



City of Mosinee

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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 - cityadm@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 2019. 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



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Dear Mosinee Resident:

I am pleased to bring you this monthly update from the City of Mosinee. It has been an interesting couple months to say the least. As all are surely aware by now, on May 13th the Wisconsin Supreme Court struck down the Department of Health Services' Safer At Home Order, which had placed a number of restrictions on business operation throughout Wisconsin. The court decision went into effect immediately, which allowed businesses to re-open without restrictions. While the DHS could put forth a new order, the court held that it would have to go through a formal rule making process with oversight by a legislative committee. The Governor has since indicated publicly that he does not anticipate putting forth a new rule but will rather continue to focus on testing, contact tracing and other measures.

What does all that mean here at home? The County Health officer may have the power to issue county restrictions. However, so far directives from the County have come in the form of recommendations rather than requirements. These include following federal and state recommendations for social distancing and limiting large group gatherings among others.

Since, the court's decision, I have received several inquiries. Are parks open? Yes, our parks and playground equipment are open to the public. We ask that all users of our parks simply be cognizant of their own safety. If members of the public are uncomfortable using playground equipment they should not. Is City Hall open? Yes. We had been limiting traffic to voting only but have now opened our doors to other business. Can businesses re-open? Yes. There is presently no state or county order in effect that prevents a business from fully and legally opening to the general public. We are encouraging businesses to implement practices that they deem appropriate for the health and safety of their customers and I am encouraging people who are comfortable to visit them and continue to support them.

We live in challenging times. State revenues that were anticipated to far exceed projections in January could very well plummet. Tax collections in April were down substantially from last year. Unemployment ranges anywhere from just under 10% to just over 25% in parts of the State. Consumer spending is down by double digits. Marathon County is anticipating a \$5 million budget shortfall.

These facts will mean tough decisions next fall as we approach annual budgeting. Two of the City's three largest sources of revenue come in the form of State aid. Our largest source of revenue comes in the form of property taxes, which is true for all communities in Wisconsin. If these sources of revenue fall, budget cuts to hold down taxes are a reality. We are a small community and our operating budget runs very thin to begin with. What a tight budget may mean for the City next year would be the elimination of larger capital projects, such as major road work, and capital acquisitions such as equipment repair and replacement. These will be issues staff and the Council will revisit this fall.

The most important thing you as a resident and part of our community can do for now is to continue to take reasonable safety precautions as you deem appropriate for the safety of you and others around you. You can also continue to support your local businesses as much as possible. Local purchases keep them going so they can continue to offer goods and services right here at home. Local purchases help bring people in our community back to work and off of unemployment. Local purchases generate sales tax revenue to lessen the tax burden from the County. If we all keep that mindset, in total, it goes a long way. Please stay safe and try to also get out and enjoy some of the beautiful weather. I look forward to updating you again next month.

Mayor Jacobson