



April, 2025

## City of Ellinwood NEWSLETTER



### Accepted items for City Wide Cleanup:

#### Ellinwood Residents **ONLY**

- Tires: Small pickup and car tires **ONLY**. Commercial tires, rural tires and rims are **NOT** accepted. Tires should be left at the designated area south of the city shop.
- Iron and other metal products should be placed in the designated dumpster
- Appliances should be placed in the designated area.
- All other household material should be placed in the designated dumpster.

## Annual City Wide CLEAN UP

April 26th-May 4th

As a part of the City's clean up initiative, the City will accept various items for disposal at the city public works maintenance shop—located at 505 East Santa Fe. This drop off is available to **City of Ellinwood residents ONLY**. **Commercial waste will NOT be allowed**. Signage will be posted where various items are to be placed.

#### Office Hours

7:00 am—4:00 pm  
Monday-Friday



**Household chemicals, paint, insecticide, or other hazardous materials will not be accepted.**

**Please place all items in the proper containers and not on the ground.**

## REVIEW OF NEW SOLID WASTE COLLECTION INFORMATION

Below is a list of items that need to be followed closely to ensure timely weekly solid waste collection and to keep our community clean from loose trash blowing around. These regulations are set by ordinance and failure to comply could result in a citation.

1. Residential collection is once a week, East of Main Street is on Thursday, West side of Main Street is on Fridays.
2. In weeks when there is a holiday all collections schedules following the holiday will be moved back one day. Example: Memorial Day is Monday, May 26<sup>th</sup>, trash collection on the East side of Main Street will be on Friday, May 30<sup>th</sup> that week and the West side of Main Street will be on Saturday May 31<sup>st</sup> that week. Please refer to the enclosed schedule for 2025 collection dates.
3. If you recycle, the collection is every other week, please look at the schedule to note those recycle collection dates.
4. If you don't recycle but would like to, please call the city office to receive a recycling cart. There is no monthly fee for recycling and currently 50% of Ellinwood citizens are recycling.
5. Poly carts should be placed next to the curb, not in the street, the evening before your collection date or no later than 6 a.m. in the morning of. Collection begins in some areas as early as 6 a.m. Do not place full poly carts next to the street days before collection, it is unsightly and risks trash being blown around the neighborhood.
6. Within 24 hours following collection all poly carts must be removed from the curb and placed back next to your residence.
7. All trash must be placed into the poly cart. If you need a second cart you can request one for an additional \$6 per month by contacting the city office.
8. If you have large items that need picked up you must contact Stutzman's Refuse Disposal at 620-662-2559 to set up a collection date and time. Please do not place it next to the curb before the collection date.
9. Don't put poly carts near vehicles or park vehicles near poly carts, there must be 6' clearance between the poly cart and any vehicle in order for the truck to grab the cart.
10. You can download waste connections app on your smart phone to receive the day before collection reminder if applicable to your address. A brochure for downloading the app and a pickup schedule is enclosed.

Call the city office at 620-564-3161 with any questions. Please help keep Ellinwood clean!

**After trash has been collected, please move your container back to your house as soon as possible.**

## UPDATED ATV & GOLF CART REGULATIONS

City ordinance 2025-1; requires all golf carts and ATV's that are on city streets; to be registered with the City. For the protection of all vehicles, cars and carts alike, who use the city streets, it is now required to have all special use vehicles, including golf carts registered with the city **annually** to ensure they are insured. If you currently own and use a golf cart on city streets you must renew or get your registration now and will be required to do so annually on January 1<sup>st</sup> of each year. The \$5 fee remains in effect for the 2025 renewal year but will increase to \$20 beginning in 2026.

Due to some continuous unsafe operations of these vehicles the city has created additional regulations. All passengers, including children, must be seated in the golf cart, it's no longer acceptable to have passengers sitting on the laps of other passengers or the holding of small children. Small children should be in a car seat that is safely buckled or strapped to the seat. Passengers on rear facing seats must also be buckled in as well. The golf cart can only seat the number of passengers that it was designed for. It has been observed many times where there were as many as six or seven children riding on a golf cart or cart drivers holding small children in their lap. This was very unsafe and is now illegal. ATVs and golf carts may be operated upon public streets, roads, and alleys within the city limits EXCLUDING areas with posted speed limit above 30 miles per hour or between sunset and sunrise.

All drivers must have a valid driver's license and are allowed to operate a golf cart in compliance with the conditions and restrictions of their driver's license. We received many complaints of underage drivers. Parents will receive a citation if they allow someone without a driver's license to operate these vehicles.

The annual registration and proof of insurance along with the other above regulations also applies to other special purpose vehicles like micro utility trucks, side by sides, gators, and other approved ATV type of motorized transportation.

Below is a short version of the new regulations:

- In an attempt to ensure everyone has insurance the city now requires an annual renewal.
- The vehicle can only carry the number of people that it was designed for. No sitting on laps of other passengers or the carrying of a small child in the lap of a passenger.
- All rear facing passengers must be seat belted in.
- Annual renewal with proof of insurance.
- All these types of vehicles must be registered to be on a city street, even if rented and only used for a short period of time.
- A slow-moving vehicle emblem must be placed on the rear of the vehicle.
- It's unlawful to operate these vehicles on city streets after dark.



# Mow and trim your yard REGULARLY!

## YARD CLIPPINGS

While mowing, please do not mow grass clippings into the street gutters—as it is unsightly and causes drainage problems. Once grass clippings wash into our storm sewers, they restrict the drainage of the water runoff. In times of heavy rain, this contributes to our street flooding.

**Leaving grass clippings in the gutter after mowing, violates our littering ordinance and a citation may be issued.**



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COMMUNITY  
CLEAN

## YARD NUISANCE & INOPERABLE VEHICLES

By City ordinance, property owners are required to maintain a mowed, clean, and junk-free yard. Please remove unsightly junk and debris from your property. Vehicles are also required to be tagged and operable or they must be removed. Failure to comply will lead to a notice from the city and a possible daily fine if the problem is not resolved. We

issued over 100 notices in 2023 for weed and vehicle violations. Be respectful of your neighborhood and help keep our city looking nice. New Ordinance Regulations require trimming along curb lines to maintain a clean looking yard. Failure to do so will lead to a notice with 5 days to correct issue before you receive a citation.

## AFTER-HOURS & WEEKEND CALLS

Weekday calls after 4:00 P.M. and all weekend calls should be made to (620) 564-2211. The On-Call employee will take your call and then contact the appropriate personnel for the problem. This applies to all situations such as water leaks, electrical problems, downed trees, etc.

## BUILDING AND FENCE PERMITS

A building permit is required anytime you improve on your property. Items include an addition to your home, replacement or installation of a new fence, sidewalk, patio, or small garden shed, to name a few. This also includes the planting of shrubbery and trees on the city right of way located in the front of your home. Plants are not to be placed over city utilities or in places that block driver's views when nearing the intersection.

## CONTRACTORS

Contractors doing work in the City of Ellinwood must be licensed and insured. This includes anyone doing carpentry, concrete, electrical, plumbing, and tree services. This requirement is to ensure the contractors are reputable and insured for the protection of the homeowner in the event that their property is damaged due to sub-standard or faulty work. Before the contractor starts working for you, please make sure they have a City license.

## PET LICENSING

City ordinance requires all pets to be licensed annually. To avoid costly pet impound fees bring a copy of your pet's proof of rabies vaccination to the City Office and purchase a pet license for \$5.00. If your pet is found with a registered tag our local law enforcement will be able to bring your pet back home instead of placing it in the City Impound with costs over \$40.00 per day.



## LEASH LAW

*2-120. Running at large. It shall be unlawful for any dog, cat, or other animal or fowl to run at large within the city. Any dog, cat, or other animal or fowl found at large shall be impounded as provided in section 2-121 and the owner thereof shall be subject to prosecution as set forth herein. (Ord. 2025-7)*

## CHANGES TO ANIMAL CONTROL ORDINANCE

It shall be unlawful for any person or household to have possession or control of more than a combined total of five cats or dogs. It can be five dogs or five cats or a combination of dogs and cats not totaling more than five.

Feral Cat definition: Feral cat means any feline, born in the wild, without an owner and raised without socialization to humans.

Feral cats are hereby declared a public nuisance and a threat to public health, The feeding of Feral Cats increases the likelihood of disease from cats and other wild animals attracted by food.

It is unlawful for any person within the city of Ellinwood to intentionally provide food, water, or other form of sustenance to a feral cat or feral cat colony.

Reminder that all animals in the city limits of Ellinwood must be registered with the city and have proof of all required vaccinations. Failure to do so can result in a citation and fine in municipal court.

## Reminder of July 4<sup>th</sup> Fireworks Regulations

July 4<sup>th</sup> is several months away but here are some regulations to be aware of when it's time.

Fireworks can only be discharged on July 4<sup>th</sup> from 8am to 12 midnight.

Code 7-308 – It shall be unlawful for any person to discharge, ignite, or fire any fireworks upon any public street, alley, or avenue or in any park or public place within the city. The law against discharging fireworks in a city park will be strictly enforced, discharging in the street is usually not enforced unless it becomes a huge problem for vehicle traffic or to the surrounding neighborhood. Cleaning up immediately following discharging fireworks will be enforced. If by early the next morning there is trash and debris in the street police will issue a citation to those responsible. Please clean up any fireworks mess immediately from the streets. Another reminder is since July 4<sup>th</sup> falls on Friday, trash service for the west side of town will be collected on Saturday. All trash must be in a poly cart, or it will not be picked up. It will be the following Thursday before the east side of town will be collected. Please do not leave fireworks in the street or next to the curb. To assist citizens with cleanup of spent fireworks a dumpster will be available to put your fireworks in at the football practice field near the splash pad until the following Monday.

As in years past the city will be hosting the annual fireworks show on July 4<sup>th</sup> at the football practice field.

## RECEIVE UTILITY BILLING VIA EMAIL

The City of Ellinwood has the capability to send Utility bills via Email. If you choose to have your bill emailed you will **not** receive a paper bill in the mail. If interested please contact the city office and provide us with your email at 620-564-3161.

## WATER QUALITY REPORT

The 2025 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) covering the 2024 calendar year will be available soon, within the next 30 days. To view the CCR follow the link below.

<https://www.kdhe.ks.gov/2033/Reports-A-Through-E>

Once the report becomes available, you may also find this report posted on [www.cityofellinwoodks.com](http://www.cityofellinwoodks.com) and paper copies will also be available at Ellinwood City Office.



