



THE OKOBOJI QUARTERLY

Autumn 2018

New Zoning Regulations Effective October 17, 2018

The following is a summary of Ordinance No. 245 and Ordinance No. 247 which were adopted by the City Council on October 9, 2018:

Ordinance No. 245, “An Ordinance Amending the 2013 Okoboji Zoning Ordinance by Amending Article XV ‘Zoning Administration and Enforcement’ Section 15.4.” Section 15.4 of the City’s Zoning Ordinance has been amended to put a two (2) year time limitation on all issued zoning permits. After two (2) years the permit shall expire and the applicant will need to reapply for a new permit.

Ordinance No. 247, “An Ordinance Amending the Article XIV ‘Nonconformance’”. Article XIV of the City’s Zoning Ordinance has been amended to include Section 14.9 which now allows for the otherwise legal expansion of a nonconforming structure. Additions shall not increase the nonconformity of the structure but may be built without variance so long as all of the proposed new construction meets current zoning regulation standards.



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Slow down and enjoy Okoboji!



During the October 9th City Council meeting, the City Council adopted a **new speed limit** for Stakeout Road from the intersection of Highway 71 to Chalstrom’s Beach Road. The speed will be reduced from 35 MPH to 25 MPH. Please watch our website for more information and the effective date.

Tree damage on the Okoboji Promenade—September 20th, 2018



Register for DickinsonAlert

DickinsonAlert is an Emergency Notification System that serves Dickinson County. DickinsonAlert will allow citizens to sign up for the types of weather and emergency alerts they want to receive. Find more information and sign up at www.dcem.us/index.php/dickinsonalert.

Upcoming City Council Meetings:



- ⇒ Tuesday, October 9, 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Tuesday, November 13, 6:00 pm
- ⇒ Tuesday, December 11, 6:00 pm

City Council agendas, minutes, and public hearing notices are posted on the City’s website under the Government tab.

If you would like to be on a mailing list to receive the agenda via email, please contact City Hall.

ATV & Snowmobile Policy

The City asks residents who use ATVs & snowmobiles to familiarize themselves with **Chapter 75 of our City Ordinance.** City ordinances can be found online at <http://okobojicity.com/government/ordinances/> or stop by City Hall.

Garbage & Recycling Collection

Residential garbage and recycling will continue to be picked up on Mondays. Please have your garbage & recycling curbside by 7:00am on collection days. As a reminder, please make sure recycled material is clean and dry. Questions? Please call Waste Management at 800-833 9596.



Snow & Ice Removal

Snow and ice on the roads can cause hazardous driving conditions. When a winter storm ends late in the evening, it is safer for the City's crew to begin clearing the roads early the following morning rather than late in the evening. If you need to get out and drive in stormy conditions, please be cautious. We ask residents to please bear with us when such conditions arise. The City's crew makes every effort to get the roads cleared as quickly as possible.



Seeking Design Review Committee Member

The Design Review Committee is a group of appointed individuals whose interest is in promoting the general welfare of the community, to protect the value of buildings and property, and to enhance the image and character of the community within the City's commercially zoned districts. The Design Review Committee's main function is to review and approve architectural designs within the Highway 71 corridor to ensure that they are compliant with the City's architectural design overlay.

This Committee meets infrequently for generally less than an hour at a time.

If you are interested, please contact the City Administrator, Michael Meyers, at 712.332.2550 or michael.meyers@okobojicity.com.



Credit Card & Debit Card Payments

The City of Okoboji is now accepting credit or debit card payments for water service through GovPayNet, a third-party service provider. Customers can access the link on our website 24/7 or call City Hall to pay by phone Monday-Friday between 8:00am-4:30pm. Customers will be charged a 2.65% service fee at the time of the transaction when using a credit or debit card.

Payments may still be made by cash, check, or signing up for the free ACH bank payments. If you are interested in signing up for ACH bank payments, please contact City Hall.

Moody's Investors Service Upgrades City's Credit Rating

After collecting and analyzing the City's financial information, on August 15th, 2018, the Moody's Investors Service rating committee upgraded the City's general obligation unlimited tax rating from A1 to AA3. The move from A1 to AA3 could be considered going from *High Grade Credit* to *Very High Grade Credit*.



The City's credit profile benefits from a stable operating history with strong reserves, ample revenues raising flexibility, and a very low pension burden.



City Hall Holiday Schedule

The City of Okoboji City Offices will be closed on the following days:

Monday, Nov. 12	Monday, Dec. 24	Tuesday, Jan. 1
Thursday, Nov. 22	Tuesday, Dec. 25	
Friday, Nov. 23	Monday, Dec. 31	



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