

Strathmoor Manorisms

City of Strathmoor Manor Newsletter

Spring 2017

New Manor Ordinances

- Ordinance to Repeal an Extraneous Penalty Section -- Ordinance Series 2017, Number 1
- Ordinance to Change Commission Meeting Time -- Ordinance Series 2017, Number 3

Please find these ordinances in their entirety later in this newsletter.

Spring is in Full Swing...

...though it feels more like summer on some of these hot days we've had! It's great to see neighbors young and old out walking, jogging, bike riding, playing in the Park, taking their four-legged friends for a stroll, and caring for their yards in our beautiful Manor! My cousin, who attends nearby Assumption High School and occasionally walks to my house and spends time after school, recently noted what a friendly community my family and I live in...that every one of my neighbors she passes while walking to my house - no matter what they are doing - smiles, waves, and says hello. What a point of pride for our City! Keep it up, Manorites! :-)

~ Commissioner Heitz

Speaking of Spring...

Watering Newly Planted Trees

Newly planted trees, those that have been in the ground less than two years, require 25 gallons of water, approximately 1.5 inches of rainfall, per week to survive. (We call this "25 to Stay Alive"!) During extended periods of little or no rainfall and/or high temperatures, trees need your help.

It is important to check the moisture level on newly planted trees for at least one full year or until the root system is established. To accurately do this, pull back the mulch and feel the soil with your hands alongside the root-ball about 4" below ground level. During the hot and dry summer months, this should be done every 2-3 days for smaller plants and every 3-5 days for larger plants and trees. If the soil is dry – water thoroughly; if it is moist – do not water and check the soil in another few days.

The object of watering is to find that "happy medium" neither too wet, nor too dry. Be aware that both too little water and too much water can be detrimental.

Where to water your tree

Deep watering to a depth of 12" inches below the soil surface is recommended. Saturate the soil around the tree within the "dripline" (the outer edges of the tree's branches) to disperse water down toward the roots.

The objective is to water slowly, dispersing the flow of water to get the water deep down to the trees roots. Watering for short periods of time only encourages shallow rooting which can lead to more drought damage. Don't dig holes in the ground in an effort to water deeply. This dries out roots even more. A soil needle/deep root feeder attached to a hose is acceptable to insert into the ground if your soil is not too hard and compact.

Overhead spraying of tree leaves is inefficient and should be avoided during drought conditions.

Watering at ground level, rather than spraying water into the air, is more efficient.

Tree Watering: Amount of water needed and methods to use

During the drought, trees must be given top watering priority over your lawn. However, caring for trees requires different watering methods than your lawn. During water restrictions, irrigation systems designed to water turf do not sufficiently water your trees. During the drought, trees should be given a higher priority than lawns. Lawns can be replaced in a matter of months whereas a 20 year old tree will take 20 years to replace.

How much water your tree should receive depends upon the tree size. A general rule of thumb is to use approximately 10 gallons of water per inch of trunk diameter for each watering. Measure trunk diameter at knee height. General formula: Tree Diameter x 5 minutes = Total Watering Time.

Example: When you hand water using a hose at medium pressure, it will take approximately 5 minutes to produce 10 gallons of water. If you have a 4" diameter tree, it should receive 40 gallons of water – multiply by 5 minutes to equal total watering time of 20 minutes.

Watering Tools

Garden Hose – Garden hoses can be turned on at a slow trickle and set on a root ball of a tree. During hot and dry weather you can water a tree with a trunk that is 2 1/2" in diameter for approximately a half hour moving the hose around the tree. Hoses are ideal for watering a single plant or tree or a number of plants.

Sprinklers – Sprinklers are best for watering lawns or an entire bed of plants, especially those with annuals and perennials. They are not, however, the best way to water individual plants because they do not allow for deep watering.

Soaker Hoses – Soaker hoses are great for slow, deep watering. They can be used in beds or rows, around root balls and surrounding soil. Soaker hoses 'sweat' and can be left to run for several hours depending on the size of the tree or plant.

Watering Wands – They are great for providing supplemental watering, especially for container grown plants. Container plants dry out more quickly than other plants. Let the water soak through the container for a few minutes while you move on to the next plant you are watering. Then go back and water each container again with the wand to ensure the roots absorbed the water.

Gator Bags – These can be used to water trees during hot and dry summer months. They can hold up to 20 gallons of water, are secured to the trunk of the tree and will release water slowly to the root ball over the course of 15-20 hours. A convenient method of watering newly installed trees.

Other Water-Wise Tips – Container plants dry out quicker than balled and burlap-wrapped plants.

It is very important to water trees and shrubs thoroughly as needed during the hot summer months and in the late fall before the onset of winter.

Summer thunderstorms can provide some helpful moisture, BUT should not be considered a substitute for deep watering for trees.

Wilted leaves can result from the soil being either too dry or too wet so it is best to feel the soil before you water.

Manor City Taxes

Good news! The Commission unanimously moved to keep this year's property tax rate the same as last year's at \$0.32 per \$100 of valuation, based on the PVA's tax roll distribution for 2017. If you or your mortgage company has questions regarding your Manor property taxes, please contact City Bookkeeper, Pat Colgate, at (502) 451-9800. Please mail tax payments to:

City of Strathmoor Manor
P.O. Box 5459
Louisville, KY 40255-0459

Parking and Driving in the Manor

Parking in the Manor can be challenging. Many homes have short or narrow driveways, and the Manor streets are on the narrow side as well. Increased on-street parking due to Lakeside Swim Club makes the situation even more challenging in the summer.

Please observe the speed limit and watch out for pedestrians and bicyclists, and please be a considerate neighbor by parking in your driveway when possible; this makes it easier for other vehicles to navigate our streets safely!

Lock Those Doors!

The Strathmoor Village Police Department reminds all residents to lock up - both your home and your vehicles. We all have a personal responsibility to safeguard our own property. Please be observant as you walk and bike in the Manor and report any suspicious vehicles or persons to Strathmoor Police at (502) 432-8900.

Contact Information for Strathmoor Manor

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City Clerk	Susan Stopher	(502) 456-6319	sgstopher@gmail.com
Communications	Brooke Heitz	(502) 797-5102	bcwillinger@gmail.com
Maintenance	Kathy Zandona	(502) 238-4279	kmzandona@gmail.com
Treasurer	Bob Peterson	(502) 749-6331	rpeter8582@gmail.com

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Strathmoor Village Police Dept. (502) 432-8900 strathmoorvillagepolice@gmail.com

Miscellaneous Information

- Downed tree or limb blocking a road in the Manor? Please call the Strathmoor Police Department at (502) 432-8900 or the Louisville Metro Police Department at 911. A police officer will secure the scene and call for a maintenance crew. This is considered an emergency situation because trees blocking the road also block emergency vehicles.
- Waste Management picks up garbage, recycling, and yard waste each Tuesday. They will take one large junk item per household per week. Please remember that yard waste must now be set out in reusable bins, paper bags, or compostable plastic bags.

Mattresses and box springs must be wrapped in plastic. Supplies are available at area home improvement stores.

- Please call MSD at (502) 587-0603 if you have standing water in your easement or are experiencing a problem with the stormwater drain in your easement.
- Street light out? Please call LG&E at (502) 589-1444.
- Please make sure your house number is visible during both daylight and darkness so that guests, emergency vehicles, and vendors can find your home.
- The City of Strathmoor Manor has a Facebook page. Please join us!
- Please be a considerate dog owner and pick up after your pet, and if he or she is outside barking in the early morning or late at night, please let him or her in!

Highlands Happenings

Saturday, Jun. 10 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. -- 13th Annual Upper Highlands Neighborhood Association Festival, held in front of Atherton High School

Every Saturday from 8 a.m. - noon -- Bardstown Road Farmers' Market, held in the Bardstown Road Presbyterian Church parking lot next to Deer Park Ave.

Every Saturday from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. -- Douglass Loop Farmers' Market, held in the Douglass Boulevard Christian Church parking lot

Every Sunday from 7 - 9 p.m., Jun. 4 - Aug. 7 -- Cherokee Triangle Summer Concert Series in Willow Park. The event is free, but please bring canned goods, soap, toothpaste, toothbrushes, paper towels, dishwashing liquid, or deodorant to support the Highland Community Ministry's Dare to Care Food Pantry.

Through Sunday, Sep. 24 -- Butterflies 'n' Blooms at the Louisville Zoo

Ordinance Series 2017, Number 3

AN ORDINANCE amending the Strathmoor Manor Code of Ordinances to establish a new time and location for the regular monthly meeting of the City Commission and declaring the existence of an emergency.

WHEREAS the present location of the regular monthly meeting of the City Commission is inaccessible to disabled persons; and,

WHEREAS a more suitable location for the said regular monthly meeting is available but not on the day when the City Commission regularly meets; and,

WHEREAS the City Commission deems it appropriate to change both the time and location of the regular monthly meeting of the City Commission.

NOW THEREFORE **BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STRATHMOOR MANOR** that:

(A) An emergency exists in that the current location of the City Commission's regular monthly meeting is inaccessible to all members of the public.

(B) Strathmoor Manor Code of Ordinances Section 2.221 is hereby amended to read as follows:

The ~~commission~~ *Commission* shall meet on the ~~last Thursday~~ *fourth (4th) Tuesday* of each month ~~except December~~ at 7:00 p.m. prevailing time *in the second floor meeting room of First Capital Bank, 2735 Bardstown Road, Louisville, Kentucky.* Special meetings may be called by the Mayor or a majority of the Commission. Only subjects specified in the call may be considered at a special meeting.

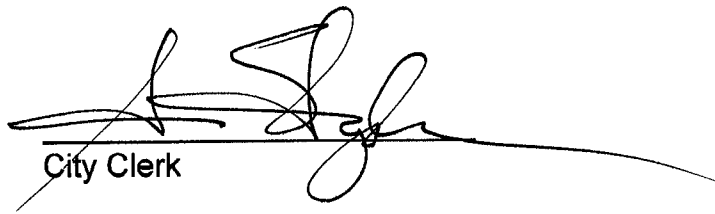
(C) This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication.

Enacted this 27th day of April, 2017.



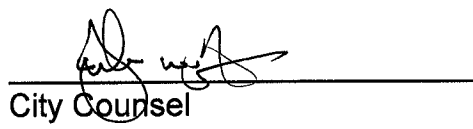
Brian Cobb, Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Counsel

Ordinance Series 2017, Number 1

AN ORDINANCE repealing redundant penalty provisions in the Code of Ordinances and declaring the existence of an emergency.

WHEREAS on February 25th, 2016 the City Commission adopted by Ordinance new penalty provisions regarding the failure to abate nuisances within the City, however the Commission through oversight failed to repeal the previous penalty provisions: and,

WHEREAS it was the intention of the City Commission that only the newer of the penalty Ordinances be enforced hereafter;and,

WHEREAS the existence of two different penalties for the same violation would potentially result in both penalty provisions being adjudged unenforceable.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STRATHMOOR MANOR that:

(A) An emergency exists in that the current penalty provisions of the City's nuisance Ordinance are potentially unenforceable.

(B) Strathmoor Manor Code of Ordinances Section 5.511 is hereby repealed in its entirety.

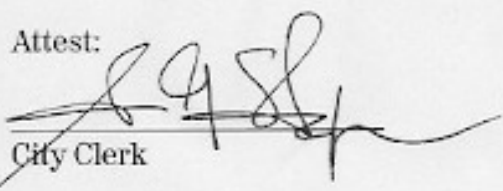
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Enacted this 23 ^{March} day of ~~February~~, 2017.



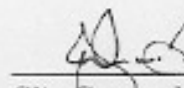
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