

FROM: THE CITY OF OSSIAN

FOR YOUR INFORMATION

This is some general information that will hopefully be of some help to you. Always feel free to call the city clerk's office if you have a question or you need help with something.

PHONE NUMBERS

City Clerk: 532-8939 City Maintenance: 532-9465 Library: 532-9461 Police: 562-3224
Alliant Energy (Electric): 800-255-4268 Black Hills Energy (Natural Gas): 888-890-5554
Ace Communications (Telephone): 507-896-3192 Mediacom (Cable TV): 800-332-0245
Both Ace Communications and Mediacom have internet capabilities.

WEB SITE

<http://www.ossianiowa.com>

FACEBOOK

cityofossian

CITY COUNCIL MEETINGS

Regular city council meetings are held the first Monday of each month in the community center building which is located at 123 West Main Street. Normally, meetings begin at 5:00 p.m. Meeting agendas are posted in the entrance of the building.

COMMUNITY CENTER MEETING ROOM

The community center meeting room is available to the public to rent for \$50.00. Along with the meeting room there are kitchen facilities that include a stove, refrigerator and microwave. The room can be reserved by contacting the city clerk.

WATER/SEWER/GARBAGE BILLING

Water, sewer and garbage are billed monthly on the same bill. Bills are mailed out between the 20th and 25th of each month. They are due by the 10th of the following month. Contact the city clerk for further details regarding the utility billing. Automatic payment of your utility bill from your checking account is available. Contact the city clerk if you are interested in this payment method.

GARBAGE PICKUP

The City requires all residents to have garbage pickup. The fee is collected with the water/sewer/garbage bill. Malcom Enterprises Inc. is the garbage hauler. Monday mornings the garbage is picked up at residences south of Hwy 52 and on Wednesday mornings at residences north of Hwy 52. You need only contact Malcom Enterprises; 800-892-6239, if you have a problem concerning your garbage pickup.

RECYCLING

There are recycling bins located across from the Ossian City Park (along Mechanic Street) where you can bring plastic, paper, cardboard, and tin cans.

DUMP-SITE

The City operates a dump-site for residents to dispose of grass clippings, shrubbery, garden waste, leaves, trees, branches, landscaping rock and dirt. There is no charge for dumping these items. Concrete from driveways and sidewalks can be taken to the dump-site for a fee of \$20.00 per cubic yard. The site is open during the months of April through October. Hours are Wednesdays from 4:00 p.m. - 8:00 p.m. and Saturdays from 8:00 a.m. - Noon. The dump site is located at the end of North Hall Street and Bothel Avenue.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for buildings or structures, decks, etc. that are erected or altered. Contact the city clerk for information regarding building permits. These permits are approved at council meetings so you need to plan ahead and apply for the permit early. You need to have the permit before the project is started. The fee for the permit is \$25.00.

IOWA ONE CALL

Be sure and call Iowa One Call before you do any type of digging in your yard. This will help prevent any underground service from being hit. 1-800-292-8989.

ANIMAL OWNERS

It is unlawful for any animal owner to allow an animal to run at large within the corporate limits of the City or cause damage or interference to someone's premises. In other words if dogs or other animals are not on their owners property, they must be on a leash. Animals caught running at large will be impounded. When animals defecate on either public or private property, it is the owner's responsibility to clean up the droppings.

BURNING

Open burning is not allowed in the City. The only burning allowed is for burning leaves, branches, and landscape waste during the following periods: April 1st to May 15th and September 15th to November 15th.

SNOW REMOVAL – SIDEWALKS

Snow needs to be removed from sidewalks within 24 hours of a snow fall.

CITY OF OSSIAN PARKING INFORMATION

- **NO PARKING FROM NOVEMBER 1ST TO APRIL 1ST BETWEEN THE HOURS OF 2:00 A.M. AND 6:00 A.M.**
 1. Main St. from the intersection of West St. to the intersection of Boody St.
 2. North Lydia St. from Main St. to the railroad crossing.
 3. South Lydia St. on the east side of the street.
- **ALL NIGHT PARKING PROHIBITED**
 1. South Lydia St. on the west side from Main St. to the alley.
- **NO PARKING ZONES**
 1. Fisher Ave. from the west City limits to Main St.
 2. Main St. from Fisher Ave. to West St.
 3. Main St. from Boody St. to Ogden St.
 4. Main St. from Ogden St. to a point 340 ft east of Ogden St.
 5. Boody St. on the west side from Bothel Ave. north to Dessel St.
 6. Mechanic St. on the south side from Becker Ave. to Boody St.
 7. Becker Ave.
- **NO PARKING FROM NOVEMBER 1ST TO APRIL 1ST**
 1. Fisher Ave. from the intersection of N. West St. to the intersection of Hwy 52 also known as Main St

SNOW REMOVAL PARKING FOR STREETS NOT SPECIFIED IN THE ABOVE PARKING REGULATIONS WILL BE AS FOLLOWS.

On odd-numbered calendar days of the week, vehicles are to be parked on the east side of streets that run north/south and on the north side of streets that run east/west, until such time as the snow has been removed or plowed from the opposite side of the street.

On even-numbered calendar days of the week, vehicles are to be parked on the west side of streets that run north/south and on the south side of streets that run east/west, until such time as the snow has been removed or plowed from the opposite side of the street.

EXAMPLE: If tomorrow is an even day and your vehicle will be on the street overnight-park it for the next day (west or south side of the street).

DUTY TO TRIM TREES

It is the duty of property owners with trees overhanging a street to keep the trees trimmed so that the branches will be at least 15 feet above the surface of the street. Tree branches hanging over sidewalks must be 8 feet above the sidewalk.

DUTY TO MOW GRASS, WEEDS, BRUSH

It is the duty of property owners to cut, mow and maintain grass, weeds and brush in residential areas so it does not exceed 6" in height.