



CITY OF PELICAN RAPIDS NEWS

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CALENDAR

City Council
March 10, 5:00 pm
March 31, 5:00 pm

Park Board
March 30, 5:00pm

Planning Commis-
sion
March 9, 5:00pm

NOTICE OF COUNTY LOCAL BOARD OF REVIEW AND EQUALIZATION

THURSDAY April 2nd, 2:00pm-3:00pm, City Council Chambers

If you believe the value or classification of your property is incorrect, please contact your assessor's office BEFORE this meeting to discuss your concerns. If you disagree with the valuation or classification after discussing it with your assessor, you may appear before the local board of appeal and equalization. The board will review your assessments and may make corrections as needed. Generally, you must appeal to the local board before appealing to the county board of appeal and equalization.

The purpose of the Board of Appeal and Equalization is to provide a fair and objective forum for property owners to appeal their valuation or classification. The local board often serves as the first formal step in the appeals process for taxpayers. One of the most important duties placed by law upon the governing body of a township, city, or county is to serve as the Board of Appeal and Equalization. Effective actions taken by the board may potentially make a direct contribution to attaining assessment equality.

The goal of the Board of Appeal and Equalization should be to attempt to address property owners' issues efficiently, fairly and objectively. Always keep in mind that any changes made by the board must be substantiated by facts. Any value reductions must be justified because they have the effect of shifting the tax burden to other property in the jurisdiction. Further, any changes made by the board must meet statutory guidelines.

2020 Animal Licenses Available for purchase at Pelican Rapids Animal Hospital, Maplewood Veterinary Animal Hospital and City Hall.

Please be aware that any dog or cat found unlicensed or running at large may be impounded at the cost of the owner.

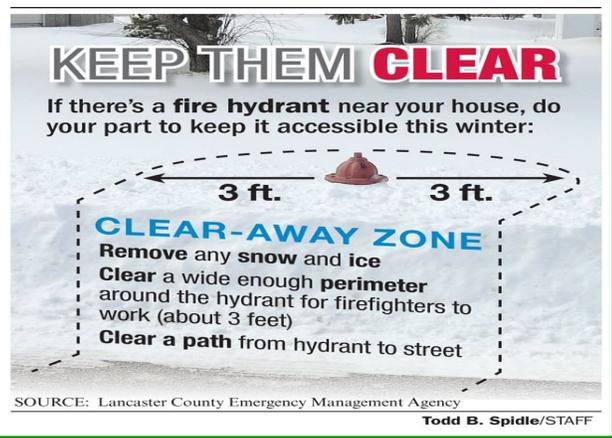
Cost of License:

Intact Animal \$24.00

Spay/Neutered Animal:

\$6.00 When you buy your license(s), please have your pet's shot record with you. *Licenses must be renewed every January.

Please adopt a fire hydrant and keep it clear of snow. This is a big time saver when trying to locate and hookup to the hydrant. The house and lives you save may be your own.





RESIDENTIAL RENTAL PROPERTY REGISTRATION & LICENSING

*The City of Pelican Rapids has a Residential Rental Property Ordinance. It has been in effect since 2002. It applies to **all renter occupied dwellings, dwelling units, rooming houses and mobile homes.** This ordinance is designed to protect renters and owners alike by the establishment and enforcement of its provisions.*

*Ordinance 02-04 protects, preserves and promotes the physical and mental health, social well-being and safety of the people and shall be applicable to all rental housing situations. It ensures the quality of rental housing units is adequate for protection of public health, safety and general welfare and establishes minimum standards for basic equipment and facilities, for light, ventilation and thermal conditions for safety from fire and accidents. The provisions of this ordinance shall apply uniformly to the construction, maintenance, use and occupancy of all rental units and structures within the City of Pelican Rapids. **No person can rent to another person unless they hold an operating license with the City of Pelican Rapids.** The rental must be maintained in compliance with the city code and the State of Minnesota building codes and standards. You may review the full ordinance and receive registration and licensing forms at www.pelicanrapids.com or at City Hall, 315 N Broadway.*

AUTOMATIC PAYMENT FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS:

WHAT ADVANTAGES ARE THERE TO HAVE MY UTILITY PAYMENTS MADE ELECTRONICALLY?
It saves time and money. No postage fees, check charges, or late fees!

HOW WILL I KNOW HOW MUCH IS BEING TAKEN OUT?

You will still get a bill at the beginning of the month stating the amount to be deducted from your account.

WHEN WILL IT BE DEDUCTED FROM MY ACCOUNT?

On the 15th of each month, or on the Monday after, if the 15th falls on a weekend.

DO I HAVE TO HAVE A CHECKING ACCOUNT TO USE ELECTRONIC PAYMENT?

No, you may also have it deducted from your savings account.

HOW DO I SIGN UP?

Just stop by City Hall with a voided check and fill out a simple form.

*** The easiest way to remember to subtract it from your account is to deduct it at the beginning of the month when paying other bills – Just write it once and forget about it!*

How can you discover if your toilet leaks?

It's simple. Follow these easy steps and you'll know. Lift off the lid from your toilet tank and place three or four drops of ordinary food coloring into the toilet tank (Do not use dye—it could stain.) Do not flush or otherwise disturb the toilet for one hour or two. Look into the bowl. If the color you placed into the tank shows up in the bowl, you have a leak. A silent leak in your toilet can waste several thousand gallons of water each year and place unnecessary demands on the sewer system. **Usually you cannot hear the leak because it runs slowly out of the tank.**



Did you know? I didn't.....“Flushable” Bathroom Wipes Clogging Sewer Systems

Popular bathroom wipes—premoistened towelettes that are often advertised as flushable—are being blamed for creating clogs and backups in our sewer systems.

Wipes aren't the only things clogging sewer systems: diapers, fats, oils, grease, rags, and paper are the top six things that should not be flushed down the toilet.

Watch the YouTube video: Will it Flush? For a good educational and entertaining video on this topic.

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=SLTVqkXVvNk>