



Happy Father's Day

# City of Lawton

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Water meter readings are generally taken around the 20th day of each month.  
Invoices for water, sewer, garbage and landfill are sent on the 1st of each month.  
These invoices are delinquent if not paid by the 20th of that same month.  
A 10% Late Fee will be assessed on all delinquent accounts.

## ***READINGS ARE ESTIMATED THIS MONTH***

***This newsletter is dedicated to the most prevalent questions, comments and concerns that have come into City Hall during the past month. Important upcoming dates are also listed below.***

- Early June:** Work will begin on the removal and replacement of Birch Street and Tara Way. The contractor is not sure of the exact date, but depending on weather conditions, the project is apt to begin the first week or two of June.
- June 3:** **Iowa General Primary Elections.** Polls will be open at the Friendship Center from 7:00 a.m. until 9:00 p.m.
- Lawton City Council Meeting,** 5:00 p.m.
- June 9:** **Deadline to register for the upcoming City-Wide Rummage Sales.** Registration can be done online. There is a link on the city webpage. Registration forms are also available at City Hall and at the Lawton Post Office. Cost is \$5 with prior Registration or \$7 day of sale. Payments must be made to Heather Hennings at 510 N Pine Street.
- June 14:** **City-Wide Rummage Sales.** Some are beginning on Friday. Check the city website and download a map of sites. Maps can also be picked up at Pronto Saturday morning.
- June 15:** **Father's Day**
- Grass & weeds over 12" must be cut or destroyed.** This is City Code Sec. 3-11-3. Failure to mow will result in the city mowing and assessing costs to the property owner. Costs will not be less than \$50 and will be due to the City within 30 days.
- June 16:** **City-Wide Clean Up.** Appliance stickers must be placed on appliances in order to be picked up. Stickers may be purchased at City Hall for \$10 each. All items for pick up must be placed at curb side. **Items not accepted** include tires, batteries, concrete, chemicals and wet paint. If you have a question about a particular item, please call prior to that date so I can get an answer for you.
- June 20:** "Water Bills Due"
- June 21:** 10% Late Fee Added on unpaid water bills
- June 30:** All dogs and cats living within the city limits must be registered with City Hall.

It is not flesh and blood but the heart which makes us fathers and sons. ~Johann Schiller

## DOGS & CATS

**LICENSING REQUIRED:** City ordinance requires all dogs and cats over 3 months of age to be licensed at City Hall. Bring proof of current rabies vaccination when registering. If your pet has been registered in the past, I may already have a current vaccination on file. Call if you are in question. Cost of license is \$5 for spayed or neutered animals, \$10 if not. Failure to license by June 30 will result in additional fee of \$3/month until pet is licensed. Refusal to license could result in Municipal Infraction being ordered. Please don't let this happen. First offense is \$250.

**BARKING DOGS:** Barking dogs can be annoying to your neighbors--especially during the night. Please keep your pets quiet so as not to bother others. Complaints from neighbors can result in the issuance of a Municipal Infraction. Again...first offense is \$250.

**ANIMALS AT LARGE:** The City has a leash law whereby all dogs and cats must be kept on your personal property at all times unless they are on a leash controlled by you or another individual able to control your pet. Dogs and cats picked up running "at large" are taken to the Siouland Humane Society. There are fees associated with taking animals in, so we prefer not having to do this. Please keep your pets home.

## TRAILERS

**STREET PARKING:** Trailers of all kinds are prohibited from being left on any city street for a period of over 18 continuous hours (or a maximum of 36 hours within a 5 day period). You may, however, apply for a special Parking Permit through City Hall. Cost of the special permit is \$50 per week. The application must be presented to Council at a council meeting. Regular meetings are the first Tuesday of each month at 5:00 p.m. Special meetings can be called, but will be at the expense of the person calling the meeting. Therefore, please plan ahead if you need a special permit. A municipal infraction will be issued if a permit is not gotten in advance.

## BB GUNS, PELLET GUNS, AIR RIFLES, ETC

**DISCHARGING:** We have had complaints of children discharging air rifles and other guns within the city limits. Parents, not only is this dangerous, but it is also against City Code. Buildings and windows have already been damaged; wildlife has been injured and killed. Please do not let your child go "hunting" or "target practicing" within city limits. Residents, if you witness a child with a gun, contact the Woodbury County Sheriff's office.

## CITY TREE DUMP

**WHAT IS ALLOWED:** The ONLY items permitted at the tree dump site are branches less than 4" in diameter that have actually been cut by city residents or have fallen due to winds, etc. Dumping by hired "tree services" is absolutely not allowed. This site is available for your convenience. However, in recent weeks, sheet rock and other building materials have been dumped on the site. Also bags of garbage and even benches have shown up there. The DNR will not hesitate to close down this site if this continues to happen. We all need to work together to keep our burn pile.

## BUILDING PERMITS

**REQUIRED WHEN:** Building permits are required for all projects outside your home: additions, sheds, decks, steps, concrete work, etc. Applications may be picked up at City Hall or downloaded from the city website. Cost is \$15. Please allow at least 1 week to get permit approved at City Hall after applying. Don't forget to call **Iowa One Call** before digging: **1-800-292-8989**