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2020 Third Quarter Newsletter

**From Mayor Carter**



Last month, Representative Cheri Toalson-Reisch presented an end of Legislature Report. During this report, the Wayfair Bill was mentioned as failing to pass due to a Covid shortened session. The Wayfair Bill would allow the state to automatically collect a use tax for each municipality.

I personally am in favor of a use tax in our city and would like to share more information about it.

**What Is A Use Tax?** In the simplest terms, a use tax is a sales tax imposed on the purchase of goods by Missouri residents from out-of-state vendors. The use tax is applied to the same type of products subject to traditional sales tax. The difference is where the goods are purchased and shipped. When individuals make purchases at retail stores in Missouri, they pay the sales tax that is applicable at that location. On the other hand, purchases by Missouri residents from out-of-state vendors that are shipped to Missouri are subject to a use tax. The state use tax rate is 4.225 percent, the same as the sales tax rate. Cities and counties may impose an additional local use tax. The amount of use tax due on a transaction depends on the combined (local and state) use tax rate in effect at the Missouri location where the tangible personal property is delivered. While the sales tax rate is based on the point of sale, the use tax rate is determined based on the point of delivery.

**What If I Buy Something From A Missouri Retailer Using The Internet; Will The Use Tax Apply?** No. The use tax does not apply to purchases made by Missouri residents from a Missouri retailer. The use tax applies to purchases from out-of-state vendors only. (Think Amazon, Wayfair, Overstock, etc) If a Missouri resident buys a product from a Missouri vendor over the Internet, the sales tax based on the vendor’s location would apply to the purchase.

**What Does This Mean For Hallsville?** It would even the playing field with our local businesses and online out-of-state retailers. For years, the amount of online ordering has increased, while local brick-and-mortar retail has decreased. This affects local sales tax generation and services our municipality can provide. By gaining a Use Tax, there would be no additional tax benefit to shopping online, giving our locally operated businesses an advantage. Through the State of Missouri’s models, if our voters were to approve a Use Tax, Hallsville would gain approximately \$21,000 annually in the general revenue fund.

In June, I asked the Board of Aldermen to begin to think about putting a Use Tax before our voters in the Mayor’s Report. Today, I ask you to consider a Use Tax as a tool to level the playing field with locally-owned businesses and large out-of-state retailers.

*Logan Carter, Mayor*

**From Alderman Roberts**



These past two years have been a privilege to serve as an alderman. The adventures of local government have been fun. I’ve enjoyed meeting city residents and employees, learning about municipal government and state statutes, and helping the city that I love. Even though I won’t be serving as an alderman, I will still be involved in improving my hometown.

In those two years, the police department received two new cars, rifles, and other equipment, and joined the Mid-Missouri Major Crimes Task Force and the Boone County Sheriff’s Department drug task force. During the same time, the Public Works department moved to a new building, received a new truck, installed new  
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playground equipment at the park, and upgraded park shelters.



The Park Board started showing movies in the park, approved a park board logo, and continued to organize the annual Easter Egg Hunt in the Park and Trick-or-Treat in the Park. The city updated the personnel policy which had not been revised for many years. Another much needed update was a new [website](#) which offers online payments. An annual community clean-up event was started. The Planning and Zoning Commission recommended one property be annexed, and three properties be rezoned; all were approved.

Our city has grown so much in 26 months. I'm proud of the work we have accomplished. We are still growing evidenced by fiber internet coming to Hallsville, student enrollment increasing, school buildings expanding, subdivisions developing, and the 2020 Census will show our population rising.

The Park Board and Planning & Zoning Board of Adjustments have open seats. You can join me, and other residents, by serving on various boards and commissions. Fill out an [application](#) and return it to City Hall. The August election will require 200-300 election judges, and about 600 for the November election. Become an election judge by visiting [vote.boonemo.org](http://vote.boonemo.org).

*Trynton Roberts, Alderman*

The City's new website [hallsvillemo.org](http://hallsvillemo.org) offers several new options. You can subscribe with your email to receive **alerts** and **news & notices** or subscribe with your cell phone number to receive **alerts**. There is now the option to **pay your bill online**. You just need your account number to look up your amount due and you can enter a debit or credit card to pay your City of Hallsville trash, water, and/or sewer bill.

July 2020						
Sun	Mon	Tue	Wed	Thu	Fri	Sat
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\*Highlighted trash pick-up: **Regular trash pickup**; Saturday dumpster pickup; **Curbside recycling**; **Bulky trash pickup**

### **NEW Recycling Information**



#### **Recycling pilot/testing program**

**starting Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup> thru Friday, August 28<sup>th</sup>!!!** The Board of Aldermen

is discussing curbside recycling and asked to do a pilot/testing program to see if there would be more curbside recycling. The schedule for the next nine weeks will be:

July 3<sup>rd</sup> – Plastics, aluminum, tin

July 10<sup>th</sup> – Cardboard *only*

July 17<sup>th</sup> – Plastics, aluminum, tin

July 24<sup>th</sup> – Cardboard *only*

July 31<sup>st</sup> – **NO RECYCLING PICKUP**

August 7<sup>th</sup> – Plastics, aluminum, tin

August 14<sup>th</sup> – Cardboard *only*

August 21<sup>st</sup> – Plastics, aluminum, tin

August 28<sup>th</sup> – Cardboard *only*

Plastics include #1 thru #7. **Plastics, aluminum, and tin** need to be in the clear plastic recycling bags. If there is paper or cardboard in the recycling bags, they will **not** be picked up curbside that Friday. Friday curbside recycling for cardboard only is **NOT** to be in a plastic recycling bags, paper bags, or containers of any kind except cardboard. Just cardboard – paper, magazines, or any other fibrous materials will NOT be accepted.

## July 4<sup>th</sup>



City Hall will be closed **Friday, July 3<sup>rd</sup>** in observance of the 4<sup>th</sup> of July Holiday.

## Swearing in of Mayor and New Aldermen



Mayor Logan Carter and Alderman Tony Lindsay along with new Alderman Stephen McLane will be sworn in at the Board meeting on Monday, July 13<sup>th</sup>.

## Animal Tags/License



Pet tags are renewed in August of each year. An additional fee of \$25.00 is added at the time the license exceeds 60 days past one year. (on October 31<sup>st</sup>) The City

of Hallsville requires a license for all dogs & cats over the age of 6 months. Owners must show proof of rabies vaccination and pay of fee of \$3.00/year for pets spayed/neutered and \$5.00/year for pets not spayed/neutered.

## Labor Day



City Hall Will be closed **Monday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** in observance of the Labor Day Holiday.

## Movie in the Park



The Hallsville Park Board will be presenting another Movie in the Park on the evening of **Saturday, September 19<sup>th</sup>,**

weather permitting. Keep an eye on the City's Facebook and Website at [Hallsvillemo.org](http://Hallsvillemo.org) for information.

## Emergency Food Database

The Hallsville Police Department keeps a supply of emergency food boxes that will feed a family of 4 for a day. Please call City Hall at 573-696-3885 to be added to the database if you are ever in need of some assistance.

## NEW PROCESS TO REPORT COMPLAINTS! FROM **GRASS** COMPLAINTS TO **DOGS AT LARGE** – **ANY** AND **ALL** COMPLAINTS!

CALL **3-1-1** and tell the non-emergency operator that you are within the city limits of Hallsville and either need an officer to call you back (leaving your phone number) or advise the operator of the issue you need addressed. The 3-1-1- operator will dispatch a Hallsville Officer.

## Public Works Spotlight

*The Hallsville Public Works is currently staffed with three full-time employees and two seasonal employees.*



Jese Ortiz is currently employed with the City of Hallsville as a full-time seasonal employee. He mows and weeds City property and helps Public Works with projects they may need assistance with. Jese grew up in Hallsville and is a 2020 graduate of Hallsville High School. Jese likes Hallsville because it is a small community, and everyone is connected. He likes working with the City because he gets to help the community he grew up in. His future plans are to attend the University of Missouri Columbia, College of Engineering.



Ben Geisler is currently employed with the City of Hallsville as a full-time seasonal employee. He also mows and weeds City property and helps Public Works with projects they may need assistance with. Ben grew up in Ashland and Columbia and eventually called Hallsville his home. He is a 2020 graduate of Hallsville High School. Ben likes Hallsville because everyone in town is very close. He likes working with the City because he gets a lot of time to be on his own and think. His future plans are the United States Air Force.

## **Common Summer Ordinances to Remember and Follow!**

What is the biggest issue in the summer besides grass?



**Dogs.** Yes, those lovable family members can be a nuisance to your neighbors! Check out the following Ordinances.

### **Section 205.170 Animals Running at Large Prohibited.**

Except as provided for hereafter, any animal, fowl or reptile which is found to be running at large upon any street or public place of the City of Hallsville shall be taken up by the Animal Control Officer (or Police Officer) and impounded in the City Pound. Any animal impounded pursuant to this Section shall be released to its owner only upon payment of the prescribed fee to the Animal Control Officer (or Police Officer). Domestic cats are hereby exempted from the provisions of this Section, and, therefore, domestic cats shall not be subject to impoundment pursuant to this Article.

### **Section 205.180 Barking Annoying Dogs Prohibited.**

No person shall own, keep or harbor any dog which by loud, continual or frequent barking, howling or yelping, shall annoy or disturb any neighborhood or any person, or which habitually barks at or chases pedestrians, or vehicles, whatsoever, to the annoyance of such pedestrian or drivers of such vehicles; provided, however, that this Section shall not apply to the City Dog Pound.

### **Section 205.270 Animal Waste.**

- A. It shall be unlawful for a person who owns or is responsible for a dog to allow any such dog to defecate on any public property, street, sidewalk, or right-of-way or on the real property of another person.
- B. It is a specific defense to a charge of violating this Article that the person charged immediately remove any such excrement and properly dispose of it in a sanitary manner.
- C. Violation of this Article shall be a misdemeanor punishable by a fine of not less than ten dollars (\$10.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).

### **Section 205.280 Reimbursement of Costs for Collecting and Processing Dogs Running at Large.**

- A. Upon the City collecting and processing a dog running at large in the City of Hallsville, the City

hereby assesses a fee for reimbursement of costs, to include but not be limited to the capturing, transporting, delivery, processing, holding, feeding, watering, kennel cleaning, vehicle cleaning, and ascertaining ownership to the owner of said dog.

- B. Boarding cost is fifty dollars (\$50.00) per day.
- C. These fees shall be calculated in addition to any fines and/or court costs assessed by the Circuit Court for any violation of the Animal Control Ordinances of the City of Hallsville, to include but not limited to dog running at large, unlicensed dog, and vicious dog

### **Section 205.300 Animal Neglect.**

- A. A person commits the offense of animal neglect if he or she:
  1. Has custody or ownership of an animal and fails to provide adequate care; or
  2. Knowingly abandons an animal in any place without making provisions for its adequate care.
- B. All fines and penalties for a first finding of guilt under this Section may be waived by the court if the person found guilty of animal neglect shows that adequate, permanent remedies for the neglect have been made. Reasonable costs incurred for the care and maintenance of neglected animals may not be waived. This Section shall not apply to the provisions of Section 578.007, RSMo., or Chapter 272, RSMo.
- C. In addition to any other penalty imposed by this Section 578.009, RSMo., the court may order a person found guilty of animal neglect to pay all reasonable costs and expenses necessary for:
  1. The care and maintenance of neglected animals within the person's custody or ownership;
  2. The disposal of any dead or diseased animals within the person's custody or ownership;
  3. The reduction of resulting organic debris affecting the immediate area of the neglect; and
  4. The avoidance or minimization of any public health risks created by the neglect of the animals.

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Check out all the City Ordinances online at <https://www.ecode360.com/HA3555>

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### **Recent Ordinances Passed**

*The newsletter will spotlight ordinances passed each quarter.*  
**Bill#2020-7/Ordinance 381** An Ordinance Adopting and Enacting a New Code of Ordinances of the City of Hallsville.

At the July 13, 2020 Board of Aldermen Meeting **Bill#2020-5/Ordinance 379** An Ordinance Repealing and Replacing Chapter 340 Miscellaneous Driving Rules on Recreational Vehicles will be voted on.