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**Hours of Operation:**  
**Monday through Thursday 7:00 a.m. to 5:30 p.m.**  
**Closed Fridays & Holidays**

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### **CITY ORDINANCE REMINDERS**

It is the city's responsibility to ensure a clean and safe environment for everyone to work and live. To maintain the beauty and functionality of our city, we have city ordinances regarding vehicle storage and parking, seasonal vehicles, and tall grass & weeds. We kindly ask for your cooperation in adhering to these regulations. Compliance with city ordinances helps maintain the quality of life we all enjoy in our community. Ordinance Codes are available on the City's website [www.cityofclare.gov](http://www.cityofclare.gov).

#### ***Vehicle Storage and Parking, Sec. 52-308***

City ordinance code states: no vehicle shall be parked in any portion of a front yard within the city unless in a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard surfaced material. Parked recreational vehicles must also be licensed. The parking or storage of a commercial vehicle, excluding an emergency vehicle, of more than two-ton capacity is prohibited within any residential district. Anyone who fails to comply is guilty of a civil infraction and liable for a civil fine of up to \$500.00.

#### ***Seasonal Vehicles (Campers, RVs, Watercraft, ATVs, UTVs), Sec. 52-310***

All campers, RVs, watercraft (boats, jet skis, or otherwise), all snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs, and other similar items, if stored upon a designated parcel must:

- Be operable, registered, and licensed if registration/licenses are required for the unit under state law.
- Be stored upon, or in, fully operational trailers registered and licensed under state law.
- Be stored or parked on a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard-surface material and only during the period each year, between April 15<sup>th</sup> and October 31<sup>st</sup> for summer in-season use.
- If storage is in a required front yard, storage must be upon a prepared driveway or parking area of aggregate or hard surfaced material.
- No camper, RV, boat, trailer, or the like may be parked in a rear or side yard closer than five feet from a public sidewalk, ten feet from the curb if present, or ten feet from the edge of a roadway without a curb.
- No vehicle, camper, RV, boat, trailer, ATV, UTV, or the like shall be stored on a vacant lot.
- Total number of campers, RVs, watercraft (boats, jet skis, or otherwise), snowmobiles, ATVs, UTVs, and other similar items is limited to a maximum of four in any combination.
- All residences, including corner lots, are regulated so that the "front" of the house is designated by the street address thereby defining the front yard, side yard, and back yard accordingly.
- Violations of this section are deemed civil infractions, punishable by a fine of \$250.00 for a first offense, and \$500.00 for a second offense.

#### ***Tall Grass and Weeds***

Please remember that the City has an ordinance that requires property owners to cut their grass and weeds. The ordinance provides the City the authority to mow the grass and weeds and pass the mowing fee on to the property owner if the grass and weeds exceed the maximum height (8") allowed by the ordinance. We strongly encourage all property owners to mow their own grass and weeds to preclude receiving an invoice for mowing charges from the City. Chapter 20, Article IV, Section 20.

### **RESIDENTIAL TRASH, RECYCLING, YARD WASTE COLLECTION REMINDER**

All items for curbside collection should be placed at the curb before 6:00 AM on the scheduled pick-up day.

- **Bulk Items:** Allowed 1 item per week. Please contact Utilities at (989) 424-4071 before placing the item at the curb.

- **Recycling:** Boxes that do not fit in your recycling tote must be broken down, tied together, and not to exceed 35 pounds. The tote is to be placed curbside with the handle facing the residence.
- **Garbage:** Items must be placed in the 96-gallon tote provided by GFL. The tote is to be placed curbside with the handle facing the residence. There is a no “bag” limit, but all materials must be bagged (no “boxes” of trash).
- **Yard Waste:** Yard waste collection began April 3<sup>rd</sup> and will continue through November 28<sup>th</sup>, weather permitting. Collection may end earlier if substantial snowfall occurs.

**BRUSH CHIPPING** is a service provided by the City of Clare (not the refuse contractor), time and weather permitting. Brush chipping is normally done on the first Monday of the month. The chipping crew drives down each street one time only. The brush should be placed at the curb before 7 AM on the scheduled day; be within 2 feet of the curb with the large ends facing the same direction; be no longer than 6’ in length nor larger than 8” in diameter; AND not include stumps, roots, or vines. If you have a large amount of brush, please call (989) 424-4071. **Tentative Chipping Dates are May 4<sup>th</sup>, June 1<sup>st</sup>, and July 6<sup>th</sup>, 2026.**

**UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS**

***YOUTH SOCCER***

Fall Youth Soccer Registration will be starting on May 14<sup>th</sup>, and the registration forms will go to Clare Public Schools on May 13<sup>th</sup>. We will also have forms available on the city website and at Clare City Hall at that time.

EARLY REGISTRATION May 14 – Jun 15  
 \$35 City Resident OR \$40 Non-City Resident  
 LATE REGISTRATION Jun 16 – Jul 16  
 \$40 City Resident OR \$45 Non-City Resident

**NOTE: No registrations will be accepted after July 16<sup>th</sup>. City Resident fee refers to homes within the Clare City limits, not the Clare zip code.**

***Summer Concert Series***

The Summer Concert Series will be held at Shamrock Park, 221 Wilcox Parkway from June 4<sup>th</sup> – August 13<sup>th</sup>, 2026. Concerts will be held on Thursdays from 6pm to 8pm.

For more information on Clare Parks and Recreation events, please contact: [jsimmer@cityofclare.gov](mailto:jsimmer@cityofclare.gov)

**HOLIDAY CLOSURE**

City offices will be closed on Monday, May 25, 2026, for Memorial Day.

**CITY OF CLARE PHONE NUMBERS**

- Airport (989) 424-4104
- Assessor (989) 424-4066
- City Hall (989) 386-7541
- Elections (989) 424-4068
- Fire (non-emergency) (989) 386-2151
- Police (non-emergency) (989) 386-2121
- Public Works (989) 386-2182
- Recreation (989) 424-4074
- Treasurer (989) 424-4069
- Water Treatment (989) 386-2321

**OTHER HELPFUL CLARE AREA PHONE NUMBERS**

- Animal Control (989) 539-2331
- Building & Electrical Permits (989) 539-2761
- Clare Chamber of Commerce (989) 386-2442
- Clare County Transit (989) 539-1474
- County Clerk & Register of Deeds (989) 539-7131
- Library (989) 386-7576
- Post Office (989) 386-7682
- Sheriff’s Department (989) 539-7166