

OAK WILT INFORMATION

The City of Mosinee has an ordinance that regulates the cutting and trimming of oak trees.

The regulations were developed with the assistance of the local Wisconsin DNR District Urban & Forestry Coordinator. The regulations are intended to prevent the spread of the tree disease known as “oak wilt” that can have a devastating effect on trees in an entire neighborhood if prevention methods are not properly followed.

The ordinance includes the following:

- Prohibits the Removal/Trimming/Pruning of an Oak Tree between April 1 - October 1 without obtaining a written permit from the City.
- Prohibits transporting wood or bark known to be infected with the oak wilt fungus from April 1- October 1 without obtaining a written permit from the City.
- Requires that if storing oak wood for fuel wood purposes between April 1 – October 1, the bark must either be removed or the wood must be completely covered by CLEAR heavy plastic.
- Requires that stumps of trees from the red oak group must completely covered, removed or debarked down to the ground line.

For more information regarding oak wilt please visit City Hall, email - cityadmn@mosinee.wi.us or call - 715-693-2275.

BUILDING PERMITS ARE REQUIRED FOR THE FOLLOWING PROJECTS:

The following projects require a building permit:

New Single Family House, Duplex, Apartment, Commercial, Manufacturing Building, Additions to existing buildings, Upgrades to electrical / plumbing services, Garages / Sheds, Interior remodeling (new walls, bathroom & kitchen upgrades, finishing basement, etc), Siding, Roof (no charge for permit – permit required), Decks, Patios, Porches, Fences, Swimming Pools (Greater than 18” deep), Driveways, Moving buildings into/thru City.

Visit the Building Permits section of our City website: www.mosinee.wi.us, call City Hall @ 715-693-2275 or stop at City Hall for more information.

The Mosinee Water Utility has recently completed the Annual Drinking Water Report for 2018. The report will not be mailed but is available upon request. Copies of the report are available at the Mosinee City Hall – 225 Main Street or can be viewed on the City website at: www.mosinee.wi.us

City of Mosinee

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Dear Resident:

I hope your summer is off to a good start. I am happy to send you this monthly update. May was an exciting month at the City of Mosinee. At our regular monthly council meeting, we had the opportunity to hear back on our hotel feasibility study. The City of Mosinee has previously conducted studies on the feasibility of an additional hotel in the City. While we have had positive reports in the past, the recession made it difficult to find developers interested in investing in a hotel in our community. However, as the economy has recovered and our tax incremental finance district on the East end of Mosinee has experienced continued success, we felt that the time was right to revisit the interest in a hotel.

Earlier this year, the City retained an independent firm from Wisconsin to research and opine on the feasibility of a hotel. The firm met with numerous community stakeholders from City officials, to the Chamber, to business and transportation owners and operators. After an extensive study, the conclusion was that another hotel would be feasible for a developer in the City. Therefore, the City is in the process of marketing that study to hotels that may be interested in building in our community. The addition of a hotel is positive news for the City. It brings additional people into our community who, while temporarily here, will hopefully spend time frequenting our local businesses. It also brings additional property and room tax revenue into our community. Room taxes are, as the name implies, taxes paid on the room for the stay. Comparable to many communities, room taxes are 8 percent in Mosinee. State law requires the City to spend approximately 70 percent of room tax dollars on tourism activity that is likely to generate overnight stays.

To better manage our tourism dollars, in 2017, the City formed the Mosinee Tourism Commission. Prior to this time, the City had partnered with a regional entity, pooling its funds with other communities. The Commission's purpose is to hear from individuals and groups who would like to sponsor events in our community and who would like tourism funds to assist. Through the Commission, we have been able to keep thousands of dollars in the community since 2017. These funds have been used to assist events like the Log Jam, hockey tournaments, youth and adult softball tournaments, youth basketball tournaments and general dining and entertainment marketing.

Another topic on May's agenda was to receive an update from the Mosinee Area Historical society on its work on the former Mosinee Ranger Station. In 2017, the City entered into a lease agreement with the group to lease the former Mosinee Ranger Station. The group had been interested in finding a home in Mosinee. As part of its lease agreement, the group must work on rehabilitating the station, which had fallen into disrepair. Through hard work, the group has raised funds and in-kind donations to replace the roof and paint the exterior as well as target other repairs to the exterior. They hope to complete exterior work this season and turn their focus to the inside of the building.

In other news, the Mosinee Fire District, which provides fire and emergency medical service to the City of Mosinee, the Town of Mosinee, the Town of Knowlton and the Town of Bergen, recently received its new ambulance. Our ambulance fleet previously consisted of an outdated 1995 vehicle and a 2003 vehicle that was heavy on mileage. Our 1995 ambulance was recently auctioned off and our 2003 ambulance will be as well. The new ambulance will join our 2008 ambulance in service.

Again, I hope your summer is off to a good start, and I look forward to updating you again next month.

Mayor Jacobson