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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](http://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 15<sup>th</sup> and continuing until April 1<sup>st</sup>, 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 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 November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup> for winter in-season use.  
**\*\*Summer seasonal vehicles are not allowed to be stored in the front yard or driveway between November 1<sup>st</sup> and April 14<sup>th</sup>.\*\***
- 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.

## **City Ordinance Reminders Sec. 52-310 (continued)**

- 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.

**WINTER PROPERTY TAX BILLS** were mailed to property owners on November 29<sup>th</sup>, 2024. If you have not received your tax bill, please contact the City Treasurer at 989-424-4069. Tax bills are due February 17<sup>th</sup>, 2025. Payments made between February 18<sup>th</sup> and February 28<sup>th</sup> will incur additional fees.

## **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:** Items must be bagged or in a trash container and placed curbside with the handle facing the street.
  - **Christmas Holiday Trash and Recycle Pick-Up:** Friday, December 27<sup>th</sup>, 2024
  - **New Year’s Holiday Trash and Recycle Pick-Up:** Friday, January 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2025

**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 January 6<sup>th</sup>, February 3<sup>rd</sup>, and March 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

## **MICHIGAN ENACTS \$100 FINE FOR DRIVING TOO CLOSE TO SNOWPLOWS**

Starting this winter, drivers following a snowplow too closely could face a \$100 ticket. The new law makes it a civil infraction to drive any closer than 200 feet behind a snowplow that is actively salting, sanding, snow plowing or otherwise trying to remove snow and ice. The distance rule does not apply when drivers are attempting to pass a snowplow. And the required separation distance behind a plow reduces to 20 feet when the plow is stopped at or in an intersection. The rule only applies when plows have their operating lights active and are working on behalf of the state or local municipality.

## **HOLIDAY CLOSURES**

City offices will be closed Christmas Eve, Christmas Day, New Year’s Eve and New Year’s 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