



"A LITTLE BIT OF COUNTRY"

LINDON CITY NEWSLETTER

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Mayor

James A. Dain

City Center Offices

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-5043

Community Development

100 North State Street
Lower Level
785-7687

Public Works

946 West Center Street
796-7954

Justice Court

100 North State Street
Upper Level
785-1971

Police

100 North State Street
Lower Level
Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Police Department Offices
769-8600

Fire

Emergency - 911
Non-emergency Dispatch
229-7070
Other Fire Services
229-7327

Aquatics Center

60 West 60 North
610-4160

Community/Senior Center

25 North Main
769-8637/769-8625

City Website

www.lindoncity.org

Aquatics Center Positions Open:

Life Guards, Swim Lesson
Teachers, Cashiers, Party
Room Coordinator, Jr.
Lifeguard Coordinator. Go to
www.lindoncity.org for more
information

Swim Lesson Registration
begins May 1st

Code and Zoning Enforcement

Here in Lindon City, Code Enforcement Officers respond to concerns from citizens that affect the quality of life within the city, such as overgrown lots or yards, inoperative and illegally parked vehicles, maintenance of structures, illegal signs and public nuisances, including animal rights violations.

Systematic inspections and random patrols are also performed throughout the city to ensure properties are in compliance with city code. The Building and Zoning Departments work together with Officers of the Police Department to try and ensure voluntary compliance with city zoning laws and to keep our city both safe and beautiful. Many citizens who are in violation are found to simply not know or understand the law. Therefore city staff normally approaches these types of code violations in an attempt to educate the public and correct the problem rather than to resort instantly to heavy-handed enforcement. Following are some of the most frequently encountered Code violations in the city:

Parking, Cars should be parked only on a permitted driveway or in a parking area and can only be parked on the street for a maximum of 48 hours, the storage of boats, large vehicles and trailers must not be on the street or in the front setback of the property.

Vehicle Storage, the storage of vehicles not currently registered or not in a drivable condition is regulated and requires that the stored vehicle be screened from public view. Failure to properly store a vehicle could result in the vehicle being towed or other sanction.

Trash Cans, while it may be convenient to leave the containers out at the street or curb, they create a visual blight in the neighborhood and it is prohibited by code. Do not bring the containers out until the evening before the day of pick-up. Store the containers in an area that is screened from view. Remember to consider your neighbors!

Household Pets, Household pets and animals are limited by type and number. Dogs and cats are limited to a maximum of three dogs and/or three cats. Remember to clean up after your pets on a regular basis and to maintain control or visual contact with your dog at all times.

Large Animals, are allowed in certain areas of the city, various numbers are allowed relating to the size of the property and type of animal. Please see City Code Chapter 6.32 on the city web site for clarification. Noise and property cleanliness regulations are also in place regarding the keeping of farm and large animals.

Landscaping, the one thing that does more to improve the appearance of property and set the tone of the neighborhood is a beautifully landscaped and well-maintained yard. You are required to maintain your landscaping in a manner approved or acceptable in the field of horticulture. Remember that all landscaping should be maintained on a regular basis and before it becomes a problem. Trees and shrubs growing into a neighbor's yard may not violate the municipal code but it does not promote good relations between neighbors. Tree limbs or bushes cannot grow into the public right of way such as blocking a sidewalk.

Property Maintenance, peeling paint, dead weeds, dead & dying trees and shrubs, broken or missing windows, junk and debris in yard areas, fences that are not maintained, are just some examples of substandard conditions. Not only do these conditions diminish the property values of your neighborhood, but if left uncorrected they could also subject the property owner to fines and the possibility of a criminal complaint.

Home Occupations, some home occupations or home-based businesses are allowed, provided that the occupant first obtains a business license and adheres to all the limitations set forth in the zoning code. Those limitations are intended to ensure that the business activities of those engaged in home-based businesses do not adversely affect the peaceful use and enjoyment of the adjacent properties.

Yard/Garage Sales, yard sales are allowed without a permit but are regulated by code. Those regulations include: no more than one such sale per lot during any three-month period and no sale shall be of duration in excess of two days.

Signs, Lindon city has an extensive sign ordinance which prohibits most temporary signs including those for yard sales and home businesses. Please see City Code Title 18 for clarification on signs. Understanding and complying with City Code and Zoning laws allow us all to be good neighbors and will result in each family being able to enjoy their rights to live in this beautiful city that we call Lindon. Thank you for your efforts to keep our neighborhoods and streets the envy of neighboring cities and our city a wonderful place to live and work.

Cody Cullimore, Chief of Police