

CITY OF DWIGHT

JULY 2011

DOG CLINIC

The annual dog clinic will be held on Saturday, July 30 from 9-11 at the Dwight Fire Station. Pursuant to Ordinance No. 200C: Any dog over six months of age owned and kept within the City must be annually registered with the City Clerk. A current completed certificate of immunization against rabies is required for registration. A \$25 fine will be assessed if dogs are not registered within 30 days of this clinic. Annual dog registration fees are \$3.00 per neutered male or spayed female dog and \$5.00 per unneutered male or unspayed female dog.

Dr. Mona Metzger will be available to administer rabies shots. If you need other immunizations, please make prior arrangements with her so that she can be prepared. If you are not getting shots for your dog at the clinic, bring paperwork from your vet showing that your dog is current on shots. If you wish to have a complete copy of this ordinance, please contact the City Office.

WATER PROJECT

The project is almost complete! Larson Construction will come back in the fall to plant grass. Thank you for your patience during this long process.

BLEACHERS

Two new sets of aluminum bleachers have arrived for the ball field to replace the old wooden sets. The Dwight Ball Association purchased one set and the City of Dwight purchased the other. Thanks to all the guys who worked out in the heat to put them together!

BURN SITE

The City of Dwight holds a permit to burn trees and brush at the burn site at 4th and Front Streets. The permit allows only trees and brush to be burned. No other waste such as garbage, tires, shingles, or construction materials may be placed at the burn pile. Access to the burn pile is open to any resident who has limbs or brush to dispose of. All you need to do is take it to the burn site and the City will take care of properly burning it.

ECONOMIC DEVELOPMENT

HOUSING

Available housing in Dwight and the community continues to be an issue. The City Office has been receiving calls even more frequently in recent weeks inquiring about available properties in Dwight and the outlying areas. Families want to enroll their children in Prairie Heights but cannot locate housing. If you have a property that you would like to have on the housing list that is being compiled, please contact the City Office.

SURVEY

A survey provided by the Dwight Community Revitalization Group is included with this newsletter. The group needs honest answers to these questions to determine what direction to pursue. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey. You may drop it in the City Office drop box or return it by mail. Please return the survey by August 8th.

ORDINANCE SPOTLIGHT

ORDINANCE NO. 1104: AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE MINIMUM HOUSING

Section 1. DESIGNATION OF UNFIT DWELLINGS. The designation of dwellings or dwelling units as unfit for human habitation, and placarding of such unfit dwellings or dwelling units shall be carried out in compliance with the following requirements;

(a) The public officer may determine, or five citizens may petition in writing, that any dwelling unit is unfit for human use or habitation if he, she or they find that conditions exist in such structure which are dangerous or injurious to the health, and safety of the occupants of such buildings or other residents of the neighborhood, or which shall have a blighting influence on properties in the area.

(b) Such conditions may include the following without limitation;

(1) Defects therein increasing the hazards of fire, accident, or other calamities.

(2) Lack of:

(i) Adequate ventilation.

(ii) Light

(iii) Cleanliness

(iv) Sanitary facilities

(3) Dilapidation

- (4) Disrepair.
- (5) Structural defects.
- (6) Overcrowding.
- (7) Inadequate ingress and egress.
- (8) Unsightly appearance that constitute a blight to the adjoining property, the neighborhood or the city.

(9) Air Pollution

(c) Placarding-Order to Vacate Any dwelling or dwelling unit condemned as unfit for human habitation, and so designated and placarded by the public officer shall be vacated within a reasonable time as so ordered.

(d) Notice of Violation Procedure as outlined in section 8 are applicable hereto.

(e) Compliance Required before Reoccupancy. No dwelling or dwelling unit which has been condemned and placarded as unfit for human habitation shall again be used for human habitation until written approval is secured from, and such placard is removed by the public officer.

(1) The public officer shall remove such placard whenever the defect or defects upon the condemnation and placarding action were based have been eliminated.

(2) It shall be unlawful for anyone to let, lease, occupy or permit the occupancy whether for a consideration or not, of any dwelling so posted and any violation of this provision shall constitute a public offense within the meaning of this ordinance.

(3) It shall be unlawful for any person to deface or remove the placard from any dwelling or dwelling unit which has been condemned as unfit for human habitation and placarded as such, except the public officer as herein provided, and any violation of this provision shall constitute a public offense within the meaning of this ordinance.

Section 2. PUBLIC OFFICER The mayor with the consent of the council shall designate a public officer to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this article.

Section 3. DESIGNATION OF BLIGHTED PREMISES (RESIDENTIAL AND NON-RESIDENTIAL). The designation of unsightly and blighted premises and elimination thereof shall be carried out in compliance with the following requirements.

(a) The Public Officer may determine, or five citizens may petition in writing, that if the appearance of a premise is not commensurate with the character of the properties in the neighborhood or otherwise constitutes a blight to the adjoining property or the neighborhood or the city for such reasons as, but not limited to: (1) Dead trees or other unsightly natural growth.

(2) Unsightly stored or parked material, equipment, supplies, machinery, trucks or automobiles or parts thereof, vermin infestation, inadequate drainage.

(3) Violation of any other law or regulations relating to the use of land and the use and occupancy of the buildings and improvements.

(b) Notice of Violation Procedures as outlined in section 8 are applicable hereto.

Section 4 DESIGNATION OF BLIGHTED BUILDINGS AND PREMISES (NON-RESIDENTIAL). (a) Certain Blighted Conditions covered in sections 1:3 concerning buildings and premises which are on the tax roll of this city are applicable to all non-residential buildings and premises.

Contact the City Office for a copy of the entire ordinance.

ORDINANCE NO. 195A: AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF PIT BULL DOGS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DWIGHT

Section 1. Keeping prohibited. It shall be unlawful to keep, harbor, own or anyway possess within the City Limits of the City of Dwight, Kansas, any pit bull dog. However, any pit bull dog within the City of Dwight on the date of publication of this ordinance (Nov. 6, 1987) shall be kept within the City subject to the standards and requirements set forth in this ordinance.

Section 2. Pit Bull Dog Defined. "Pit Bull Dog" is defined and means:

- A. The bull terrier breed of dog;
- B. Staffordshire bull terrier breed of dog;
- C. American pit bull terrier breed of dog;
- D. The American Staffordshire terrier breed of dog;
- E. Dogs of mixed breed or other breeds than above listed which breed or mixed breed is known as pit bulls, pit bull dogs or pit bull terriers;
- F. Any dog which has the appearance and characteristic of being predominantly of the breeds of bull terrier, Staffordshire bull terrier, American pit bull terrier, American Staffordshire terrier; any other breed commonly known as pit bulls, pit bull dogs or pit bull terriers; or a combination of any of these breeds.

Contact the City Office for a copy of the entire ordinance.

UPCOMING EVENTS

July 30	Dog Clinic, Fire Station 9-11 AM
August 15	City Council Budget Hearing, 6:30 PM
August 15	City Council Meeting, 7 PM
August 18	First Day of School for most USD 417 students
August 20	Roberts Softball Tournament
September 5	Labor Day
September 19	City Council Meeting, 7 PM

CITY OFFICE HOURS

City Office is open Tuesday, Wednesday and Thursday mornings from 8:15 – 10:15.

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