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BUILDING PERMIT and FEE COMPARISON

The City of Gretna's Building Department periodically examines and compares our fee structure to the market to insure that our fees are similar. In the last month, the Building and Planning Department compared current permits and fees. Building permits are required for various purposes such as fences, accessory buildings, and decks. In this recent comparison, we looked into the cost of permits and fee to build a new house. Recently, Gretna has been going through a housing boom with an average of 140 new housing permits annually. To compare permit costs criteria it is necessary to set criteria. Below are the criteria we used.

A single family, 4 bedroom ranch house.

- 1,500 square feet finished above grade
- 950 square feet finished below grade
- 500 square feet unfinished below grade
- 750 square feet attached garage
- 184 square feet covered patio



The permits and fees that are typically included in new construction are: the building permit fee, plumbing fee, mechanical fee, electrical fee, miscellaneous fees, capital improvement fee for water and sewer, watershed fee, SID fee, and Arterial Street Improvement fee. Its important to note that Omaha, Bellevue, La Vista, and Sarpy County receive their water from MUD therefore we have included MUD's fees into the calculation. Papillion and Gretna own their water systems so the water fees are calculated when a builder acquires their building permit from these communities.

Below is what we found:

Omaha	\$5,092.83
Bellevue	\$8,064.90
Papillion	\$6,593.71
La Vista	\$8,809.60
Sarpy Co.	\$7,281.99
Springfield	\$5,705.99
Gretna	\$5,553.64



We want to thank all the communities for sharing their permit and fee information for this comparison. Details on the comparison are available at the City of Gretna's Building and Planning Department.

WHAT ARE NUISANCES WITHIN THE CITY OF GRETNA?

WEEDS AND GRASSES, JUNK, LITTER

The terms “weeds, grasses or worthless vegetation” mean any weed or grass growth of more than 12 inches in height. Weeds shall include bindweed, leafy spurge, Canada thistle, peppergrass, Russian knapweed, Johnson grass, musk thistle, quack grass horse nettle, bull thistle, buckthorn, hemp and ragweed.

The term litter includes the following items:

Trash, rubbish, refuse, garbage, paper, rags and ashes;

Wood, plaster, cement, brick or stone building rubble;

Dead animals;

Any machine, vehicle, or parts of a machine or vehicle which have lost their identity, character, utility or serviceability as such through deterioration, dismantling or the ravages of time, are inoperative or unable to perform their intended functions, or are cast off, discarded or thrown away or let as waste, wreckage or junk;

Any motor vehicle without a current license and not housed in a storage or other building;

Any wood or tree limbs not cut and stacked in neat rows on an area not exceeding 10 feet by 16 feet.

It is a nuisance to let grasses grow in excess of 12” or to permit weeds of any height to be grown on any property within the corporate limits of the City. It is also a nuisance to allow or accumulate anything determined as litter on any property with the corporate limits of the City.

SALT STORAGE FACILITY UNDER CONSTRUCTION

As a part of our 2016 and 2017 Fiscal Year budgets, the City programmed to construct a salt storage facility which is located north of Husker Dr. Previously, we shared space with Sarpy County, but the County needed the entire space for their operations.



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ELECTION

The elections are coming up on November 8th. There will be national, state and local elections on the ballot plus a few special ballot questions. If you plan to vote, we suggest you go to Sarpy County's Election Commissioner's site at www.sarpy.com/election/. This site offers a wealth of information including where you are to vote. They can also map it for you. **Don't forget to Vote!**