

Annual Utility Pmt Arrangement Notice for Military Personnel

ANNUAL NOTICE -- For Military Personnel Minn. Stat. § 325E.028.

Minnesota law requires that customers and utilities make utility payment arrangements for military service personnel in the following situation. If a member of a household has been issued orders into active duty, deployment, or change in duty station and the residential customer meets specific income criteria, the City of Waite Park must not disconnect the water utility service of that qualifying residential customer due to nonpayment.

An application for a utility payment agreement must include copies of income statements and proof of military orders as described in the law. The City of Waite Park may shut off utility service for nonpayment if an application does not include the required copies of income statements and proof of military orders as required by Minn. Stat. § 325E.028.

Contact city hall if you would like a copy of this law.

Mayoral Candidate Forum

Tuesday, October 22nd 6:30 p.m. at Waite Park City Hall

This event will allow you to hear from the candidates, Mike Linquist and Kenneth Schmitt, as they discuss their plans for Waite Park's future and tackle pressing issues facing the city. Be a part of the conversation and make your voice heard!

Stearns County Justice Center Info Session

Wednesday, October 23rd 5:00-7:00 p.m. at Waite Park City Hall

This event will offer an opportunity for community members to learn more about the project and understand the need for the facility and plans to pay for it. Come get your questions answered and engage with County representatives.

Presentation at 5:30 p.m.

2024 General Election FAQs

When is Election Day?

Election Day is Tuesday, November 5, 2024

When are the polls open?

Polling places are open 7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Where do I vote?

There are four precincts in Waite Park:

PRECINCT 1:

Waite Park Community Park Shelter
155 13th Ave N
Waite Park, MN 56387

PRECINCT 2:

Waite Park Public Works Facility
670 17th Ave S
Waite Park, MN 56387

PRECINCT 3:

Waite Park City Hall
19 13th Ave N
Waite Park, MN 56387

PRECINCT 4:

The Ledge Amphitheater – Performers Bldg
520 17th Ave S
Waite Park, MN 56387

To find your precinct, visit: www.mnvotes.org

What is on my ballot?

To view a sample ballot, visit:
<https://myballotmn.sos.state.mn.us>

Where can I vote early/absentee vote?

In-person absentee voting is available here:

Stearns County Service Center
3301 County Rd 138
Waite Park, MN 56387

Hours are 8:00 AM to 4:30 PM Mon-Fri

By-mail absentee voting:

Call (320)656-3920 to request an absentee ballot application.

Local Sales and Use Tax Notice

(Annual Notice required by MN Dept of Revenue)

On the November 2022 ballot, Waite Park residents approved a 1/2% local sales and use tax that went into effect on April 1, 2023.

Sales tax is a one-time tax on most retail sales and some services in Waite Park and is collected from both residents and non-residents. Unlike a property tax-based plan, the 1/2% sales tax ensures that everyone who enjoys the City's amenities and services, shares in the cost to upgrade them.

Purchases of goods and services made outside of Waite Park, that are used in Waite Park are subject to the 1/2% local use tax.

The 1/2% sales and use tax approved last year will be used to facilitate the construction of a Public Safety Facility.

For more details, please refer to:

www.revenue.state.mn

Type "General Notice Waite Park" in the 🔍 search bar.

Campaign Signage

It is election season and with that come election signs. The city would like to remind property owners where these signs can be placed and the regulations that need to be followed when placing these types of signs throughout the community. All election signs, may be posted in any number from August 1 in a state general election year until ten (10) days following the state general election. Signs can only be located on private property with the owner's consent. Signs are not allowed to be placed on any public right-of-way and shall not be permitted on school property or any other public lands. It is important to know before placing a sign where the private property line is versus the right-of-way. Highway right-of-way typically includes the driving lanes, inside and outside shoulders, ditches and sight corners at intersections.



City Newsletter 4th Quarter 2024



(320)252-6822

www.ci.waitepark.mn.us

4th Quarter 2024

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 2025, 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 18, 2025. 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.



Yard Waste Site Closing Date

The Yard Waste Site will be closing for the year no later than December 1, 2024. If the weather requires the site to close any earlier, we will post that date on the city website, Facebook page and TV channel 181.

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.

Refuse/Recycling Calendars

The Refuse and Recycling Calendar is included with this utility bill. Put it in a safe place so you can refer to it throughout the year! Taped inside a kitchen cabinet door would be a great place to keep it handy!

Brush Pick-up

The last Brush Pick-Up for the year will be from October 21st-25th. Place your tree branches and brush near your regular refuse pickup site by 7:00 a.m. on Monday of this week. City Public Works employees will attempt to complete the pickup during the scheduled week, but the schedule may be pushed back due to their workload or weather conditions. Please keep in mind, this is not a tree removal service. Large volumes of branches, or large tree limbs and tree trunks will not be picked up.

Christmas Tree Pick-Up

The Christmas Tree Pick-Up in January 2025 will be the week of January 6th-10th.



This pick-up is for the recycling of live Christmas trees. Please remove all decorations, including lights, tinsel and ornament hooks. Place your tree at your regular refuse pickup location, by 7:00 A.M on Monday of this week. The city will attempt to pick up the trees during the scheduled week, but weather conditions may cause a delay.

City Observed Holidays

City offices will be closed the following dates:

- November 11 — Veterans Day
- November 28 — Thanksgiving Day
- December 24 — Christmas Eve
- December 25 — Christmas Day
- January 1 — New Year's Day
- January 20 — Martin Luther King, Jr. Day

Snowbirds

Are you a Snowbird planning to head south for the winter? Please call City Hall at 252-6822 to let us know. You can also request extra police patrolling in your area, and we can suspend your garbage/recycling service, so we are not paying for unused services while you are gone.



Direct Payment Withdrawal

Dates for 2025

If you have enrolled in the Direct Payment Plan for your water/sewer utility bills, the withdrawal dates for 2025 will be on the following dates:

- | |
|---|
| February 7, 2025
May 2, 2025
August 1, 2025
November 7, 2025 |
|---|