

## 2021 Utility Rate Notice

Effective with usage beginning January 1, 2021, the water and sewer utility rates have increased as follows:



### Water

Service Fee/Quarter:	\$45.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 2.13 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (9,001 - 36,000 gals)	\$ 6.97 / 1,000 gals
Tier 3 (Over 36,000 gals)	\$ 7.20 / 1,000 gals



### Sewer

Service Fee/Quarter:	\$48.00
Tier 1 (0 - 9,000 gals)	\$ 2.03 / 1,000 gals
Tier 2 (Over 9,000 gals)	\$ 7.80 / 1,000 gals

- + \$ 2.43 MN Service Connection Fee
- + \$ 6.00 Stormwater Utility Fee

Single-family homes or rented single-family homes will continue to be eligible for the sewer winter consumption averaging - where each quarter's sewer usage shall be based on and equal to the lesser of the current year's first quarter water usage, or the current quarter's water usage.

The new rates do not apply to the current bill, which is for usage during October, November and December of 2020. The new rates will be applicable on the bill issued in April, for usage during January, February and March 2021.

## Parking Restrictions

No parking is allowed between the hours of 2:00 A.M. and 7:00 A.M. on any city street beginning November 1st to April 1st.



This allows the snowplows the ability to plow the entire street, curb to curb, without any obstacles.

Parking is never allowed in alleys or on boulevards.

Any vehicle parked illegally will be ticketed and/or towed.

## Sidewalk Snow Removal

Property owners are required to clear sidewalks of snow and ice by noon of each day. If the owner fails to do so, the City will remove the snow or ice and the owner will be charged for the service.

**It is unlawful to blow snow into a street or alley.**

## Adopt a Fire Hydrant



When clearing your sidewalks of snow, please take the time to clear the snow around any fire hydrant on your property or in your vicinity.

## Snowbirds



Are you a Snowbird planning to head south for the winter? Please call City Hall at 252-6822 to let us know. We can suspend your garbage/recycling service, and you can request extra police patrolling in your area, while you're gone.

## Yard Waste Site Permit &

## Keycard Renewals

If you already have purchased a permit for the City Yard Waste Site and have a keycard, you may renew your card now at City Hall for \$5.00.

If you don't have a card for the yard waste site yet, you may purchase them at City Hall for \$10.00.

Be sure to have the Year, Make & Model and the License Plate Number of your vehicle(s) you will be using when you come in to renew your key card or to obtain one.

When the site opens in the Spring, you will be ready to go! Watch for the opening date on our website, on channel 181, and on our Facebook and Twitter accounts.



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## City Hall Open for Business

Effective January 4, 2021, City Hall has reopened the doors to the public. With regular hours of operation of 7:30 a.m.—4:30 p.m. Monday through Friday. Face masks will be required. If you are able to conduct your business with the city through non-contact means (ie. Phone, email, mail, drop box, online bill pay, etc.) we ask that you continue to do so.

## Waite Park Library New Hours

The library has changed their hours effective with the new year based on feedback they received from a survey conducted last year.

Monday	12 - 7 p.m.
Tuesday	10 - 1 p.m.
Wednesday	12 - 5 p.m.
Thursday	12 - 7 p.m.
Friday	12 - 5 p.m.
Saturday	10 - 1 p.m.
Sunday	Closed



The library is currently open for limited services including curbside or in-person pick up of requested items, Print2Go, and computers by appointment. Call ahead if you have questions (320)253-9359.

## Animal License Renewal

All dogs and cats owned or harbored within the City of Waite Park must be licensed with the City.

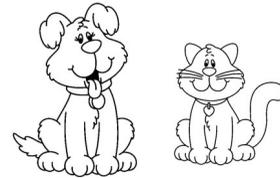
The new tags for Animal Licenses for the calendar year 2021 are now available at City Hall!

Cost is \$10.00 per license.

Current rabies vaccination records must be presented at the time of purchase.

License renewals are due no later than Tuesday, February 16, 2021. Penalties will be applied after this due date.

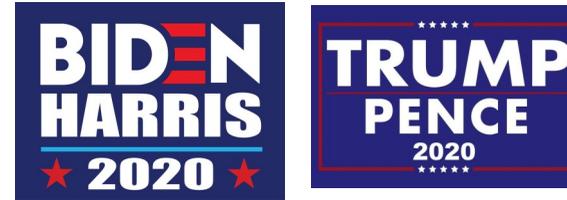
Each licensed cat or dog is required to wear the issued license tag on a collar. Please remember, it is unlawful for animals to be permitted to run at large.



## Pick up after your pets

Picking up after your pooch is more than just a courtesy to your neighbors, it's also being a good neighbor to area lakes and rivers. Pet waste can contain harmful bacteria, as well as phosphorus that causes excess algae and weed growth in lakes and rivers. So every time you reach for the leash, remember to grab a small plastic bag for the road. It's one simple thing you can do to help keep the water clean.

## Removal of Campaign Signs



To avoid any State of MN fines or citations, all political campaign signs must be removed from your property. Technically, they should have been taken down within 10 days after election day. They can no longer be displayed now that the election results have been confirmed.

## Vehicle Thefts Increasing



The Waite Park Police and surrounding cities are seeing an increase in vehicle break-ins and vehicles being stolen. Please remember to always lock your vehicle and take any valuables with you. If you start your vehicle to let it warm up, make sure your doors are locked, even in your own driveway. Do not keep a spare car key or key fob in your car.

## Be Aware of Scams



Be cautious of anyone calling and asking you for personal information, money, gift cards or advising you that you have a warrant out for your arrest. The police do not call people to advise them of warrants. If you have a warrant out for your arrest, you committed a crime and are aware of it.

## Tips to Avoid Scammers

- Call the business directly to verify what the caller told you. Don't call the phone number provided to you by the caller. If you are already doing business with the caller, call the phone number located on your bill.
- Never send cash or gift cards. Legitimate businesses will not ask you to send cash or accept payment in gift cards.
- Talk to your friends and neighbors about the phone calls you receive. They probably have stories to share about the phone calls they received, as well.
- Don't answer the phone if you don't recognize the phone number. If someone wants to reach you, they will leave a message.
- If you talk to someone and realize they are trying to scam you, they may call you back. Don't answer their phone calls, even if they threaten you. Many scammers are not even in the US when they are calling.

Call our Community Outreach Specialist, Alicia Mages, if you have any questions. She can be reached at (320)251-7393.