

# CITY OF FERNLEY NEWSLETTER

Fall 2019

## New City of Fernley Web Site

**Launched:** Agendas and staff reports can now be easily accessed on the City's website, [www.cityoffernley.org](http://www.cityoffernley.org).

**The City of Fernley has several regularly scheduled monthly meetings.** Be informed and get involved.

**Regular Council Meetings** are the First and Third Wednesday of each month 5:00 pm at Council Chambers.

**Fernley Planning Commission** meets the Second Wednesday of each month 5:00 pm at Council Chambers.

**Neighborhood Watch** The fourth Thursday each month 6:00 pm in the City Hall Community Room.

**Fernley Convention & Tourism Authority Board** meets twice a year, once in June and December. FCTA Grant applications are accepted in May for Round 1 and November for Round 2.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT

**What is Code Enforcement?** Code Enforcement officers provide for the safety, health and welfare of citizens living and working in neighborhoods throughout the City of Fernley through enforcement of building, zoning, housing, environmental, nuisance and other codes and ordinances. These top questions and answers are provided to help assist in becoming a responsible property owner and prevent unsafe or offensive uses of property, while promoting and maintaining the quality of life in our community.

**Can I park my RV, Boat, or Utility trailer on the street?** The City of Fernley Municipal Code states that in the case of recreational vehicles, travel trailers and boats, a 48-hour time period will be allowed for the purposes of loading and unloading, provided all vehicle and traffic regulations are complied with.

**Can I park and/or store junk vehicles on my property?** No junk vehicles shall be parked or stored on a lot or parcel of land unless it is contained within a building or screened from view from a public street, road or alley by a solid fence, wall or other similar structure. **Definition of Junk Vehicle** - Junk vehicle means any car, truck, trailer, recreational vehicle, boat or other vehicle, or parts thereof, that is non-operational, unlicensed, disassembled or in disrepair.

**Can I park commercial vehicles in a residential district?** *Parking of oversized vehicles, trucks and commercial vehicles in residential areas-prohibited activities:* parking of oversized vehicles is prohibited within 100 feet of any residential area, it is unlawful for any person to stand, park or leave running any vehicle, trailer or vehicle and trailer having an overall length of more than 24 feet at any time on any public street, highway or alley except in designated truck-parking areas or immediately in front of the property of the owner or driver while goods or passengers are being loaded or discharged. *Parking of trucks or commercial vehicles in residential areas:* it is unlawful for any person to stand, park or leave running any truck or commercial vehicle on any residential street except when engaged in the loading or unloading of merchandise or when such vehicle is being used in conjunction with the performance of service, repair,

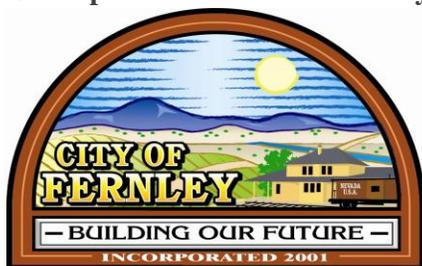
construction or similar use. It is unlawful for any person to cause or allow any commercial trailer or semi-trailer which is not attached to a tractor or other motor vehicle to be parked on a public street, highway, alley, parking lot or park within a residential area.

**Can I park or store a vehicle on the City street?** The City of Fernley Municipal Code allows vehicles to be parked on the street for a period of 72-hours. Moving a vehicle every (3) days a few feet will not avert a violation. All vehicles parked on the street must be currently registered and operable.

**Can I collect or store junk, trash and debris on my property?** The 2018 International Property Maintenance Code, which the City of Fernley has adopted states that all exterior property and premises shall be free from any accumulation of rubbish or garbage. Some examples of junk, trash and debris are auto parts, furniture, appliances, tires, plastics, cardboard, paper, building materials, tree trimmings and dead vegetation.

**Can a person live in an RV on my property?** It is unlawful to reside in a recreational vehicle within the city unless the following conditions are met: a temporary use permit must be applied for and approved along with the following regulations 1. The permittee owns the property on which the recreational vehicle is to be placed; 2. The permittee has applied and been issued a permit to build a single-family dwelling for his own use on the property on which the recreational vehicle is to be placed; and 3. The recreational vehicle is connected to water and sewer/septic facilities.

For further information or questions please contact the City of Fernley Building Department at 775-784-9900.



## FINANCIAL TRANSPARENCY PORTAL

The City of Fernley is committed to honest budgeting, responsible spending, and financial transparency. The City of Fernley has partnered with OpenGov to provide residents and stakeholders with the Financial Transparency Portal on the City's website. The portal is designed to bring visibility, openness, and accountability to our operations. The site provides you the opportunity to view, filter, and analyze revenue, expense, and balance sheet financial data for the City of Fernley. You can even download the data for offline analysis.

The financial transparency portal is located on the City of Fernley website [www.cityoffernley.org](http://www.cityoffernley.org) in the City Treasurer-Finance department page, under Financial Transparency. What does the portal show? Among other reports, residents can look at the City's revenue sources, how revenue compares with expenses, how much the City collected in property taxes, how much the City spends on infrastructure, and much more. For more information or if you have any questions, please call the City Manager's Office at 775-784-9858.

## CITY INFRASTRUCTURE IMPROVEMENTS

### Cottonwood Lane Reconstruction & Drainage Engineering Design

Cottonwood Lane is a critical east-west arterial street for the City and is used to access residential homes between US-95A and Farm District Road and Cottonwood Elementary School. A portion of the street between Cook Way and Bardot Way is currently in a state of disrepair that will need to be reconstructed. The remaining sections of the street are in good condition and will be treated with a preventative maintenance such as slurry or chip seal. The road also has areas of missing curb gutter and sidewalk and drainage issues that will be addressed. These drainage issues cause standing water on the roadway which as led to the deterioration of the asphalt section which will be reconstructed. There is also a section of 18-inch water main that extends from the east and west but is missing a portion between Rosewood and Cook Way. This missing section will be connected into existing pipes. This portion of the project has been identified in the City's Water Master Plan as a project that will improve the operation of the City's distribution system. Another section of water main that extends from US-95A to Hardie Lane is undersized and will be up-sized and replaced with this project. Replacing this section of pipe will improve the operation of the water distribution system by removing a "bottle neck" within the system.

**The project will begin** with the design this fiscal year, 2019/20, and then progress to construction in the following fiscal year 2020/21. **The costs to design** and construction the water mains will be paid for by the Water Enterprise Fund. Cost of Design budgeted is \$262,600.

## NOISY ANIMALS

It is not illegal for an animal to make noise, but chronic noise and/or noise for long periods of time constitute a legal nuisance. It is a natural action of dogs to bark. Dogs do not bark "all day" but generally bark as a result of external stimuli for example hearing another dog bark, the presence of a cat, the presence of a bird, or person approaching or passing by the place of residence. Other behavioral issues include boredom, lack of physical exercise, being lonely or wanting company, and lack of training. However, excessive barking behavior can cause distress and discomfort to people.

It is the responsibility of the dog owner to minimize any adverse effects that may be attributed to any of the above causes for nuisance behavior. We always recommend making an effort to courteously advise your neighbor of your concerns as they may be unaware of their pet's behavior. If a barking dog is creating a problem in your neighborhood, contact Animal Control and provide the address of the offending dog. An officer will contact the household and encourage them to solve the problem to avoid further action. The animal control office can be reached at 775-784-9801.

### Residential Rubbish Drop Off

The City hosted a Residential Rubbish Drop Off event on October 6<sup>th</sup> and 13<sup>th</sup>. We had an enormous positive response and participation from residents. About 1,200 cubic yards of residential rubbish was collected and about 525 users of the free service. The City would like to say a great big thank you to all the volunteers who helped with the residential rubbish drop off. Volunteers include Darris Daniel, Charles Borowy, Jerry Finley, Doug Larned, Dave Sandfoss, Philip Gerwig, Dan Contrerus, Michael Demerrian, Zach Novak, Logan Mariluch, Donna Korf, Harry Wheeler, Cynthia Miller, Pat Spracklin, Girl Scout Troop #250, Katie Gillespie, Jillian Gonzales, Rachel Rosas, Riley Schultz, Cheryl Schultz, Greta Hanna, Evan Robert Trujillo, Jaimie Daniels, Tasha Lowery, Councilwoman Fran McKay, Councilman Albert Torres, Bill Kever, Shawn Keating, and Mayor Roy Edgington.

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Animal Control - 775-784-9903  
Planning - 775-784-9819  
City Clerk's Office - 775-784-9830  
Public Works/Engineering - 775-784-9910  
Utility Billing - 775-784-9930  
Municipal Court - 775-784-9870