



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

March 2020



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Mountain Lake Meetings & Events

Dates and times subject to change. Visit our website or call City Hall for up-to-date information. All meetings are held at City Hall unless noted otherwise.

March 2 — 6:30PM City Council Meeting

March 3 — 7:00AM — 8:00PM Presidential Primary

March 9 — 6:30PM Lake Commission Meeting

March 9 — 7:30PM Tree Commission Meeting

March 10 — 4:00PM Library Board Meeting (at Library)

March 12 — 7:00AM Utilities Commission Meeting

March 16 — 12:00PM EDA Board Meeting

March 16 — 6:30PM City Council Meeting

March 24 — 7:00PM Police Commission Meeting

March 25 — 7:00PM Active Living Committee Meeting

March 26 — 7:00AM Utilities Commission Meeting

March 28 — 5:30PM — 8:00PM Mountain Lake Area Foundation Dinner



Building Permits

Are you planning a remodel, new construction, or a yard project? See the backside of this newsletter for more information on building permits!



Mountain Lake Area Foundation Dinner

The Mountain Lake Area Foundation Dinner will be held at the Mountain Lake Community Center at 5:30PM on Saturday, March 28. The cost is \$50 per ticket. This year's proceeds will go to Heritage Village. Tickets can be purchased by any board member, at Care and Share, or at Peterson Drug. Doug Franz will be the guest speaker and is a graduate of Mountain Lake High School.



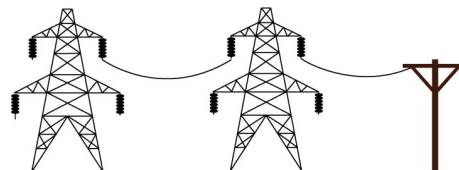
Presidential Primary

The 2020 Presidential Primary will be on March 3, 2020. Voting for Mountain Lake residents will be at the Mountain Lake Community Center at 1027 Second Avenue from 7:00AM — 8:00PM. Visit the MN Secretary of State's website for more information.



Electric, Water, and Wastewater Rates

Interested in learning more about how electric, water, and wastewater rates are established? Visit our website, www.mountainlakemn.com and click on "City" > "Departments" > "Utilities" > "Current Rates" to view our recently completed electric and water/wastewater rate studies. The studies explain revenues, expenses, operating costs, infrastructure, bond payments, and projections.



CITY OF MOUNTAIN LAKE BUILDING PERMITS

What's a building permit?

A building permit gives you legal permission to start construction of a building project in accordance with approved drawing and specifications.

What good does a permit do?

Your home or business is an investment. If your construction project does not comply with the codes adopted by the city or the state, the value of your investment could be reduced. Property insurers may not cover work done without permits and inspections. Your permit also allows the code official to protect the public by reducing the potential hazards of unsafe construction and ensuring public health, safety, and welfare. By following code guidelines, your completed project will meet minimum standards of safety and will be less likely to cause injury to you, your family, your friends, or future owners.

When do I need a permit?

Permits are required for:

- ⇒ Shingling and roofing
- ⇒ Siding
- ⇒ New house
- ⇒ Any new additions
- ⇒ Egress windows
- ⇒ Fences
- ⇒ Decks
- ⇒ Mechanical items (furnace, air conditioner, rooftop unit, fire place, etc.)
- ⇒ Plumbing items (adding new fixtures or changing piping)
- ⇒ Attached or detached garages
- ⇒ All commercial work
- ⇒ Moving buildings onto property lot (house, shed, garage, etc.)
- ⇒ Any exterior structural change to a building including changing door or window size or location
- ⇒ Any interior remodeling that includes moving walls, sheetrock, insulation, plumbing, finishing basements (tiling or water proofing), etc.
- ⇒ Storage sheds or buildings 200 square feet or larger (under 200 sq feet only requires a zoning permit)

Permits are not required for:

- ⇒ Garage doors
- ⇒ Replacing same size windows or doors
- ⇒ Painting, papering, and similar finish work
- ⇒ Swapping in new sinks, toilets, bathtubs (no changes to piping)

Type of Permit	Permit Fee
Siding/Shingles	\$45
Fence	\$25
Mechanical	\$15
Deck	\$15
Building (interior remodel, detached garage, additions, porches, egress windows)	Based on evaluation.
Moving Permit	Actual Costs

How do I begin the permit process?

Permit documents can be picked up at City Hall or viewed on the city's website. Return the permit and any other required documents to City Hall. Once approved by city staff and the city's building inspector, work can begin. Please call City Hall or the building inspector directly to schedule needed inspections or a final inspection. If a project is not inspected, the permit remains open leading to potential hazards, unsafe construction, or potential property insurer issues. Beginning a project without a valid permit could lead to a fine twice the permit cost. For any questions, please contact the city administrator at 507-427-2999 x1.

