

## **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.

If you would like a copy of this law, please contact Margie Wolf, Utility Clerk at (320)229-3683.

## **Staying Informed**

The City website has a great feature that allows residents and businesses to stay informed on the events, meetings and important news!

Go to our website: [www.ci.waitepark.mn.us](http://www.ci.waitepark.mn.us)

On the front page of our website is a button called "Stay Connected".

When you click on this button, it brings you to the Notify Me module, which allows you to select the topics that interest you. You can then specify if you'd like to receive notifications by email and/or by text. You'll then receive notice of only new information on those topics which you selected. You can change your selections at any time!

## **2022 General Election FAQs**

### **When is Election Day?**

Election Day is Tuesday, November 8, 2022

### **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](http://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 Tax Ballot Questions**

### **- Why a Sales Tax?**

A sales tax gives residents the best value for their investment. Sales tax is a one-time tax on certain purchases in Waite Park, 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. The residents of Waite Park and regional users historically have received, and continue to receive, benefits from a 1/2% sales tax to support many improvements, including The Ledge, Babe Ruth baseball fields, the splash pad and pickle ball courts, extensions to the Wobegon Trail and regional road improvements. This tax will expire at the end of 2038.

A new 1/2% sales tax is being proposed to facilitate the construction of a Public Safety Facility and to add two major Regional Trail Connections.

The City of Waite Park will have two referendum questions on the ballot in the November election. Voting "No" is not voting no for the completion of the projects. Voting "No" is against imposing the 1/2% sales tax.

If the projects are not funded by the 1/2% sales tax, which is paid by anyone shopping in Waite Park, then the city council would have to consider other sources of revenue, including property taxes, to pay for these projects.

More information is available on the City website, including examples illustrating what a 1/2% sales tax would equate to for purchases commonly made.



## **City Newsletter 4th Quarter 2022**



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# 4th Quarter 2022

## 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 2023, 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 15, 2023. 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, 2022. 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.

## Brush Pick-up

The last Brush Pick-Up for the year will be from October 24th-28th. 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.

## 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!

## Christmas Tree Pick-Up

The Christmas Tree Pick-Up in January 2023 will be the week of January 11th-15th.



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 24 — Thanksgiving Day
- December 23 — Christmas Eve Observed
- December 26 — Christmas Observed
- January 2 — New Year's Day Observed
- January 16 — 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 2023

If you have enrolled in the Direct Payment Plan for your water/sewer utility bills, the withdrawal dates for 2023 will be on the following dates:

- February 3, 2023
- May 5, 2023
- August 4, 2023
- November 3, 2023