



Bertha News

Season Greetings

Breaking News

Bertha City Council has adopted a new set of city codes in 2014. Some of the revisions in the new city code include:

Regular meetings will begin at **6:30** p.m. on the second Monday.

Allows only **2** dogs per dwelling.

No person shall **construct, enlarge, alter, or move in** a structure without receiving a building permit. Be sure to contact the City Office **prior to starting any building project** to determine whether a permit will be needed.

You must now obtain **a permit to construct or erect a fence** on your property. Application can be picked up at the city office. A permit will not be issued until subject to meeting all requirements and conditions set forth by the new city code.

No solid fuel-fire heating devices designed and intended, used for the purpose of heating the principal structure or any other accessory structure on the premise shall be allowed to be installed.

The owner /occupant of any occupied property must install house number clearly visible from the sidewalk and must be at least 5 inches in height.

The complete set of city code can be seen on our website (cityofbertha.com)

WINTER REMINDERS

Use off-street parking after any snowfall of 2 inch or more until the street has been plowed curb to curb. If snowplows are forced to go around parked vehicles, the snow surrounding the car can create a hazard to the traveling public as well as plow operators and equipment. Vehicles that have been parked on the street longer than 24 hours after a snowfall event and have prohibited the complete clearing of the street are subject to towing and impounding.

SNOW ON SIDEWALKS- requires property owners to keep their sidewalks usable by removing ice and snow from them within 24 hours after it has ceased to be deposited.

Pedestrians need a safe place to walk, particularly during the winter months when roads are so slippery. Provision found in the city code includes the removal of snow & ice by the City with the cost being assessed to the property owner.

Thank you for helping us keep our sidewalks as safe as we can by keeping them available for pedestrians!

Snow is Here... is your Mailbox Ready? Residents with mailboxes are responsible for snow removal around their boxes.

Dumping, blowing, shoveling, plowing or depositing snow onto or across any public street or alley is not allowed.

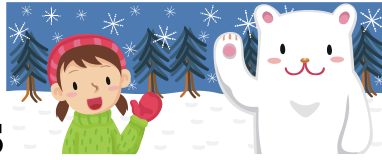
Shoveling around Fire Hydrants

The City of Bertha would like to thank all residents who in the past have shoveled out the fire hydrants in their neighborhood. Fire hydrants freed of snow help the fire department by saving time in emergency situations in which the fire hydrant is needed. The City of Bertha would like to have residents “adopt a fire hydrant” this winter season to ensure a more efficient emergency response time in the City of Bertha.

THE CITY OF BERTHA WOULD LIKE TO THANK ALL of its 2014 Election Judges for their time and dedication in making the election year a success in the city. Your willingness to provide an honorable service was greatly appreciated.

- CITY COUNCIL FOR 2015
- MAYOR DENNIS ZIMMERMAN
- DARRELL HOEMBERG
- LEONA WEISE/BOWMAN
- PAUL OLSON
- KEN NELSON

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In September, the City adopted an increase on the base rate for all users for water/sewer.

Drop box is available outside city hall on south side for utility payment.

The new bimonthly fees for all utility users is as follows:

Water base rate - \$10.00
Sewer base rate - \$22.00
Late fee will increase to \$15.00 if not received before the 15th of the month when due.

The new rate will become effective on the February, 2015 billing and continue until repealed.

Electronic Water Bill

Customers can now receive their water and sewer bills via e-mail. If you are interested, then send a message with the e-mail address where you would like your bill sent to:

citybertha@arvig.net or stop by the city office.

“TAG” – You’re it!

If you own a dog in Bertha... you are required to license it and show proof of current Rabies Vaccination. If your pet is “tagged” & it becomes separated from your property, public works and police can return it to you directly without impounding it and you will avoid needing to be fined and pay impound fees or worse....

Tags for license period 1/1/2015-12/31/2015 are available now. Cost is only \$10.00 per altered (spayed/neutered) pet & \$20.00 for un-altered. On April 18th a mobile unit will be in Bertha to offer spaying/neutering service along with certain shots at a reduce fee. More information is available on their website MN SNAP where reservation can be made. Pet license must be renewed by April 31st to avoid a ***penalty of \$25.00*** plus fine.

A reminder to all petowners
Keep your dog on a leash
Don't let your dog habitually bark
Pick-up after your dog

Roads, Roads, Roads

Like many other communities, Bertha’s main challenge is finding the funds necessary to maintain city streets that still need repair. Unfortunately, there are six blocks of streets that are in great need of repair. While the City Council has not begun to set aside funds specifically for these street projects until the 2015 budget. Financing streets through the street improvement tax levy spreads the cost over all taxable property in the city. The city’s current special assessment policy states properties abutting the street improved is responsible for 80% of the cost. This would allow the city to borrow for the remaining funds and spread the cost over multiple years so as to minimize the impact on the tax levy.

Reminder

The council meets every second Monday of the month.

Meetings start at 6:30 p.m. at the Community Center

Merry Christmas and Happy New Year. 2015 is just around the corner.

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