

CITY OF FERNLEY NEWSLETTER

Summer 2019

City of Fernley Web Site:

Agendas and staff reports can now be easily accessed on the City's website www.cityoffernley.org.

The City of Fernley has several regularly scheduled monthly meetings. Be informed and get involved.

Regular Council Meetings are the first and third Wednesday of each month 5:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Fernley Planning Commission meets the second Wednesday of each month, 5:00 pm in Council Chambers.

Neighborhood Watch Meetings are the fourth Thursday, 6:00 pm each month, City Hall Community Room.

Fernley Convention & Tourism Authority Board meets twice a year, once in June and again in December.

BUILDING PERMITS

Building permits are required for some residential projects as they ensure your garage and/or home is properly constructed to safeguard your property, protect yourself, establish a record of construction, or remodeling history on your property, and to provide some protection from claims by subsequent property owners.

Do I need a permit? Permits are required for any new construction, addition, remodeling project or structural alteration, as well as mechanical and plumbing projects. The City does not require permits for finish work such as new cabinets, painting, repairing or covering shingles, patio decks made of brick or paving stones, or concrete slabs below 30 inches from grade. However, a permit is needed for sheetrock, siding, replacing windows of different sizes, attached decks greater than 200 square feet or above 30 inches from grade. Not all home improvement projects are the same so if you're not sure if you need a permit, please call the Building Department.

Who can apply for a building permit? An owner, contractor, or an authorized agent for a property owner can apply for a permit with a signed authorization letter by the owner to act in their behalf. If you hire a contractor to build, renovate, or add onto your home, you should require the contractor to obtain the building permit. If you obtain the permit in your name, you (not the contractor) will be held responsible for any deficient work the contractor performs even if you sell the property.

How much will a permit cost? Permit fees vary depending on the type of construction, square footage and/or valuation of the project. Fee estimates can be provided over the phone and fee schedules can be provided upon request.

How long does it take to get a permit? It will depend upon the information provided and the complexity of the project. For new homes and garages, please allow a minimum of 10 working days. Please allow sufficient time for the approval process before starting your construction project.

If you are not sure if you need a permit, please contact us at 775-784-9900 for clarification Monday through Friday, 8:00 am to 5:00 pm.

How do I Stay Informed?

Visit the City's website, cityoffernley.org, and click on Notify Me. You can subscribe to receive emails and/or texts messages on your mobile phone to receive the latest agendas, jobs, news flashes, etc.

- Fernley City Council Agendas
- Planning Commission Agendas
- City of Fernley News Flash/Press Releases
- Fernley Convention & Tourism Authority Agendas
- City of Fernley Jobs

If you have any questions or problems signing up for notifications, please call the City Manager's Office 775-784-9858 or email the customerserviceteam@cityoffernley.org.

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City Attorney 775-784-9860
Building/Code Enforcement 775-784-9900
Animal Control 775-784-9901
Planning 775-784-9810
City Clerk's Office 775-784-9830
Public Works/Engineering 775-784-9910
Utility Billing 775-784-9930
Municipal Court 775-784-9870

2018 Consumer Confidence Report

The City of Fernley 2018 Consumer Confidence Report (CCR) is now available. The CCR is a snapshot of the quality of water the City of Fernley provided last year. In the report is information about where the City's water comes from, what it contains, and how it compares to Environmental Protection Agency and Nevada State Standards. You'll also find information on water conservation tips, how to report water leaks, water source protection, how many gallons of safe drinking water the City provided last year, and more.

You can pick up the CCR at City Hall or visit our website to download a digital copy. If you have any questions or want to learn more, please contact the City Public Works Department at 775-784-9910.

Keeping Your Dog Safe This Summer

With the warm weather and long days, more folks are outside and windows are open, which means an increase of barking dog complaints. Per City municipal code, it is unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or own any animal which, by loud and frequent barking, yelping or other noise, constitutes a nuisance as defined in NRS 40.140. Please be mindful of your neighbors and curtail the excessive barking.

Shade & Water: Try to keep your pet indoors during the hottest part of the day. If you must leave your dog outside, offer plenty of water and leave him/her in a shaded area that allows the air to flow through.

Exercising your dog: Before you take your dog out for a walk during the heat of the day, take off your shoes and walk across the street and back. If it's too hot on your bare feet, then wait to walk in the evening or early morning. A dog's pads aren't much tougher than the callouses on your feet.

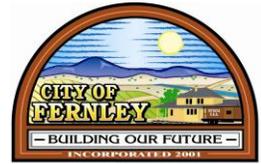
Never leave your dog in the car: The summer heat can increase the temperature inside your vehicle to a lethal temperature even if the vehicle window is cracked.

If you have any questions for animal control, please call 775-784-9901.

Email newsletter questions, comments, and article suggestions to customerserviceteam@cityoffernley.org

Thank you!

What does the Planning Commission do?



The Planning Commission reviews and acts on matters related to planning and development in the city. The Planning Commission reviews development projects proposed within the City and also provides a forum for public comment on issues dealing with development of our community. Specifically, the Planning Commission makes a recommendation of approval or disapproval to the City Council for tentative subdivision maps, zoning maps amendments, annexations, master plan amendments, development code amendments, variances and special use permits. The Planning Commission advises the City Council on the long-term physical development of the City including such issues as natural resources, economics, housing, population, land use and zoning.

The Planning Commission follows the open meeting law, and the agenda is posted on the City's website three business days prior to the meeting. The Planning Commission meetings are held in Council Chambers at Fernley City Hall on the second Wednesday of each month and begin at 5:00 PM. A local planning commission is authorized under NRS 268.110 through 268.220 and NRS 278.030 through 278.140.

Per Nevada Revised Statutes, the structure of a planning commission shall consist of seven members. Planning commissioners are appointed by and serve at the pleasure of the governing body, the Fernley City Council. The term of each appointed member shall be four (4) years, or until his successor takes office. Members presently serving on the Commission may serve the balance of the term for which they were appointed. Terms of the Commission shall be staggered pursuant to NRS 268.120(2). Most planning commissioners are lay people without any previous land use experience. Planning commissioners in Fernley are not compensated, they volunteer their time because they have a desire to serve their community, have an interest in planning, and want to learn about and have a voice in the decision-making process.