

# Willoughby • Ward 2 Newsletter



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## Ward 2 News & Citywide News

### WHY WOULD I RECEIVE A NOTICE OF VIOLATION



What are the most common reasons why residents or landlords are cited for violating city ordinances?

Based on my records, there are many citations for improperly parking commercial or recreational vehicles on residential properties.

Here is what a resident in violation of this city ordinance might see in a violation letter from the city for a commercial vehicle:

*It has been noted by the Willoughby Building Department that there is parked or stored a commercial vehicle in the driveway of the above referenced premise. As you know, your property is currently zoned Residential R-60 district. Pursuant to Willoughby Codified Ordinance Schedule 1131.03 Schedule of Permitted Uses, the parking or storage of commercial vehicles is not permitted.*

Here is what a resident in violation of this city ordinance might see in a violation letter from the city for a recreational vehicle:

*It has been noted by the Willoughby Building Department that there is parked or stored a recreation vehicle (camper) in a front yard setback area of the above-referenced property.*

*Pursuant to Willoughby Codified Ordinance Schedule 1131.11(f), a commercial or recreational vehicle is permitted to be parked or stored in a rear yard on a paved or gravel surface. Please be advised of ordinance regulations that require campers be stored in a rear yard on a paved or gravel surface. A recreational vehicle (camper) may be parked in a driveway for loading or unloading purposes for a period not to exceed forty-eight hours in any seven-day period. All corrections or abatements shall be made upon receipt of this Notice. Please remove or relocate the camper to avoid further action.*

## Citywide News

### Erie Street Waterline Project



#### Project Overview:

Lake County Department of Utilities has hired contractor, Trax Construction Co. to replace aging waterlines along Erie Street in downtown Willoughby. The new waterlines will result in improved service by reducing interruption from waterline breaks. This project is funded by the Lake County Department of Utilities.

Project Location: The construction project will be installing a new waterline pipe from the intersection of Vine Street and Erie Street (by Post Office) to the intersection of River, Euclid and Erie Street (in front Wes Point Park).

#### Important Project Notes:

- Construction is scheduled to begin February 3rd and continue for approximately 3 months
- The contractor is responsible for maintaining traffic and minimizing disruptions
- Erie Street will be ONE-LANE, northbound beginning Wednesday, February 4th
- There will be no parking along Erie Street in Downtown Willoughby
- Side streets will be open
- Periodic water outages will occur in the area; the contractor will notify businesses of the schedule
- Travelers should expect delays and limited access in that area
- Detours will be posted
- Work is being done NOW to avoid interruptions to the cities Summer Programs
- The Project will finish around mid-MAY

Questions: Please contact Denis Yurkovich of the Lake Department of Utilities at 440.350.2652 with any questions.

Thank you for your patience during this project. We will post updates on our website and on the City of Willoughby Facebook page as they are received.

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The second most common citation goes out to those property owners who consistently do not maintain their property and or home. Here is what a resident in violation of this city ordinance could see in a letter when they are in violation:

*The Building Department conducts an annual property maintenance program to help ensure the preservation of maintenance standards for residential and commercial properties. Visual inspections are performed to determine whether structures and grounds comply with all applicable codes and regulations.*

*Property maintenance inspections were recently performed in your neighborhood. Among the properties observed, you are hereby notified that the items listed on the following document are in violation of Codified Ordinance 1309.08 and require correction.*

- *Clean and maintain yards at all times. Remove and properly discard or store all items about the front and side yards, including but not limited to garbage, refuse, yard waste bags, litter, debris, etc. Garbage is to be contained in suitable containers at all times and promptly removed from the premise.*
- *Cut, trim and maintain all lawn and landscaped areas from becoming overgrown or unsightly.*

We all have different expectations of our neighbors. For some of us, a good neighbor is one who takes time for a chat across the fence, or who helps with the chores when a neighbor is ill. For others, a good neighbor is one who leaves us alone. Although we don't agree on all the fine points of neighborliness, we do tend to agree on certain basic standards that allow residents to enjoy their homes and property. Following our city ordinances helps to protect your property value as well as provide for a "strong neighborhood."

## Citywide News

### SNOW REMOVAL



#### SNOW REMOVAL INFORMATION

The City has a curb to curb snow removal policy. Dangerous hills, curves, and bridges are monitored and treated as necessary throughout an event. All public streets within Willoughby receive snow removal service according to the following priorities:

Priority 1: Main roads, hills, secondary streets, police and fire departments

Priority 2: Residential streets and cul-de-sacs

Priority 3: Cemeteries; city parking lots; Euclid Ave., Erie Street, Vine Street, Mentor Ave., Lost Nation and Lake Shore sidewalks

Not Treated by City of Willoughby: Private residential streets, condos and apartments

Residential Sidewalks

Residents are required to keep their sidewalks free of snow, ice, debris and obstructions. Sidewalks are to be cleared of snow within 24 hours of the snow event or they are subject to fines. Depositing snow or ice on any public sidewalk, street, bike path, road or highway is not permitted.

Residents can assist the snow plowing process:

- Do not shovel or plow snow into City streets
- Do not shovel or plow snow into driveway aprons
- Remove snow from in front of mailboxes and fire hydrants
- Keep distance from the snowplows
- Remove parked cars from the street
- Do not attempt to pass a snowplow

Snow Emergency: A snow parking ban is effective when there is 2" or more.

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**For YOUR information**

**CITY WARDS AND COUNCIL REPRESENTATIVES**

I cannot share how many times residents have asked me, "What Ward do I live in?" I felt it would be just a good idea to share the cities Ward Map so anyone who is "new" to Willoughby, or don't know, can look at the map and find out. Also, I will list the members of the City Council.

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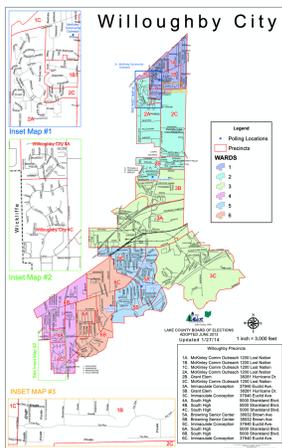
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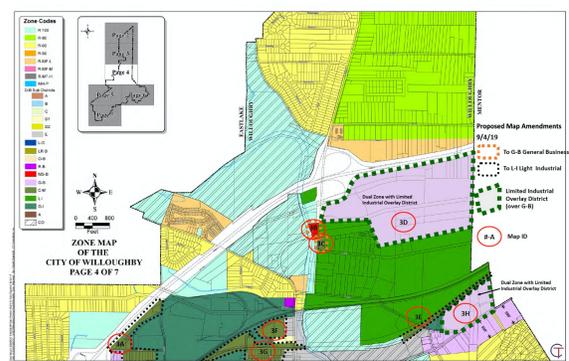
CLICK HERE [Willoughby City](#) TO VIEW MAP OF CITY VOTING WARDS



**NOTE**  
 I am planning on holding another WARD 2 MEETING sometime Winter 2020. I will keep you posted on the DATE•TIME•LOCATION

**Citywide News**

**ZONING UPDATES**



**WILLOUGHBY ZONING CODE & MAP UPDATES**

The City of Willoughby’s Planning and Zoning code establishes the rules and regulations regarding the design and use of buildings, permitted uses in the various zones, development standards and regulations, zoning maps, and the development review process. Such items include parcel size, building heights, density, setbacks, parking, landscaping, fencing, and other aspects of property development and use. Since 2017, members of City Council and Planning Commission from two different administrations have met in work sessions focusing on amendments to the Planning and Zoning Code, to maintain consistency between the comprehensive plan and city ordinances. These amendments involved adding or removing definitions as needed, removing any outdated language, updating development procedures and maps, and cleaning up terms throughout the code to make the document more user-friendly. The overall goal of the update is to promote orderly growth and guide future development while continuing to protect and promote public health, safety, comfort, convenience, economy, aesthetics, and general welfare.

CLICK HERE  
[zoning-code-update](#)

TO VIEW THE CITIES WEBSITE

TO BETTER UNDERSTAND SOME OF THE UPDATES BEING MADE.