

JULY 2021

City of Odessa, Missouri

# Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

## Property Maintenance and Nuisances

The City of Odessa is committed to working in partnership with its citizens to maintain a pleasant living and working environment. Our property maintenance ordinances are intended to protect the life, health, safety and welfare of our residents. We adopted the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code in August of 2017. Through a cooperative effort, we can maintain property values and create a better quality of life within our community.



### LITTER, TRASH, AND JUNK

Exterior property must be free from garbage, trash, piles of lumber, old furniture, mattresses, appliances, etc. Not only are these items an eyesore but they are unsafe and can result in rodent and/or insect infestations. The City provides a dumpster for residents to use for their yard waste at 400 N First Street. Vegetative debris only – no plastic bags.

### TREES, GRASS, AND WEEDS

- Grass and weeds must be under 10 inches.
- Fallen trees, limbs, or piles of brush are not allowed to accumulate.
- Trees which constitute a hazard to the safety of a person or property must be removed.

### VEHICLES

- Vehicles must be parked on an approved hard surface such as concrete or asphalt. You cannot park a vehicle in your yard.
- Only one unlicensed, operational vehicle may be in a driveway – never parked on the street.
- No damaged, disassembled, or inoperable vehicles may be parked on your property.
- Repairs can be made to a vehicle if the work is performed inside an approved structure.

In most instances, the person responsible for a code violation is given the opportunity to correct the situation, usually within 30 days. If the issue is not abated by the deadline, tickets may be written and the person will be financially responsible for any costs incurred by the City to correct the issue. If you have any questions or concerns, please contact the Police Department at 816-633-7575 or email at [odessapd@cityofodessamo.com](mailto:odessapd@cityofodessamo.com)



## CALENDAR

### July 4, 2021

VFW Fireworks Display at Dyer Park starting at dusk

### July 5, 2021

City Hall Closed in observance of Independence Day

### July 12, 2021

Board of Aldermen Meeting

### July 20, 2021

Municipal Court

### July 26, 2021

Board of Aldermen Meeting



## Severe Weather Information

The Community of Christ Church, located at 515 S First Street, is the community storm shelter.



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## Missouri Primacy & Sewer Connection Fees

The Missouri Department of Natural Resources (DNR), requires community water systems to collect a Primacy Fee and a Sewer Connection Fee from each customer for the administration of the Safe Drinking Water Act. This fee appears on the July utility bill as a once a year charge. All fees are sent to the Missouri DNR. Level pay customers will see the fees added to their July's level bill only.

## Fourth of July Holiday

City Hall will be closed on Monday, July 5, in observance of Independence Day. Odessa residents may shoot off fireworks within city limits on July 3, 4, and 5 during the hours of 8:00 am to 10:00 pm on residential property with the following restrictions:

- No fireworks may be ignited in streets or alleyways.
- Bottle rocket fireworks are prohibited.
- No fireworks may be ignited within 600 feet of a church or school.
- Ignited fireworks may not be thrown from, into, or at a vehicle.

The VFW will have a fireworks display on July 4 at Dyer Park starting around dusk.

More pets go missing during the Fourth of July festivities than at any other time of year. Loud fireworks can be very frightening to many pets and cause them to run if left unattended and/or loose. Please keep your animals at home in a quiet, sheltered, and escape-proof area of your home. You can also speak with your veterinarian about medications that will calm a nervous pet.

## Odessa Business Licenses

City of Odessa business licenses are due July 1, 2021. If you run your business out of a building in town, you are required to have an annual safety inspection before the license will be issued. Penalties for unlicensed businesses will be assessed in July. For more information, please contact Melissa Hundley at City Hall at melissa.hundley@cityofodessamo.com.

## Municipal Court – Fine Payment

Certain citations may be paid prior to court rather than exercising your right to have the case heard by a judge including minor traffic violations, plate violations, license violations, and animal violations. The complete schedule of fines can be found on our website at [www.cityofodessamo.com](http://www.cityofodessamo.com). Violations that include any personal or property damage, DWI, or driving while suspended/revoked require a court appearance. Payment of fine constitutes a guilty plea, waiver of trial, and possible points assessed. Please contact the Municipal Court Clerk, Jennifer LeBlanc, at 816-230-5577, extension 1, for additional information.