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

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 seasonal vehicles and waste receptacles. 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.

Sanitary disposal of pet feces and solid waste, Sec. 8-13

It is unlawful for any person owning or responsible for a dog or cat to fail to pick up and remove from any public property (e.g., parks, cemeteries, sidewalks, etc.) or the property of another such animal's feces or solid waste the animal may deposit there.

Dog confinement in public, Sec. 8-44

No dog shall be permitted at any time to be on a highway, in a public park, in a public building, or in any other public place, except when held securely on a leash of suitable strength and length by the owner thereof, or other responsible person, or when confined in a shipping receptacle or closed automobile.

Overnight Parking: No Parking on City Streets from 3 AM to 6 AM, November 15-April 1, Sec. 44-31

We wish to remind you of an important seasonal parking regulation that plays a crucial role in ensuring the safety and efficiency of our city services. To facilitate snow removal and ensure smooth operation for our Department of Public Works (DPW), it is essential that our streets remain clear during the early morning hours. This temporary restriction allows DPW crews to remove snow efficiently and safely, making our roadways safer for all residents. Starting from November 15th and continuing until April 1st, there will be no parking allowed on city streets between the hours of 3 AM to 6 AM. We encourage residents to utilize off-street parking options during the specified hours. Garages, driveways, and designated parking lots are excellent alternatives.

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 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 15th and October 31st 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.

City Ordinance Reminders Sec. 52-310 (continued)

- 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.

HYDRANT FLUSHING IN OCTOBER

The Department of Public Works will be flushing hydrants from 11 pm-7 am on October 21-October 25. You may experience rust in your water on these dates. Please remember to check your water prior to doing laundry, etc. Letting the water run for a few minutes before using it usually solves the problem.

RAKING OF LEAVES

Residents should never rake leaves, yard waste, brush, or blow grass while mowing into the street. The City does not have the ability to vacuum yard waste from the street gutters. Raking or blowing yard waste into City streets plugs storm sewers and the street sweeper. Paper lawn & leaf bags are available for purchase at City Hall or local hardware stores.

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 bin must be broken down, tied together, and not to exceed 35 pounds.
- **Garbage & Yard Waste:** Items must be bagged or in a trash container and placed curbside with the handle facing the street. Yard waste collection began April 5th and will continue until November 30th, unless substantial snowfall occurs before November 30th.
 - **Thanksgiving Holiday Trash and Recycle Pick-Up:** Friday, November 29th, 2024
 - **Thanksgiving Holiday Yard Waste Pick-Up:** Saturday, November 30th, 2024

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 November 4th, December 2nd, & January 6th.**

CEMETERY CLEAN UP

City crews shall complete the Fall Cleanup between October 16th and November 1st. Anyone owning decorations they wish to keep should remove them during the cleanup period.

VOTING INFORMATION FOR THE NOVEMBER 5, 2024 GENERAL ELECTION

Michigan now has early in-person voting for federal and state elections. Clare County will have 9-days of early in-person voting, which will be held at the County Building at 225 W. Main St., Harrison, Michigan. Any registered Clare County elector can go to the County Building to cast their ballot from 8 am to 4 pm, beginning October 26th through November 3rd. All registered Clare County voters still have the option to vote by absentee ballot or to vote at their township/city polling place ON ELECTION DAY.

If you will be out of town for the election, your ballot will **NOT** be forwarded. You must notify your local clerk (elections@cityofclare.gov) in advance of the address where you want the ballot mailed.

Clare County Transit offers free rides to and from voting – this will be for early voting and Election Day voting. Please call 989-539-1473 to schedule pickup.

UPCOMING FAMILY EVENTS

Pumpkin Run/Walk & Costume Contest

The annual Pumpkin Run/Walk will be held on Saturday, October 26 at the Emerald Isle Complex. Registration starts at 9 am.

Tract-or Treat

The Tract-or-Treat event will be held on Saturday, October 26 at the Emerald Isle Complex from 12-2 pm.

Spooktacular Witches of the West Walk-Through

This event will be held on Saturday, October 26 at 712 W. 5th St. from 11 am-2 pm

Craft Show-Clare County Arts Council

This event will be held on Saturday, October 26 at the Grant Township Hall from 9 am-4 pm

Trick-or-Treating in the City of Clare

Trick or Treating in the city is scheduled for Thursday, October 31 from 6-8 pm. The Clare Fire Department will give out hotdogs and check candy at the Clare Fire Hall in conjunction with trick-or-treating in Clare.

HOLIDAY CLOSURES

City Hall will be closed on Veterans Day, Monday, November 11th, and office hours will be from 8 am-4:30 pm on November 12, 13 & 14. City offices will be closed for the Thanksgiving Holiday on November 28 & 29, 2024.

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