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Special Use Vehicles: ATVs, UTVs, and Golf Carts

In the fall of 2019 the Elko New Market City Council adopted amendments to the Snowmobile and ATV Ordinance that allows Special Use Vehicles (i.e. ATVs, UTVs, and Golf Carts) to be driven on public streets within the city limits.

The ordinance does require owners of these vehicles to get a permit from the City. The permit fee is \$30 and requires proof of insurance for the vehicle. The ordinance also includes new age requirements for drivers of special use vehicles.

Additional information about the recently adopted ordinance is available on the "News" page of our website at www.ci.enm.mn.us/news.

Other information to be noted is as follows:

- Snowmobiles do not need a permit, only ATVs, UTVs, and golf carts.
- Special use vehicles licensed and equipped to be driven as motor vehicles do not need a permit.
- People residing outside of the City limits can get a permit and would need to if

driving on public streets within the City limits.

- All permits fees are \$30 and permit a single vehicle. A separate application form needs to be completed (and fee paid) for each special use vehicle.
- All permits cover a three year period: January 1, 2020 to December 31 2022.
- The issued permit sticker should be placed on the front or driver's side of the special use vehicle.

As spring approaches, residents should make sure to obtain a license for their special use vehicle, if they have not done so already.

Applications are available on our City website at www.ci.enm.mn.us/cityforms or can be completed at City Hall.

If you have any questions about the regulation of special use vehicles call City offices at (952) 461-2777.

Important Dates for 2020 Elections

Presidential Nomination Primary

Tuesday, March 3, 2020

Primary

Tuesday, August 11, 2020

General Election

Tuesday, November 3, 2020

Minnesota Voters can find the following information on the Minnesota Secretary of State website at <https://www.sos.state.mn.us/elections-voting/>:

- Register to vote or check your voter's registration
- Election Day Voting: Where to vote, voting hours, etc.

- Other Ways to Vote: Vote early (absentee), tracking your absentee ballot, military and abroad voting, etc.
- What's on my Ballot?: View sample ballot, search candidate filings, etc.

Please contact Deputy Clerk Lynda Jirak at ljirak@ci.enm.mn.us or call (952)461-2777 with questions regarding elections.



Environmental Study of Property at I35 Interchange

AUAR Public Comments:

The public is invited to submit comments regarding the DRAFT AUAR. The document can be found on the City's website at www.ci.enm.mn.us.

Please send your questions or comments on the DRAFT Adelman Family AUAR via email or mail to:

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The Adelman family owns 242.5 acres on the west side of the I-35 / CSAH 2 interchange. The City of Elko New Market and the Scott County Community Development Agency have been working with the Adelman family to develop an overall concept plan for the property which will serve as an important gateway to the Elko New Market community. The Adelman family hired a team of engineers, architects, and commercial real estate brokers to assist in their planning efforts. The conceptual plans, along with associated marketing materials, were finalized in the fall of 2018.

Following completion of the conceptual development plans and marketing materials in the fall of 2018, a draft Alternative Urban Areawide Review (AUAR) was prepared. An AUAR is a planning tool that local governments use to understand how development scenarios will affect the environment of the community before and after a development occurs. The process is designed to look at the cumulative impacts of anticipated development within a given geographic area. Information from an AUAR can be used to inform local planning and zoning decisions.



AUAR Public Comment Period

The AUAR process involves a 30-day public comment period, whereby the public is invited to review and comment on the draft AUAR document.

The official public comment period for the Adelman Family AUAR will run from February 3, 2020 to March 4, 2020.

Winter Emergency Parking Regulations/Cold Weather Driving



Chief Juell would like to remind all residents of the Winter Emergency Parking Regulations:

City Ordinance (Parking Regulations: 7-2-3 (B)) prohibits parking on any street until the street has been cleaned curb to curb during a winter snow emergency which is when the national weather service forecast accumulation is two (2) or more inches of snow. A violation of the winter parking ordinance is a Misdemeanor and may result in a citation and/or towing of the vehicle.

Cold Weather Driving

Some reminders for people traveling during the winter months:

- Let someone know where you're traveling too, especially if it is some distance. Let them know how long you expect it to take you to arrive to your destination.
- Make sure you have good working tires on your vehicle and that they are properly inflated. Good working properly inflated

tires will greatly enhance your vehicles performance while driving on snow and ice.

- Try to ensure that you have plenty of fuel in your fuel tank in case you do get stuck in the snow or go into the ditch, that way you can keep your vehicle running to be able to keep the heater running and lights on the vehicle until help arrives.
- If you should get stuck or slide into a ditch, do not get out of your vehicle especially at night. It's difficult for oncoming motorists to be able to see you. Just about everyone has a cell phone these days, use it in this circumstance. Call a family member; call for a tow truck to assist you, and yes, you can call 911 from your cell phone to receive help from Emergency Services.
- Have an emergency kit in your vehicle to include: extra blankets, a flashlight, candles, matches and some extra food like candy bars, granola bars or energy bars just in case it takes a while for help to arrive.



Don't Take Chances!

Snowplow Safety

Each winter, the City of Elko New Market's snowplow fleet is out in force keeping our roadways safe. Keep in mind that driving too close to snow removal equipment can be extremely dangerous.

Safety Tips for Drivers:

- Yield to snowplows. They travel slower than posted speeds.
- Give snowplow drivers plenty of room to do their jobs.
- Never drive into a snow cloud.

- Slow down! Never use cruise control on wet or icy roads.
- Stay alert. A snowplow weighs 17 times more than a car. In a crash, occupants of a car are more likely to be seriously injured.
- Be patient. Follow at a safe distance. Allow at least five car lengths between your vehicle and a snowplow.



Report Snowplow Damage

The Public Works Department strives to keep roads as safe as possible during the winter season; however, incidents can happen that may cause damage to resident's mailboxes and/or sod or lawns.

Residents are asked to report any damage to their mailbox and/or sod or lawn to the City as follows:

- * Go to the City's website at <https://www.ci.enm.mn.us/cityforms>.

- * Under Citizen, complete the "Report Snowplow Damage Form".
- * The Report Snowplow Damage Form can be completed and submitted online or printed and submitted to City Offices via email, fax or USPS.

Any sod damage due to snowplowing will be addressed in the Spring by the Public Works Department.



Snow Removal on Sidewalks

The City would like to remind residents that it is your responsibility to clear snow from public sidewalks adjacent to your property. In an effort to maintain public safety and prevent residents from having to walk in the street, all snow must be removed from sidewalks once it has stopped falling. Some frequently asked questions about snow removal on sidewalks are included below:

Q: Do I have to clear sidewalks?

A: Yes. The removal of snow from sidewalks is the responsibility of the resident/property owner. According to the City Code, once it has stopped snowing residents/property owners have 24 hours to remove snow from all sidewalks adjacent to their property. If sidewalks are not cleared by residents/property owners, the City may choose to clear them and assess all associated costs to the property.

Q: Does the City clear any sidewalks?

A: Yes, but only those that meet certain criteria. Specifically, the Public Works Department clears

all sidewalks and trails that are located adjacent to a collector or greater classification of roadway, are connected to schools or commercial areas, or are located in or adjacent to City parks and available resources. However, if Public Works is unable to clear these sidewalks for any reason, it remains the responsibility of the resident/property owner.

Q: The City cleared my sidewalk when they normally don't. Why?

A: Occasionally, the Public Works Department will push back snow banks to make room for future snow storage. When Public Works pushes back snow banks, already cleared sidewalks get filled in with snow. Thus, Public Works will clear the sidewalks as they are pushing back snow banks. Normally, Public Works will only clear sidewalks that meet the above criteria.





Where & How to Place Your Garbage Can During Winter

Heavy snow accumulation, icy roads and/or poor visibility during winter maintenance activities can make it difficult for snow plows to avoid garbage cans placed alongside the road.

Knowing how to make waste collection as easy as possible is important, so here are a few helpful tips that are sure to come in handy during the winter months.



- * When you dig out your driveway, be sure to **dig out a spot for your garbage can.**
- * **Do not place garbage cans in the street.** Garbage cans and recycle bins left for pickup by a resident must be located in the driveway of the residence. Storage of garbage cans and recycle bins in the roadway surface in which snow is to be removed requires extra staff time due to potential future drainage issues from the inability to clean to the curb line and safety issues during the snow removal process. Most garbage trucks are equipped with a hydraulic extending arm that grasps garbage cans. It is recommended that garbage cans be placed at least 3 to 5 feet off the edge of pavement, into your driveway, so they are out of the way of the snowplow or snow being pushed aside while the snowplow is going down the road.

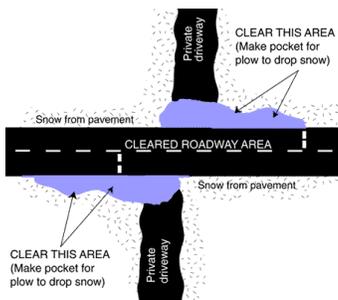
- * **Do not place garbage cans on top of the snow piles.** This placement might cause your garbage can to tip over and litter your garbage along the street, and it also makes it difficult for the garbage trucks to set the cart back down.
- * **Timing is everything.** Putting your trash out the night before collection day can make life easier, but this puts your receptacle at risk of damage during nighttime snowplowing operations. Getting up a bit early in the morning to handle this chore can avoid having garbage cans knocked over by strong winter winds or snowplows.
- * **Retrieve your garbage cans soon after collection.** Garbage cans often sit at the roadside on collection day until the evening. Empty cans are vulnerable to winds and snow removal operations and could cause a hazard if knocked into the roadway. Prompt removal of empty containers is recommended.

These tips can make garbage collection day safer and easier for snowplow and garbage truck drivers.

Keeping Your Driveway Clear

The diagram below shows how property owners can clear their driveways to reduce the possibility of becoming snowbound after plows complete their work.

This diagram is courtesy of MN Dept. of Transportation (MnDot).



Wise Winter Salt Use

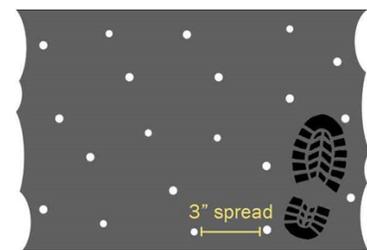
Save money and protect water quality this winter by using less de-icing salt.

Ice melting products help keep driveways and sidewalks ice-free, but they have a downside. Melting ice and snow can wash salt into nearby streams and lakes where it harms aquatic life by lowering dissolved oxygen levels and stunting growth and reproduction.

Try these salt-reduction tips:

- **Remove snow first and soon after snowfall** to avoid compaction and ice build-up.
- **Don't over apply.** More salt does not mean more melting. Ideal spacing between salt granules is about 3-inches. Use a hand crank spreader to apply evenly on large areas.

- **Sweep up excess salt.** Reuse it during the next snow event or place it in the trash. Don't sweep it onto your yard where it may harm your lawn or landscaping.
- **Don't use salt when it's too cold to work.** Many salts don't work below 15 degrees F. Use sand instead for traction.



Ideal spread pattern for winter salt.

Clear Snow Around Fire Hydrants

The City of Elko New Market Public Works Department would like your assistance in clearing snow from around fire hydrants.

Please adopt the hydrant near your home or business and keep it clear of snow this winter. If a hydrant is buried, it takes a firefighter valuable time and energy to shovel it out to gain access

while a fire continues to burn.

Minimally, make sure the hydrant is cleared of snow enough to be visible from the street. Even better, clear the snow three feet all around the hydrant so firefighters have enough room to connect a hose.



2020 Egg Hunt

The Community & Civic Events Committee (CCEC) will once again be hosting the annual Egg Hunt scheduled for Saturday, April 4, 2020 at Eagle View Elementary school.

Mark your calendars to save the date! Watch the City website at www.ci.enm.mn.us/events for details and registration information, which will become available prior to the event.



March Family Fun Nights at the Library

Family Fun Night winter series events are back and scheduled for Thursday's in March, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. in the Community Room at the Elko New Market Library.

This year's lineup of events are as follows:

March 5th—Glow Stick Dance

Get out and move your body as we dance to the beat. We'll provide the lights, music and glow sticks, and you provide the moves.

March 12th—RAD Zoo

The program will include about ten different kinds of fascinating reptiles and amphibians, which could include frogs, salamanders, turtles, lizards, snakes, and even a small alligator. The

audience will have the opportunity to touch some of the animals in a controlled setting.

March 19th—Family Bingo

Stop in and play a round or even ten rounds of Bingo. Here every one is a winner! Fun for the whole family.

March 26th—Fitness Boomers Obstacle Course

Tackle this ultimate indoor obstacle course, complete yoga challenges, and other fitness activities with our Fitness Boomers expert.

For more details, visit the City Website at www.ci.enm.mn.us/events.



Citizen Commission Vacancies

The Elko New Market City Council is looking for interested citizens to serve on the following advisory boards.

Planning Commission (2 vacancies)

The purpose of the Planning Commission is to hold public hearings on amendments to the Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Ordinance, review all applications for conditional use permits, interim use permits, variances and plans for subdivisions and development of land; and to make recommendations to the Elko New Market City Council regarding these matters. The Board meets the last Tuesday of each month at 7:00 p.m.

Parks Commission (3 vacancies)

The purpose of the Parks Commission is to provide leadership and direction to staff and elected officials in the area of parks, trail, open space planning and implementation, and recreational programming. Members advise the City Council on priorities and policies regarding these matters. The Parks Commission meets the second Tuesday of each month at 4:00 p.m.

If you have any questions or are interested in serving on one of these advisory boards, contact Renee Christianson regarding the Planning Commission or Mark Nagel regarding the Parks Commission, both at (952)461-2777.



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Why Does the City of Elko New Market Require Dog Licensing?

Dog licenses help protect you, your neighbors and your pets. They let us know if your dog is current on rabies vaccinations, if for some reason it was to bite someone, or if it were a threat to someone. Also, if your dog wanders from your yard, Police and Animal Control know who to call.

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Residents should be aware that all dogs residing within Elko New Market city limits must be licensed with the City. Pets must be on leash at all times. Please clean up after your pet. In addition, frequent or continual barking is prohibited. Questions? Call (952) 461-2777

February 2020 Calendar

11	Parks Commission	4:00 pm
13	Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm
17	Presidents Day	City Offices Closed
25	Planning Commission	7:00 pm
27	Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm

March 2020 Calendar

10	Parks Commission	4:00 pm
12	Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm
26	Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm
31	Planning Commission	7:00 pm

April 2020 Calendar

9	Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm
14	Parks Commission	4:00 pm
23	Economic Development Authority Workshop/City Council Meeting	6:00 pm 7:00 pm
28	Planning Commission	7:00 pm

(All meetings are subject to change.)

2020 Community Events

Tentative Schedule of Events

Egg Hunt	April 4
City Wide Garage Sale	May 21-23
Spring Clean Up	June 6
Fire Rescue Days	June 25-28
Night to Unite	August 4
Halloween Party	October 24

Watch upcoming newsletters and the City website at www.ci.enm.mn.us for more community events as they are scheduled.

Social Media

Want more frequent information on all things Elko New Market? Follow us on Facebook and Twitter!

Facebook: bit.ly/ENMfacebook
Twitter: bit.ly/ENMtwtter

