

AUGUST 2020

City of Odessa, Missouri

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

Outdoor Warning Sirens

The City of Odessa has five sirens that were installed in 2013 through a contract with Blue Valley Public Safety (BVPS) to cover the old and obsolete AirRaid sirens previously used. The coverage area of those five sirens is indicated on the map below in red and are located on Action Road, Ninth Street and Cox School Road, Benning and Wells, Chestnut and Johnson, and Railroad Park downtown. A successful audit/silent test was performed by BVPS on all five sirens on July 20, 2020.

Warning sirens are intended to be heard by individuals who are outdoors to inform them to take shelter immediately. While inside their homes, residents should rely on weather radios or their phones for severe weather warnings. Due to the age of the AirRaid sirens (around 60 years old), parts can no longer be purchased for them. Since they are all within the sounding area of the five newer sirens, they will not be repaired or replaced if they fail.

CALENDAR

August 10, 2020

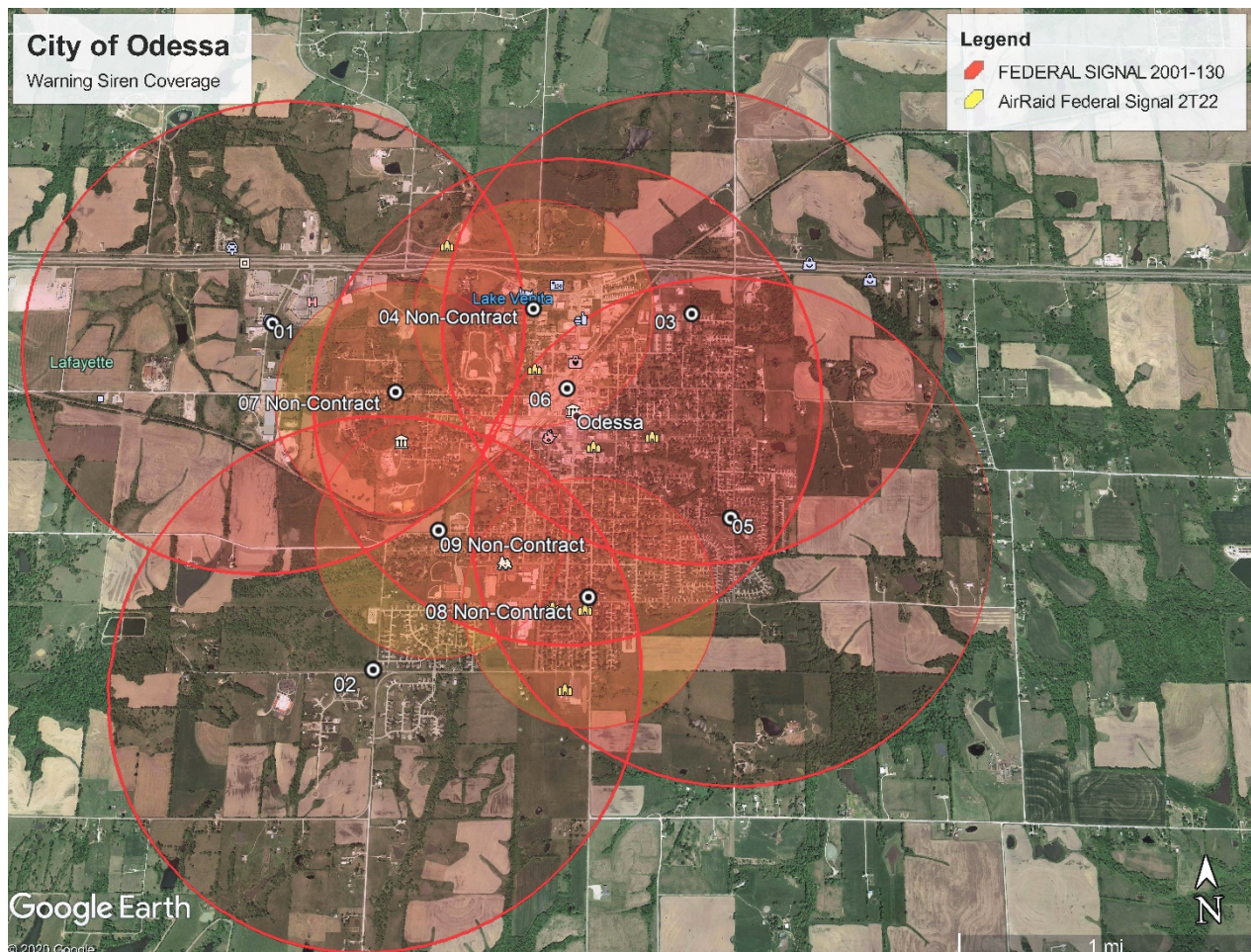
Board of Aldermen Meeting

August 18, 2020

Municipal Court

August 24, 2020

Board of Aldermen Meeting



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Payment of Utility Bills

Odessa's 4-Step Recovery Plan for COVID-19 expired on Saturday, July 18, at 11:59 pm. City Hall has reopened to the public, however, due to the size limitations within the lobby of City Hall, only two customers will be allowed in the building at one time. Sneeze shields have been installed to protect both the public and our employees. We also ask that people wear face masks when entering the lobby as it is a small space and achieving proper social distancing is a challenge.

We encourage our customers to continue to use the resources available for contactless payment of their utility bills by either dropping their payments in one of the two secure drop boxes or paying by credit/debit card on our website or over the phone. **The fee to use a card has been permanently discontinued so there is no additional charge to pay in this manner.**

Please remember that COVID-19 is still here, and it is as important as ever to continue frequent hand washing, social distancing, and wearing a mask when in close proximity with others. We also appreciate your patience with this "new kind of open" as we work to keep surfaces clean and take time to wipe down the counters between customer visits.

Odessa Community Building Rental

The Odessa Community Building at Dyer Park is now available for rental. To reserve the facility please contact Melissa Hundley at City Hall at 816-230-5577, ext 4. A security deposit of \$100 is required and will be refunded if the room is left clean and orderly. The minimum rental time is four hours at the price of \$100. Each additional hour beyond that is \$25 an hour.

Pet Owners

All dogs within Odessa city limits are required to be vaccinated against rabies and licensed with the city. The cost is \$3.50 per dog tag and is due on the first of October every year. Please bring your dog's rabies vaccination receipt to City Hall to purchase a tag. Also, for the safety of Odessa residents and their pets, it is against City ordinance for a person to allow their dog(s) to run at large. If a dog is impounded by the police department the owner must pay an impoundment fee of \$25 and a boarding fee of \$15 per day before the dog will be released. Citations may also be issued.

