

Thank you,  
Jerry & Marlene Witt  
for painting in the  
Friendship Center!!!

# City of Lawton

Thank you,  
Don Grigg  
for purchasing four  
additional banners!!!

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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.

## ESTIMATED READINGS

Most of your water meter readings will be estimated this month and next. The April invoice will be with "actual" readings again, and will bring you up-to-date. Please call City Hall if you are concerned with the estimate you have been given.



Remember that American flags can be purchased through the Lawton American Legion. 4'x6' flags and 3'x5' flags are both available at City Hall. Torn and faded flags can be disposed of in the Flag Disposal can located just east of City Hall.

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## Please Help Your Emergency Responders!!



Please be sure your house numbers are visible and easy to read from the street. It is re-

commended that you use numbers at least 4" to 6" in height. It is not necessary that they are reflective in nature, however they should be a contrasting color from the background to aid emergency responders.

Also, if possible, PLEASE turn on a porch light or other outdoor light to bring attention to your home in an emergency situation.

## POWER OUT? GETTING COLD? HELP IS AVAILABLE

Recently Lawton suffered a city-wide power outage that lasted approximately two hours. Just a few nights earlier, the northern part of town suffered another power outage that lasted about an hour.

Heath Mallory, General Manager at Western Iowa Telephone Association, stopped by City Hall during the most recent outage to offer assistance to those in need. WITA has a generator that keeps their office building running and keeps the phone service up and running...even if the power is off at our residences. Heath stated that residents are welcome to come to WITA if they find themselves in a situation where they have no heat in the dead of winter.

Thank you, Heath and WITA. for making your office building available to our residents in need!

Never be afraid to try something new. Remember amateurs built the Ark... professionals built the Titanic

# **PROPOSED ORDINANCE**

## **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 3-3 OF THE CITY CODE LIMITING PARKING AND SIMILAR USES OF STREETS IN ALL RESIDENTIAL AREAS OF THE CITY**

1. New Code Section: SECTION 3-3-35 is struck and replaced with the following provisions:

### **3-3-35 Seven-day restriction.**

No person shall park any vehicle and permit the same to remain standing upon any public street continuously and in one place for a period of more than seven days. A violation of this section shall place such vehicle in the status of an abandoned motor vehicle.

### **3-3-35A Certain motor trucks, campers, and rollofs--Prohibited when.**

(a) No person shall park a motor truck having a freight capacity greater than one ton, or any trailer, semi trailer, tractor, road tractor or truck tractor unit, at any time upon any portion of any street except for such reasonable time as may be necessary to load or unload passengers, freight or other merchandise.

(b) No person shall park a motorized or unmotorized camper, at any time upon any portion of any street except for such reasonable time as may be necessary prior to or immediately subsequent to its use, such parking shall not exceed 18 continuous hours, nor shall such parking be permitted for more than 36 hours in any five day period at any location within the corporate limits of the City of Lawton.

(c) No person shall place a "rolloff", dumpster, or other trash, waste, or storage receptacle or device exceeding one cubic yard or 200 pounds in the traveled portion of a street without requesting and receiving permit from the city council pursuant to paragraph (d) hereof.

(d) For good cause shown the city may issue a permit for uses prohibited in paragraphs a, b, and c above. Application shall be made no less than seven days prior to a regular council meeting or three days prior to a special meeting called for the purpose of issuing a permit hereunder and for which the applicant is paying the expense of the special meeting. The permit shall be issued for a specific number of weeks, but not in excess of six weeks and shall cost \$50.00 per week.

### **1. Modified Code Section: SECTION 3-3-29 is modified by adding the following provisions:**

17. **Mailboxes.** Within twenty (20) feet on either side of a mailbox which is so placed and so equipped as to permit the depositing of mail from vehicles on the roadway.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.236 [1])*

18. **Stop Sign or Signal.** Within ten (10) feet upon the approach to any flashing beacon, stop or yield sign, or traffic control signal located at the side of a roadway.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [6])*

19. **Excavations.** Alongside or opposite any street excavation or obstruction when such stopping, standing or parking would obstruct traffic.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [10])*

20. **Hazardous Locations.** When, because of restricted visibility or when standing or parked vehicles would constitute a hazard to moving traffic, or when other traffic conditions require, the Council may cause curbs to be painted with a yellow color and erect no parking or standing signs.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.358 [13])*

21. **Churches, Nursing Homes and Other Buildings.** A space of fifty (50) feet is hereby reserved at the side of the street in front of any theatre, auditorium, hotel having more than twenty-five (25) sleeping rooms, hospital, nursing home, taxicab stand, bus depot, church, or other building where large assemblages of people are being held, within which space, when clearly marked as such, no motor vehicle shall be left standing, parked or stopped except in taking on or discharging passengers or freight, and then only for such length of time as is necessary for such purpose.

*(Code of Iowa, Sec. 321.360)*

22. **Area Between Lot Line and Curb Line.** That area of the public way not covered by sidewalk and lying between the lot line and the curb line, where curbing has been installed.

23. **In More Than One Space.** In any designated parking space so that any part of the vehicle occupies more than one such space or protrudes beyond the markings designating such space.

This section shall be codified as a new section 3-3-43A and shall apply to section 3-3-25 through 3-3-43

*The following ordinance is part of the Lawton City Code, and deals with parking during a snow emergency. Please make yourself familiar with this code and move vehicles from the streets should a “snow emergency” arise. Thank you.*

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## **TITLE III COMMUNITY PROTECTION**

### **CHAPTER 16: SNOW EMERGENCY**

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| <b>3-16-1 Purpose</b>                    | <b>3-16-5 Notice To Abate – Contents</b>          |
| <b>3-16-2 Nuisance Declared</b>          | <b>3-16-6 Notice To Abate – Method Of Service</b> |
| <b>3-16-3 Snow Emergency Declaration</b> | <b>3-16-7 Civil Penalty</b>                       |
| <b>3-16-4 Notice To Abate – Issuance</b> | <b>3-16-8 Removal of Vehicles</b>                 |

**3-16-1 PURPOSE.** The purpose of this Chapter is to protect the health, welfare and safety of the citizens of Lawton by limiting the use of the public roadways during such time as it is necessary to clear the streets of an accumulation of snow which is detrimental to the community as a whole.

**3-16-2 NUISANCE DECLARED.** It is declared that parking a vehicle or allowing any vehicle to remain parked on an uncleared portion of the traveled portion of the public street after a declaration pursuant to 3-16-3 is to be deemed a nuisance within the meaning of Sections 657.1 and 368.3 of the Code of Iowa and such use of the street and public roadway is declared to be unlawful.

**3-16-3 SNOW EMERGENCY DECLARATION.** When, in the opinion of the mayor OR mayor pro tem, sufficient accumulation of snow exists, whether caused by direct accumulation or “drifting” that snow removal must be accomplished, the mayor shall issue a snow emergency declaration which shall be posted at City Hall, the United States Post Office and such other locations designed to attract the public’s attention. Further it shall be conclusively presumed that any snowfall of six inches or more as officially measured at Sioux City, Iowa, creates a snow emergency.

**3-16-4 NOTICE TO ABATE – ISSUANCE.** Whenever an authorized municipal officer finds that a nuisance exists within the meaning of Section 3-16-2, he shall cause to be served upon the vehicle owner, a written notice to abate the nuisance within 12 hours.

**3-16-5 NOTICE TO ABATE – CONTENTS.** The notice shall contain the following information:

- A. A description of what constitutes a violation of the restrictions established pursuant to Section 3-16-2;
- B. The time, after which the vehicle will be removed by the city;
- C. A statement as to the estimated Cost of removal, which shall be not less than \$25.00 and may be more if actual costs so dictate.

**3-16-6 NOTICE TO ABATE – METHOD OF SERVICE.** The notice shall be deemed served if given to the vehicle owner, attached to the vehicle or door of the adjacent property or any other method reasonably calculated to give notice of the violation.

**3-16-7 CIVIL PENALTY.** A civil penalty of equal to \$25.00 or the actual costs of removal and storage of a vehicle required to be removed by the city shall be assessed to the vehicle owner.

**3-16-8 REMOVAL OF VEHICLES.** When a notice to remove a vehicle has been served, the vehicle may be removed from the uncleared portion of the street by the city at any time after the time stated in the notice. This removal may be accomplished in any manner deemed expedient by the municipal vehicle onto adjacent private property, adjacent public property, to a portion of the street that has previously been cleared or to a storage area designated for such purposes.

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| Sun  | Mon  | Tue   | Wed  | Thu  | Fri  | Sat       |
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|  |  |   |  | <i>1</i><br>10:00 am<br>Coffee<br><br>7:00 pm<br>Line Dance  | <i>2</i><br>1:00 pm<br>Pokeno                                | <i>3</i>  |
| <i>4</i>   | <i>5</i><br><b>GARBAGE</b><br><br>6:00 pm<br>Girl Scouts | <i>6</i><br>2:00-6:00 pm<br>Blood Drive at L-B HS<br><br>5:00 pm<br>Council meeting,<br>Public Hearing<br>Friendship Center | <i>7</i><br>9:00 am<br>Exercise<br><br>9:30 am Dance   | <i>8</i><br>10:00 am<br>Coffee<br><br>5:00 pm<br>Council meeting,<br>Public Hearing<br>Friendship Center | <i>9</i><br>1:00 pm<br>Pokeno<br><br>Bookmobile in<br>Lawton | <i>10</i> |
| <i>11</i><br><br>6:00 pm<br>Silver Spurs<br>4-H Club<br>Meet | <i>12</i><br><b>GARBAGE /<br/>           RECYCLES</b>    | <i>13</i>   | <br><i>14</i><br>9:00 am<br>Exercise<br><br>9:30 am Dance | <i>15</i><br>10:00 am<br>Coffee<br><br>7:00 pm<br>Line Dance   | <i>16</i><br>1:00 pm<br>Pokeno                               | <i>17</i> |
| <i>18</i>  | <i>19</i><br><b>GARBAGE</b>                              | <i>20</i><br><b>WATER<br/>           BILLS DUE</b>  | <i>21</i><br>9:00 am<br>Exercise<br><br>9:30 am Dance  | <i>22</i><br>10:00 am<br>Coffee<br><br>7:00 pm<br>Line Dance   | <i>23</i><br>1:00 pm<br>Pokeno                               | <i>24</i> |
| <i>25</i>  | <i>26</i><br><b>GARBAGE /<br/>           RECYCLES</b>    | <i>27</i>   | <i>28</i><br>9:00 am<br>Exercise<br><br>9:30 am<br>Dance   |  |  |           |