



Monthly Newsletter

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A Message from the Mayor:

Welcome, Jones citizens! We are thrilled to bring you our new newsletter as a platform to keep you informed about things happening in our community. First off, we'd like to notify you about some updates regarding Town Hall operations, specifically, the decision to close early on Fridays. Beginning **May 17, 2024**, Town Hall will close at noon on Fridays. Our staff will still be available by email and by appointment only until 4:30pm but will be closed for walk-up window service. By shortening our hours on Fridays, we're able to redirect some of our staff's energy and attention towards essential administrative tasks; ensuring that we maintain the high level of service you expect from us throughout the week.

Another important change we are forced to make is how we handle utility bill payments. After careful consideration and evaluation, along with recommendations from the latest audit, we have decided to discontinue accepting ACH payments for utility bills. **This will only affect those that city staff are manually entering, not if you have set up your payment through NexBillPay.** You will be contacted directly if you are affected. If you are unsure if you are affected by this, please contact Town Hall at (405)399-5301 and staff can assist you.

While we understand that this may come as an inconvenience to some, please know that this decision was made with the intention of streamlining our payment processes and ensuring the security of your financial transactions. We have found that alternative payment methods offer greater flexibility, reliability, and security. In addition to NexBillPay, we will have an additional way to make online payments in the very near future. We are committed to making this transition as smooth as possible for everyone affected, and our staff is available to assist you via phone or in person. ***Please also note that there will be no late fees assessed for those affected by this change while we transition.***

Thank you for your understanding and continued support as we strive to improve our town's operations for the benefit of all. Together, we can make Jones an even better place to live, work, and thrive!

Address to Send Utility Payments to:

Jones Public Works

PO Box 269031

OKC, OK 73126-9031

Problem Logging into NexBillPay?

- 1) 1-800-639-2435 (Customer Svc)
- 2) 1-888-409-2747 (Pay by Phone)

Wanting to rent the Pavilion?

Come into City Hall at **110 E Main!**
Or email
townclerk@jonescityok.org

COMING SOON!

A new way to pay your citations & permit fees! Stay tuned!

Man's Best Friend is our friend, too! Have you registered them with Town Hall?



7-2-1: DOG LICENSING, FEES; TAGS

- A. One Time License Fee: A one time license fee, in such amount as set by the board by motion or resolution, for every dog more than three (3) months of age, is levied upon the owner or person in custody of any such dog kept or harbored within the town.
- B. Previously Paid Fees: All license fees heretofore paid prior to May 1, 1993, shall be deemed to be payment of the one time license fee. (1984 Code § 4-121)
- C. Exemptions:
 - 1. The following shall be exempt from the one time license fee:
 - a. Dogs only temporarily brought and kept within the town, and/or a dog brought within the town to participate in a dog show.
 - b. Dogs kept in a licensed kennel.
 - c. Service dogs. Certified service dogs performing duties for which they are especially trained to assist public agencies or private owners.
 - 2. Nothing in this subsection C shall be construed as to exempt any dog from having a current rabies vaccination. (2002 Code)
- D. Time For Purchasing License: Any unlicensed dog, which is not exempt, shall have a license purchased within ten (10) days after the dog is brought within the town limits.
- E. Issuance Of Tags:
 - 1. All tags issued prior to May 1, 1993, shall be deemed to be permanent dog license tags. The clerk shall issue permanent metal dog license tags to the applicant for each dog for which a license has been issued after May 1, 1993.



7-2-2: DOG TAG AND COLLAR REQUIREMENTS

- A. Tag Attached To Collar: The owner shall cause the metal tag received from the town clerk to be affixed to the collar of the dog upon which the tax has been paid so that the tag can easily be seen by officers of the town. The owner shall see that the tag is so worn by the dog at all times.
- B. Replacement Of Lost Tag: In case the tag is lost, the owner may secure another for the dog by applying to the town clerk, presenting to him the original receipt, and paying to him a fee as set by the town board. (1984 Code § 4-122; amd. 2002 Code)
- C. Unlawfully Placing Tags On Dogs: No person shall counterfeit, or attempt to counterfeit, any tag issued for a dog as provided in this chapter, or take from any dog a tag legally placed upon it, or place such tag upon a dog for which the tag was not specifically issued. (1984 Code § 4-123)

7-2-3: VACCINATIONS FOR DOGS AND CATS

Each owner of every dog and cat within the town must provide annual rabies vaccinations for each animal in his/her possession. (1984 Code § 4-120; amd. 2002 Code)

7-2-4: RABIES CONTROL; CONFINEMENT ORDER

- A. Order Confinement; Resolution: When the health officer determines and certifies that a dog, a cat or other animal in the town or within five (5) miles of the town is or was infected with rabies and that an epidemic of rabies threatens the town, the town board of trustees, by resolution, may order all dogs to be confined within the town, and if deemed desirable, all cats to be confined, during a period of time to be determined by the board. Such resolution or an adequate notice of its passage shall be published in a newspaper of general circulation within the town and shall go into effect on the date following such publication unless the resolution prescribes a later time.
- B. Compliance With Resolution: While such resolution is in effect, it is unlawful for any owner to permit an unmuzzled dog or a cat to be at large in violation of such resolution, or for any such dog or a cat to be at large in violation thereof. (1984 Code § 4-129)



Spring is Here!



Spring is in the air, and it's time for residents to dust off their lawn mowers and start freshening up their lawns! As the city embraces the vibrant colors and fragrant blossoms that this season brings, it's important to remember that keeping our grass trimmed is not just about aesthetics, but also about being good neighbors and responsible citizens. This also includes any debris that collected during the winter and tossing it in the property disposal receptacle!

5-8-2: TRASH OR WEEDS ACCUMULATION UNLAWFUL

It is unlawful for any owner or occupant of any lot, tract or parcel of land situated wholly or in part within the corporate limits of the town to allow trash or weeds to grow, stand or accumulate upon such premises. It is the duty of such owner or occupant to remove or destroy any such trash or weeds. (1984 Code § 8-101)



Dates to Remember

- May 3-5, 2024:** Free Garage Sale Wknd
- May 7, 2024:** Board of Trustee Meeting & Public Works Authority Meeting
- May 17, 2024:** Town Hall has new office hours!
 - Monday: 8am – 4:30pm
 - Tuesday: 8am – 4:30pm
 - Wednesday: 8am – 4:30pm
 - Thursday: 8am – 4:30pm
 - Friday: 8am – 12:00pm
- May 21, 2024:** Board of Trustee Meeting & Public Works Authority Meeting
- May 27, 2024** – Town Hall closed: Memorial Day