



*City of Mountain Lake &  
Mountain Lake Municipal  
Utilities Newsletter  
April 2023*



**City Hall Hours**

9AM — 4PM  
Monday — Friday  
24 Hour Drop Box

**City of Mountain Lake**  
or  
**Mountain Lake Municipal Utilities**  
930 Third Ave – Drawer C  
Mountain Lake, Minnesota 56159



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**City of Mountain Lake, MN**

**City-Wide Clean-Up  
Information**

Please see the additional  
enclosed sheet with city-wide  
clean-up information. City-wide  
clean-up will be  
**May 6, 2023**



**2023 Golf Cart Permits  
Now Available!**

A golf cart permit is needed to  
operate a golf cart on city  
streets. Permits are \$10. Stop  
by city hall to fill out the permit  
application and pay the \$10 fee.  
Please bring proof of insurance.  
See below for more



**Open Burning of  
Leaves**

The open burning of leaves in the City of  
Mountain Lake is permitted between  
April and May.



The following rules apply:

- Only in residential areas.
- Only between the hours of 8 AM and 8 PM.
- Fires must be extinguished by 8 PM.
- Fires must be more than 25 feet from any structure, wood fence, hedge or bush.
- Fires must be more than 5 feet from any property line.
- The burning of leaves is prohibited on city streets, boulevards, lake shore, or any other public property by private citizens.
- Fires must be attended at all times.

**Snow Removal**



Residential and commercial sidewalks are required to have snow removed within 24 hours after the cessation of a snow fall. Please be courteous to your neighbors by not throwing snow onto other citizen's property, sidewalks, driveways, or in the city streets.

**SECTION 11.09 MOTORIZED GOLF CARTS.**

Subdivision 1. Definition

*Motorized Golf Cart* A small battery or gas powered three or four-wheeled vehicle primarily used for transporting one or two golfers and their equipment.

Subdivision 2. Requirements.

It is unlawful for any person to operate a motorized golf cart on the roadway of a street unless:

- The operator has in possession a valid, current and unrevoked permit from the city;
- The operation is on a roadway which has not been designated as prohibited for this type of operation, except crossing at an intersection;
- The operation is from one-half hour after sunrise to one-half hour before sunset;
- The operation is not during inclement weather, nor when visibility is impaired by weather, smoke, fog, or other conditions, nor when there is insufficient light to clearly see persons or vehicles thereon at a distance of 500 feet;
- The operation occurs when visibility is not impaired by weather, smoke, fog or other conditions such that there is sufficient light to see persons or vehicles thereon at a minimum distance of 500 ft.
- The motorized golf cart displays a slow moving vehicle emblem on the rear thereof;
- The motorized golf cart is equipped with rear view mirrors;
- The operator has insurance coverage as provided by statute;
- The operator observes all traffic laws, except those, which cannot reasonably be applied to motorized golf carts;
- The operator has a valid Driver's License;
- The motorized golf cart has a valid permit affixed to and prominently displayed on it.



**Notice of Intent to Request Release of Funds Small Cities Development Program State of Minnesota**

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City of Mountain Lake 930 Third Avenue Mountain Lake, MN 56159

Joel Hollerich Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership 2401 Broadway Avenue Slayton, MN 56172 507-836-1617

**TO ALL INTERESTED AGENCIES, GROUPS AND PERSONS:**

On or about April 3rd, 2023 the City of Mountain Lake will request the Business and Community Development Division (BCD), Small Cities Development Program, Minnesota Department of Employment and Economic Development (DEED), to release federal funds under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974, as amended (P.L. 98-181) for the following project:

The City of Mountain Lake rehabilitation project. The project is to assist with rehabilitating approximately 20 owner occupied homes for low to moderate income homeowners; for which \$500,000 of Small Cities Development Program funds will be available and \$120,000 in matching funds will be available; and approximately 4 commercial buildings within the main street corridor; for which \$160,000 in Small Cities Development Program funds will be available. Any owner-occupied single family dwelling within the city limits is potentially eligible.

The rehabilitation will be directed to correct code violations, energy efficiencies, health and safety issues and structural repairs as needed and discovered upon inspection. Target area is not within a 100 year floodplain.

The activities proposed are categorically excluded under HUD regulations at 24 CFR Part 58 from National Environmental Policy Act Requirements because the project involves residential building rehabilitation which will not increase the square footage of the dwellings, and will not increase the unity density of any of the dwellings, each dwelling that receives rehabilitation work will be a single family dwelling and will remain as such. An Environmental Review Record (ERR) respecting this project has been made by the City of Mountain Lake that documents the environmental review of the project. This ERR is on file at the address above and is available for public examination and copying, upon request, weekdays between the hours of 8:00 AM and 4:30 PM.

In accordance with 24 CFR Part 58.15, a tiered review process has been structured for the rehabilitation, whereby some environmental laws and authorities have been reviewed for the target area and other applicable laws and authorities will be complied with, when participating properties have been identified and projects are ripe for review. Specifically, the target area has been studied and compliance with the following laws and authorities has been established: airport runway clear zone requirements, Coastal Barrier Resources, coastal zone management, air quality, Flood Insurance, endangered species, farmlands protection, wetland protection, sole source aquifers, wild and scenic rivers.

In addition, pursuant to the National Historic Preservation Act, comments on the identification and treatment of historic properties in the project area are welcome.

Compliance with the following laws and authorities will take place once properties within the target area have been identified, but prior to the commitment of funds: historic properties, HUD environmental standards for hazards, noise abatement and control, and environmental justice.

Compliance documentation on the aforementioned laws and authorities will be in each individual property file, and copies will be available, once established, at, Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership, 2401 Broadway Avenue Slayton, MN 56172.

Airport Hazards, The closest airport is more than 10 miles away. Coastal Barrier Resources, Residential rehab will not impact the Lake Superior Coastal Zone Flood Insurance There are no 100 year floodplains within the city limits, Clean Air Rehab will be minor and not in an EPA designated non-attainment area for pollutants. Coastal zone management, Minor rehab will not impact the Lake Superior Coastal Zone. Farmlands Protection, Minor rehab does not convert farmland to non-ag uses. Floodplain Management, The project area is not in a regulatory floodplain or wetland. Sole Source Aquifers, Minor rehab will not affect any single source aquifers. Wetlands Protection, The project area is not in a regulatory floodplain or wetland. Wild and Scenic Rivers, Minor rehab will not impact the wild and scenic rivers or river segments in MN. rehabilitation of historic properties will be done in accordance with the Secretary of the Interior's Standards for Rehabilitation in consultation with MnSHPO."

**Public Comments on Request to Release Funds**

Any individual, group or agency may submit written comments on the ERR to the Southwest Minnesota Housing Partnership 2401 Broadway Avenue Slayton, MN 56172. All comments received by April 1st, 2023 will be considered by The City of Mountain Lake prior to submission of a Request for Release of Funds. The City of Mountain Lake will undertake the project described above with Block Grant funds from DEED, under Title 1 of the Housing and Community Development Act of 1974. The City of Mountain Lake is certifying to DEED that The City of Mountain Lake and Michael Nelson, in his/her official capacity as Mayor, consent to accept the jurisdiction of the Federal Courts if an action is brought to enforce responsibilities in relation to environmental reviews, decision making and action; and that these responsibilities have been satisfied. The legal effect of the certification is that with approval, the City of Mountain Lake may use the Block Grant funds, and DEED and HUD will have satisfied their responsibilities under the National Environmental Policy Act of 1969.

**Objections to Release of Funds**

DEED Business and Community Development (BCD) will accept objections to its approval of the release of funds and acceptance of the certification for a period of fifteen days following the anticipated submission date or its actual receipt of the request (whichever is later) only for one of the following reasons: (a) that the certification was not in fact executed by the Chief Executive Officer or other officer of the grantee approved by BCD; (b) that the grantee's ERR for the project indicates omission of a required decision, finding or step applicable to the project in the environmental review process; (c) the grant recipient has incurred costs not authorized at 24 CFR Part 58.22 before approval of a release of funds by BCD; or (d) another Federal agency acting pursuant to 24 CFR Part 1504 has submitted a written finding that the project is unsatisfactory from the standpoint of environmental quality.

Objections must be prepared and submitted in accordance with the required procedures (24 CFR Part 58), and may be addressed to Director, Small Cities Development Program, MN Dept. of Employment and Economic Development, Business and Community Development Division, 1st National Bank Building, 332 Minnesota Street, Attn: Basement Mail Room, St. Paul, MN 55101- 1351. Potential objectors should contact DEED at 651-259-7449 to verify the actual last day of the objection period.

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