


City Newsletter

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HOUSING PROGRAMS

Please turn to page 4 and 5 to review the City's new housing programs! These programs are the centerpiece of our efforts to grow and maintain the community!

RENT THE AVOCA COUNTRYVIEW GOLF AND GRILLE CLUBHOUSE FOR YOUR HOLIDAY EVENT:

The facility rents for \$200 and outside catering, beer and wine will be permitted for an additional \$50.

Ask for details.

TO ALL PET OWNERS:



The City of Avoca would like to remind you that it is time once again to license your cat or dog for the 2018 year. If a completed application form and up-to-date rabies vaccination is mailed-in or dropped off in drop box before March 1st you can deduct a \$1 off each pet you license. The City of Avoca will then mail your dog/cat tags back to you.

After March 1st there will be a \$3 fee placed on each pet for each month that it is not licensed on time. If you have any further questions, please feel free to call City Hall 343-2424.

If your pet is no longer living with you or you have suffered the loss of your pet, please notify us and we will remove you from our records.

The Avoca City Burn Site will accept discarded Christmas trees the first two weeks in January.



PLEASE: Remove all ornaments, tinsel, lights, and other non-organic materials. (This includes tree stands.)

Important: Never burn your Christmas tree in a fireplace or wood stove. Pines, firs and other evergreens have a high content of flammable turpentine oils. Burning the tree may contribute to creosote buildup and risk a chimney fire.

City of Avoca

Pet License Reminder

Avoca City Hall
201 N Elm Street
Avoca, IA 51521

Phone: (712) 343-2424
Fax: (712) 343-4304
Email: avoca@walnutel.net

Pet licenses for 2018 are due by March 1, 2018. If you forget to register your cat(s) or dog(s) before March 1, there will be a \$3 fee for every month that you are late per pet. Registrations are \$12.00 for sterilized pets and \$18.00 for fertile pets.

You may use the form below to register you cat(s) or dog(s). Simply fill out the form, attach your proof of pet vaccination, and return the form back to the City with your water bill. REMEMBER, RABIES VACCINATIONS THAT EXPIRE WITHIN 30 DAYS OF REGISTRATION CANNOT BE ACCEPTED BY THE CITY.

We're on the Web!
www.cityofavoca.com

City of Avoca – Dog/Cat Tag Application									
Owner Information (Please Print & Fill out completely)					Veterinarian Information				
Full Name					Clinic name and address:				
Address					Apt #				
City			State		ZIP				
IMPORTANT: The following will be used to contact you if your pet is found.					Verification of Spayed/Neutered Pet (For New Applicants Only)				
Home Phone					I, _____, (print veterinarian's name)				
Cell Phone					verify that the pets listed below as sterilized are, in fact, spayed or neutered.				
Email Address					Vet or City Employee may verify (please refer to Vaccination Sheet from Veterinarian's Office).				
Affirmation of Owner: Each pet listed below has a current rabies inoculation according to state law. Please enter the rabies tag number in the appropriate box below.					_____				
Signature of Owner					Date		City Employee		Date
Pet Information									
Pet Name	Breed	Color(s)	Species (Circle One)	Gender (Circle One)	Sterile	Fertile	Rabies Tag #	Vacc. Expires	City Tag #
			Dog / Cat	M / F	\$12.00	\$18.00			
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Please make check payable to: "City of Avoca"					\$_____ + \$_____		= Total Paid: \$_____		
					Sterile + Fertile				
Questions: Please call 1-712-343-2424 or visit our website at www.cityofavoca.com									

**PLEASE BE REMINDED OF THE FOLLOWING:
Avoca City Codes related to Winter Snow and Ice**



City Code 4.27 Dumping of Snow:

It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; however, it is lawful for a person to redeposit into the street any snow accumulation that snow plows have pushed onto private driveways or sidewalks.

City Code 5.6 P Snow Emergency Parking:

No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned or leased off-street parking area during any snow emergency for a forty-eight (48) hour period after cessation of such storm. The fine for this violation shall be \$25.

City Code 6.8 J Removal of Snow and Ice Accumulations:

It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within twenty-four (24) hours after being deposited, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

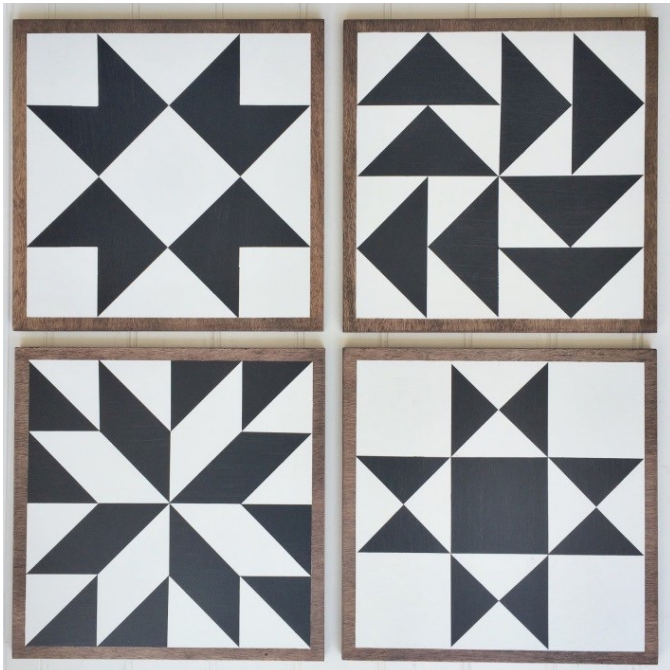


City Code 4.8 Operation of Snowmobiles:

The following regulations shall apply to the operation of snowmobiles within the City:

A. Operation of Snowmobiles Restricted. Unless a street, highway, or area is specifically restricted below, snowmobiles may be operated on public ways within the incorporated limits of the City as follows:

1. By any person authorized to operate snowmobiles by the laws of the State of Iowa; and
2. In a single-file manner in the proper lane of traffic, but as close to the curb as possible under existing circumstances; and
3. Snowmobiles traveling on permitted public streets, highways and areas shall not exceed the posted speed limits; and
4. Snowmobiles must be operated in conformance with all traffic controls which would otherwise apply to automobiles; and
5. All snowmobiles operated in permitted areas or streets shall be equipped with a muffler in good working order to prevent excessive and unusual noise; and
6. Snowmobiles may not be operated upon the following public streets, highways or areas within the municipal limits of the city:
 - a. Public parks and recreation areas, or
 - b. Graceland Cemetery, or
 - c. Highway 59, or
 - d. Highway 83, or
 - e. Crocker Street from Highway 59 west to Maple Street, or
 - f. Lyon Street from Highway 59 west to Maple Street, or
 - g. Maple Street from Lyon Street north to Crocker Street, or



Save the Date

Saturday

Feb.17th

10 am – 11 a.m.

Iowa's Barn Quilts

Presenter Danny Steiber

Avoca Public Library

Avoca Housing Programs

Would you or someone you know like to build a new home for yourself or for rental property? How about purchasing an existing home in the community? Or maybe looking to address code, accessibility, or energy efficiency issues at your current home?

New Construction Program: This program helps households and developers build new housing. The housing constructed can be either rental housing or owner-occupied housing. Any lot in Avoca qualifies for the program.

Existing Unit Purchase Program. This program is designed to help households purchase existing homes within the community.

Housing Rehabilitation Loans. This program is designed to help property owners rehabilitate existing units for code deficiencies, accessibility/elder friendly design, or energy efficiency. This program is a true loan to the property owner.

Please call City Hall at 712-343-2424 or email citymanager@cityofavoca.com if you would like more information.

WE HOPE YOU WILL CONSIDER PARTICIPATING IN A PROGRAM!