



TOWN OF SOUTH PRAIRIE

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SOUTH PRAIRIE CODE UPDATE

At November 8, 2022 Council meeting, an amendment to SPMC 8.10.020 was adopted. This code addresses overgrown grass on private property as a public nuisance. The code was amended as follows: “8.10.020(BB) The existence of grasses, weeds, vines, and other plant growth over 12 inches on any premises and exterior properties. Shrubs, trees, ornamental plants, cultivated gardens, and fields used for the growth and harvesting of hay shall be exempt.” This new code amendment will assist the Town in minimizing fire hazards created by tall dry grass and rodents won’t have the tall thick grass to hide and multiply in. The South Prairie Municipal Code can be found on the Town’s website at www.townofsp.com.

FOOD PANTRY LOCATION

For those who were unaware, our local food pantry and mini library were vandalized this past Independence Day. After a lengthy repair period, we are happy to announce that the Pantry is now at Town Hall, at 121 Washington Street. It is monitored now by security cameras to hopefully avoid future vandalism. We thank Danielle and Building Beyond the Walls for their hard work and installation!



IMPORTANT UTILITY BILLING INFORMATION



****If someone calls you and threatens to shut off your service without an immediate payment, hang up and call the number on your bill. This applies to all of your utility providers. ****

BE SURE YOUR PAYMENT IS PROCESSED CORRECTLY: Payment is always due by the 19th of the month. **If not paid by the 19th, a \$25 late fee will be assessed. If not paid by the 27th, the water will be shut off, you will incur a \$50 shut off fee, and a \$50 turn on fee, which must be paid with the full balance before water service, will be restored.** Keep in mind our mail service in Town is very slow and unpredictable. The best way to ensure your payment is received on time is to drop it in the drop box at Town Hall no later than the 19th.

NEED ASSISTANCE: Pierce County has several resources including the Community Action Program at 253-798-6266 and the Human Services division at 253-798-4500. Plateau Ministries is also an option at 360-825-8961. Washington 2-1-1 is your free connection to vital services including access to food, transportation, health care and much more. Just dial 211 to find help. Most churches also offer assistance.

WATER/SEWER/SEPTIC SYSTEM EMERGENCIES

The Town’s sewer system has seen an increase in non-flushable items. Only toilet paper and waste from the human body should be flushed down the toilet. Even items that say *flushable*, like hygiene/disinfecting wipes, should **not** be flushed. Other unsafe items include:

- Disposable diapers (adult & baby)
- Sanitary napkins or tampons
- Paper towels or bandages
- Dental floss
- Condoms
- Hair
- Cigarette butts
- Coffee grounds
- Kitty litter

Please do your part to keep our system the best it can be. **It is also very important that you not park vehicles on top of water meters or block them in any way.** For water, sewer and septic emergencies, contact Tony Caldwell at (360) 947-4734.

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PARKING IN & OVER DITCHES CAUSING DRAINAGE ISSUES

Some folks have more vehicles than their driveway can hold and/or guests vehicles that they cannot accommodate. The ditches, catch basins and culverts in Town that carry rain and runoff are being adversely affected. Dirt and other materials are being pushed into the them by cars being parked on and around them. This causes the ditches, catch basins and culverts designed drain water away from streets and private properties to fill up with debris, causing neighborhood flooding. We are heading into the rainy seasons and ask that residents and guests refrain from parking on or around the ditches so as not to cause flooding in our neighborhoods and streets.

ANIMAL CONTROL SERVICES & COMPLAINTS

Animal bites, animals running loose, cruelty reports, injured animals and vicious animal complaints. Pierce County Animal Control (PCAC) provides services to South Prairie residents for most all animal related issues. Should you have any animal issues, please contact them directly at 253-798-PETS or online at piercecountywa.gov/3966/Animal-Control-Home. There you can report animal related concerns.

MESSAGE FROM MAYOR NORRIS

Even through the winter we are working on town maintenance – always an ongoing concern for the town. Concrete pads were installed for the newly acquired generators for the sewer and water facilities. These will help ensure vital system protections during extended power outages.

Two picnic tables will be replaced at Veterans Park as well as the bench by the swings. The Town was also the beneficiary of two new benches at 3rd St Park built and installed by a wonderful local scout Kaden Hieb as part of his Eagle Scout project. They look great! Multiple sidewalk repairs will be taking place this month as well.

We welcome any suggestions for repairs or upgrades that our residents may be interested in!

Mayor Carolyn Norris



Is Your Utility Contact Information Current?

To make sure our customers contact information is current, we are asking folks to complete the information below and include it with your payment or email it to Meag at clerk2@townofsp.com. Thank you!

Account Number: _____ Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Alternate Contact: _____

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