

Strathmoor Manorisms
City of Strathmoor Manor Newsletter
Spring 2020

New Manor Ordinance

- Ordinance to Establish Property Tax Rate for 2020 -- Ordinance Series 2020, Number 1

Please find this ordinance in its entirety later in this newsletter.

Manor City Taxes

The Commission has yet again unanimously moved to keep this year's property tax rate the same as last year's at \$0.32 per \$100 of valuation! Tax bills will be mailed to homeowners and/or mortgage companies in late June. *Please note that an ordinance passed last December delays property tax deadlines by one month. Thus, property taxes are due and payable on August 31st, rather than July 31st. Taxes paid before July 31st will receive a discount and taxes paid on or after September 1st will be subject to interest and penalties.* If you or your mortgage company has questions regarding your Manor property taxes, please contact City Bookkeeper, Pat Colgate, at (502) 451-9800, ext. 1004. Please mail tax payments to:

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

June 2nd Filing Deadline for November Election

Do you have ideas on how to better our city? Would you like to serve the Manor in an official public position? There will be four City of Strathmoor Manor Commissioner spots on the ballot in this November's election. The term for a City Commissioner is two years.

If you would like to run for one of these positions, Tuesday, June 2nd is the deadline to file for candidacy with the Jefferson County Clerk's Office. All candidates will file their forms at the Jefferson County Elections Center. For more information on candidate filing procedures, qualifications for each office, filing fees, and sample filing forms, please go to www.sos.ky.gov.

Some Reminders on Mulching

Mulching is one of the best things you can do to promote tree health. Proper mulching can:

- Reduce soil moisture loss
- Control weed germination and growth
- Protect roots from extreme summer and winter temperatures
- Improve soil biology, aeration, structure, drainage, and fertility
- Inhibit certain plant diseases
- Reduce the likelihood of damage from weed trimmers or lawn mowers

Proper Mulching Technique

Organic mulch (wood chips, pine needles, hardwood and softwood bark, etc.) is preferred over inorganic mulch (stone, lava rock, pulverized rubber, etc.).

- Apply a 2- to 4-inch layer of mulch (less if poorly drained).
- Spread mulch out to the edge of a tree's crown or beyond.
- If mulch is already present, check depth. Break up any matted layers and refresh the appearance with a rake.
- If mulch is piled against the stems or tree trunks, pull it back several inches/centimeters so that the base of the trunk is exposed.

The Hazards of Improper Mulching

As beneficial as mulch is, too much can be harmful. It is important to avoid "mulch volcanoes" -- excessive mulch applied around the base of a tree which can lead to the development of insects and disease as well as other problems.

These tips are brought to you by TreesLouisville!

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.

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!

If you will be out of town, please park your car(s) in your driveway and not on the street; it leaves more parking space for those who are not out of town and is safer for your car.

The Manor currently has a few homes for sale and some extensive home renovations going on; please be understanding regarding potential future neighbors coming to view the homes on the

market and service vehicles which are here to perform their work, but also please be considerate towards your neighbors and give these home viewers and workers proper guidance when it comes to parking.

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

Mayor	Brian Cobb	(502) 396-3968	cobbbrianw@hotmail.com
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

www.cityofstrathmoormanor.com

Strathmoor Village Police Dept. (502) 432-8900

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.
- 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!

CITY OF STRATHMOOR MANOR

Ordinance Series 2020, Number 1

AN ORDINANCE relating to the ad valorem tax rate on real property and declaring the existence of an emergency.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF STRATHMOOR MANOR that:

Section 1. Section 2.605(a) of the Strathmoor Manor Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

The tax rate on non-exempt real property within the corporate limits of the City of Strathmoor Manor shall be 32.00 cents per \$100.00 valuation.

Section 2. Section 2.605(b) of the Strathmoor Manor Code of Ordinances is amended to read as follows:

This ordinance shall take effect with the issuance of the 2020 Property Tax Bills of the City based on valuations of real property as of January 1st, 2020 by the Jefferson County Property Valuation Administrator.

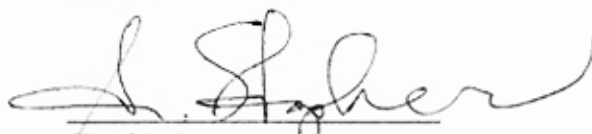
Section 3. The Commission declares the existence of an emergency as the City Commission was unable to meet last month due to the COVID-19 crisis and there is insufficient time prior to the mailing of annual ad valorem tax bills for two readings of this Ordinance.

Enacted this 28th day of April, 2020.



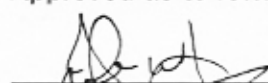
Mayor

Attest:



City Clerk

Approved as to form:



City Counsel