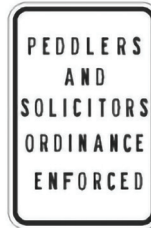




## City Hall Happenings

### PEDDLER PERMITS

Beginning in the summer of 2021, a *peddler, solicitor, and transient merchant permit* will be required to operate a mobile business or unsolicited wares door to door in Ottertail. This will include fast food trucks and more. Signs like this one will be placed on each border of the city to inform these types of businesses they must check with city hall before doing business.



## THE BIG BUILD

### PROPERTY TAX ABATEMENTS

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 two years. Go to Otter Tail County's website or **call City Hall at (218) 367-2250 to find out how to apply.**



Currently we have five lots eligible for this program: four located on *Arvilla Drive*, and one located on *Maple Avenue*. Tax Increment Financing (TIF) is available in *Happy Acres Development* and are available for the \$1.00 program.

### BUILDING SITES FOR ONE DOLLAR

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 at (218) 367-2250, or check the city's website at [www.cityofottertail.com](http://www.cityofottertail.com) for an information packet and application.

Eight residential lots are available in the new *Happy Acres Development*, three on *Arvilla Drive*, one on *Maple Avenue*.

### GUEST CABINS - SECOND DWELLING

**Chapter 151.028 Table One Classifications and Uses.** (Spring of 2021)

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 every day such a violation exists is a separate violation! It has come to the administration's 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 an applicable zoning district, and licensed by MN Department 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.

### REMINDER: ZONING PERMITS REQUIRED

Zoning permits are required for structures, land alterations, driveway bituminous or concrete, signs or fences. Applications are online or you can 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.** Remember...when in doubt, call city staff. Elaine, Amanda, and Justin are ready to help you with your application!

## Water Department

### ONLINE BILL PAY

You can pay your water utility bill online by visiting the website, [www.ub-pay.com](http://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](http://www.cityofottertail.com) and clicking on the *UB Pay* button. There is a small fee to use this service. Wish to receive bill by email only? Call City Hall and talk to Amanda or email your request to [otcity@arvig.net](mailto: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.

### 2020 CONSUMER CONFIDENCE REPORT (CCR)

2020 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is available. You may request a copy or review the CCR on the city's website. The CCR is a report on the quality of the water you purchase from the city, which the city buys from Henning. The report comes from the regular testing that is done and sent to the Minnesota Department of Health.



### DEFERRED LOANS AVAILABLE

**Businesses:** are you looking to do some upgrading to your building? The City has deferred loans up to a \$3,000 match available, and you can add that to a grant from Otter Tail County Partnership Growth program depending on the value of your project. Applications are required. Inquire at City Hall at (218) 367-2250.



