIONAL NEW/AMENDED ORDINANCES

See our website for details: www.cityofottertail.com

- Chapter 151.03 *Set-backs for Patios from OWL*
- Chapter 91.04 *Farm Animals*
- Chapter 15/114 *CUP & Variance Notification Requirements*
- **New!** Chapter 113 *Peddlers, Solicitors, and Transient Merchants*

CALENDAR

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

2021 February 18th April 15th
 March 18th May 20th
 MEETINGS ARE AT 6 P.M.
 ON 3RD THURSDAY OF MONTH

If you would like to be placed on the agenda, please contact City Hall the Monday before the meeting and provide your topic. All other concerns are placed under Public Forum. Email: info@cityofottertail.com

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HOLIDAYS OBSERVED

President's Day *The city office will be closed.*
 – Monday, February 1st

Memorial Day
 – Monday, May 31st

City of Ottertail's Newsletter is a quarterly publication. For contact and other information, visit our website at: www.cityofottertail.com

City office email: info@cityofottertail.com

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Presorted Standard
 US Postage Paid
 Fergus Falls, MN
 Permit No. 210



Smart911™

There is a **NEW** Otter Tail County Emergency Weather and 911 Service Notification service. Please self-register and encourage your neighbor to self-register. **Smart911** registration is available on the City of Ottertail's website, www.cityofottertail.com. Call City Hall for more information or to receive assistance with registering. All Otter Tail County residents are encouraged to register.

Water Department

ONLINE BILL PAY

You can pay your water utility bill online by visiting the website, www.ub-pay.com, and using our municipal code **OttertailMN571** to set up an account. You can also find a link by visiting the city's website at www.cityofottertail.com and clicking on the **UB Pay** button. There is a small fee to use this service. If you are interested in receiving your bill by email only, please call City Hall and talk to Amanda or email your email address to otcity@arvig.net.

SHUT-OFF POLICY

Water users with accounts over 60 days old are subject to water shut-off. Payments are due on the last day of the month. To avoid forgetting and late charges of \$10.00 try signing up for Automatic Drafts. Call City Hall and talk to Amanda for details.

**DON'T PUSH SNOW ONTO THE ROAD.
 SHOVEL ONTO YOUR OWN PROPERTY.**



Minnesota Statute 160.2715 • RIGHT-OF-WAY USE

(a) Except for the actions of the road authorities, their agents, employees, contractors, and utilities in carrying out their duties imposed by law or contract, and except as herein provided, it shall be unlawful to:

(1) obstruct any highway or deposit snow or ice thereon;

(b) Any violation of this section is a misdemeanor.

Check the City's website for forms, ordinance changes, agendas, council minutes, public notices and other city information.

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