

Commercial Vehicle Parking Ordinance Updated

For more than a year, City of Broken Arrow staff has been working to update the code for commercial vehicle parking in residential neighborhoods. The revised code provides clarification on what size commercial vehicles will be prohibited in residentially zoned districts.

These revisions include clarifying language, such as a commercial vehicle may not exceed 1-1/2 ton rated carrying capacity. In addition, the commercial vehicle may not exceed two axles or exceed 24 feet in length.

Finally, when considering the length of the commercial vehicle, the primary vehicle and any attached trailer will be measured separately. As in the past, commercial vehicles not specifically prohibited, such as those carrying hazardous materials, are allowed within residentially zoned districts for immediate loading and unloading; however, they may not be parked in the district overnight or for extended time periods.

Fireworks Permits Now Available

Residents of Broken Arrow who would like to legally discharge fireworks in the City limits may do so by purchasing a fireworks permit for \$20. Permits are available for in-person purchase at City Hall through July 2. The One Stop Center is located on the north end of City Hall at 220 S. First Street. Permits will not be issued to persons under 18 years of age.

For added convenience, the City has also made fireworks permits available for purchase online up until 5:00 p.m. on July 4. Applicants can access the system by visiting www.brokenarrowok.gov/fireworks. Permits may be applied for and obtained online 24 hours a day, 7 days a week.

Permits are valid during the hours of 3:00 p.m. to 11:00 p.m. on July 3 and July 4 only. Additional rules are listed on the printed permit. It is unlawful to discharge fireworks within City limits without the permit. Certain restrictions apply. Fireworks must be discharged on a noncombustible surface of sufficient size to contain the entire ground portion of the display, not closer than 25 feet to any permanent structure.

For questions regarding the application, residents can call the One Stop Center at 918-259-8333, option 0.

Fireworks Safety Tips:

- Always read and FOLLOW directions on the label.
- Always have an adult present to supervise your fireworks fun.
- Always have water handy. A water hose close by is excellent.
- Always only light one item at a time.
- Never try to re-light malfunctioning fireworks.
- Never give ANY firework item to small children.
- Never throw or point fireworks at another person.
- Never shoot (fire) fireworks from metal or glass containers.

COMMUNITY CALENDAR

Ongoing — Broken Arrow Soccer Club fall registration through July 10. Go to www.bascok.com for more details.

Ongoing Each Saturday — Rose District Farmers Market, 8 a.m. to noon, 418 S. Main St.

July 3 — City offices closed for Independence Day Holiday. No trash service that day.

July 7 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

July 9 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

July 11 — Mom and Son Luau 6:30 to 8:30 p.m., Nienhuis Park Community Center, 3201 N. 9th St. Call 918-259-6550 for more details.

July 21 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

July 23 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

August 4 — Broken Arrow City Council 6:30 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

August 13 — Planning Commission 5 p.m., City Hall Council Chambers, 220 S. First St.

Ozone Alerts Begin During Summer Months

Ozone Alerts are designed to help keep the area within the Environmental Protection Agency's air-quality standards. In 2012, Tulsa had 21 Ozone Alert days, with the first on May 18 and the final one on September 5. In 2013 there were four Ozone Alert days, and last year there was only one Ozone Alert day (July 24).

The Oklahoma Department of Environmental Quality offers the following tips for helping control Ozone levels on Ozone Alert days:

- Leave your car at home. Walk, bike, carpool, ride the bus or telecommute.
- Avoid long idle times. Walk in rather than drive through.
- Postpone refueling. Wait until evening or not at all.
- Postpone mowing and using other gas-powered lawn tools.
- Postpone errands. Do them another day.



Measles Vaccinations

The first case of measles in Oklahoma since 1997 was recently confirmed in Stillwater in March of this year. The measles virus is highly contagious and is spread in the air through coughing or sneezing. Almost everyone who has not had the measles-mumps-rubella (MMR) vaccine will get the measles if they are exposed to the measles virus.

Public health officials recommend all children receive two doses of MMR vaccine, with the first dose at 12-15 months of age, and a booster at 4-6 years of age. Adults born in 1957 or later who have not already been vaccinated should get at least one dose of MMR vaccine.

The Tulsa Health Department has the MMR vaccine available at all locations. The Tulsa Health Department accepts Community Care, Health Choice, Blue Cross Blue Shield, Cigna, Medicare and Medicaid. Some individuals may qualify for low or no cost vaccines (some restrictions apply). Visit www.tulsa-health.org or call 918-582-WELL (9355) for clinic hours and locations.

Mother, Son Luau Set for July 11



The Broken Arrow Parks Department will host the annual Mom & Son Luau for all mothers or grandmothers and their sons or grandsons from 6:30-8:30 p.m. July 11 at Nienhuis Aquatic Facility, 3201 N. Ninth St.

This event gives mothers, grandmothers and aunts a chance to spend quality time with their sons, grandsons or nephews at the pool.

Proper swim wear is required and all sons, grandsons and nephews must be accompanied by their mother, grandmother or aunt while at the event. No dads, grandpas or uncles. Light snacks and drinks will be provided as well as complimentary pictures.

Cost for the luau is \$5 per ticket. For more information, call 918-259-6550.

Rose District Farmers Market Special Guest

Gardening expert Alan Storjohann will host a live broadcast from the Farmers Market, Saturday, July 18 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m. Bring your gardening questions and talk with Alan live on air. Listen to the show as local farmers are featured in "Every Farmer Has a Story."

The Farmers Market is open every Saturday from 8:00 a.m. to noon at 418 S. Main Street.

For additional information contact Judy Prieto, Farmers Market Coordinator for the City of Broken Arrow, 918-451-2815.

