GENERAL CITY ORDINANCE INFORMATION

The Bayport City Council has adopted certain ordinances in an effort to maintain and improve the community. The information included in this pamphlet is intended to clarify many frequently asked questions by residents regarding common city ordinances. Please be advised that this information is a summary and not meant to be a complete account of the ordinance.

The complete book of city ordinances can be accessed electronically via the city's website by clicking on the "City Information" tab on the home page and then selecting "City Ordinances - Online" on the side bar. Please keep in mind that on occasion, city ordinances are reviewed and amended by the City Council. Newer ordinances that have been adopted, but have yet to be included in the online city code, can also be found on the city's website by clicking on "City Ordinances – New."

INFORMATIONAL HANDOUTS AND REPORTING VIOLATIONS

The city also has many informational handouts and maps available on the website to answer questions related to building codes, permit requirements, zoning and floodplain classifications. For clarification regarding city ordinances, please contact City Hall at 651-275-4404 or email *khuftel@ci.bayport.mn.us.*

Residents should report urgent ordinance violations related to noise, recreational burning, tree trimming, or animal control by calling 911 during non-business hours. Non-urgent and other violations should be directed to City Hall.

NOISE

To be respectful of residents and property owners, the city has adopted restrictions on certain activities and noise. Noise associated with heavy construction equipment and machinery including jack hammers, pile drivers, and truck traffic is not allowed on Saturdays, Sundays, and holidays. Other types of regulated noise are permitted during these hours:

Construction	7 a.m. – 8 p.m. weekdays 8 a.m. – 9 p.m. Saturdays 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Sundays
Power equipment	7:30 a.m. – 9 p.m. weekdays 9 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. weekends 9 a.m. – 9:30 p.m. holidays
Vehicle repair	7 a.m. – 8 p.m. weekdays 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. weekends 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. holidays
Recreational vehicles	8 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily
Stereo/sound systems	6 a.m. – 10 p.m. daily

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE

Yards, fences, structures, and landscaping, must be reasonably maintained, to avoid health and safety hazards and prevent degradation in property values. This includes maintaining grass and weeds at a height of less than 6 inches and keeping sidewalks free of leaves, grass clippings, snow, and ice within 24 hours of accumulation. In addition, all garbage, yard waste, scrap metal and wood, household goods, furniture, appliances, junk machinery and equipment must be stored in an approved garbage container out of public view or in a garage or storage building.

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HOME IMPROVEMENT PROJECTS AND BUILDING PERMITS

Whether you plan to do the work yourself or hire a contractor, a city permit must be obtained prior to starting most building projects, to ensure that new construction and changes to existing structures meet required codes. It is best to contact City Hall during the planning stages of a project to determine what permits are required.

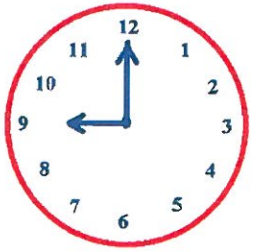
In general, permits are required for sheds, garages, roofs, siding, decks, driveways, windows, interior and exterior remodeling, porches, fences, swimming pools, fireplaces, water heaters, air conditioners, and furnaces. A permit is also required for dumpsters, PODS, and other temporary bulk storage containers. Fines may be issued for projects that are started without first obtaining a permit. The permit applicant is responsible for scheduling all inspections throughout the duration of the project, and a final inspection upon completion. More information and permit forms can be found on the city's website or by contacting City Hall.

PET LICENSES

For safety reasons, the city requires all dogs and cats over 4 months of age be licensed and have a valid rabies vaccination, which must be presented when obtaining a license. Licenses are valid for a calendar year, or balance thereof, and may be purchased at City Hall. The license fee for a spayed or neutered pet is $10.00 and others are $20.00. Please be advised that any pet found running at large without a city collar tag will be impounded at the owner's expense, until claimed.

YOUTH CURFEW

For safety reasons, the city has established and enforces a youth curfew. Youth are only allowed in public areas or establishments during the following hours, unless accompanied by a parent or guardian:



Age	Sun-Thurs	Fri-Sat
Under 12	5 a.m. – 9 p.m.	5 a.m. – 10 p.m.
12 – 14	5 a.m. – 10 p.m.	5 a.m. – 11 p.m.
15 – 16	5 a.m. – 11 p.m.	5 a.m. – 12 a.m.

RECREATIONAL FIRES

Recreational fires are allowed without a permit when the following guidelines, burning bans, and the Fire Prevention Code are observed. Burning permits are issued through the Bayport Fire Department for fires that do not meet these requirements:

- Fire is contained in a pit made of non-combustible material
- Fire does not exceed 30 in. in diameter or height
- Fire is 10 ft. from property lines and 15 ft. from buildings and structures
- Fire is constantly attended by a responsible adult, with a water hose or fire extinguisher within 15 ft.
- Fire is not used to burn yard waste, construction debris, or garbage
- Fire is conducted when winds are less than 15 MPH
- Fire is conducted between 5:00 p.m. and 12:00 a.m. and does not burn for more than 4 consecutive hours

ON-STREET PARKING FOR VEHICLES AND BOAT TRAILERS

On-street parking is allowed within the city, unless otherwise posted. Vehicles are prohibited from being parked on the street for more than 24 consecutive hours. Also, vehicles parked on the street should be removed after a snowfall of 2 inches or more, until the street has been plowed curb to curb.

On-street parking of boat trailers is prohibited. Parking for vehicles with boat trailers is available for residents and the public in the west Lakeside Park parking lot. Parking is also available for residents only in designated areas in the Andersen Corporation parking lot, adjacent to the boat launch.

A $25.00 annual resident sticker is required for the Andersen Corporation parking lot and either a $25.00 annual resident sticker or $10.00 daily permit is required for the Lakeside Park lot. Overnight parking in both lots is prohibited. Be advised that parking regulations are seasonal and vary by location, so please read posted signage carefully. Annual resident stickers can be purchased at City Hall.

TREE TRIMMING

The city requires a permit for vegetative cutting. If the property is located within the riverway zoning district, a $50.00 permit fee does apply. Otherwise, there is no fee for this permit. Property owners may perform vegetative cutting on their own property without obtaining a license. However, commercial tree trimmers performing vegetative cutting must be licensed with the city and provide proof of insurance. Clear cutting of vegetation is not permitted on any property.