

Odessa Outlook

Monthly Newsletter

Odessa's 4-Step Recovery Plan for COVID-19

STEP TWO – MAY 16 at 11:59 pm through JUNE 6 at 11:59 pm

- As with Step One, social distancing should be maintained with a minimum of six (6) feet between people.
- Unless otherwise specified in this Ordinance, gathering limits have increased to fifty (50) people or less.
- Parks, playgrounds, restrooms, pavilions, basketball courts, and baseball fields will remain closed. The pool will also remain closed until July 1.
- Within Step 2, immediately after 11:59 pm on May 31, when the current State order expires (and provided no extension is issued), all retail businesses may increase their occupancy restrictions to fifty percent (50%) of occupancy based on the state formula provided for in Extension Order No. 02-2020.

STEP THREE – JUNE 6 at 11:59 pm through JUNE 27 at 11:59 pm

- No occupancy restrictions on businesses
- Gathering size limitations of fifty (50) people or less
- Social distancing must be maintained at six (6) feet
- Park equipment will remain closed

STEP FOUR – JUNE 27 at 11:59 pm through JULY 18 at 11:59 pm

- No occupancy restrictions on businesses
- Gathering size limitations of 250 people or less
- Social distancing must be maintained at six (6) feet
- Park equipment will remain closed

Payment of Utility Bills and COVID-19

We understand that the COVID-19 pandemic is having a significant financial impact on families, individuals, and businesses alike. Many are facing layoffs, lost wages, and extended periods of self-quarantine at home. During these uncertain times, we have taken steps to ensure residents have uninterrupted utility service by suspending disconnections for non-payment, waiving late fees, and removing the fee to use a credit/debit card.

Please do your best to continue to pay your utility bill. If you are struggling financially and it becomes difficult for you to make a payment, we urge you to call us at 816-230-5577 so we can discuss your situation and set up arrangements or offer possible resources. Early communication with City Hall is extremely important so we can assist you and help you avoid a large balance due.

CALENDAR

June 8, 2020

Board of Aldermen Meeting

June 16, 2020

Municipal Court

June 22, 2020

Board of Aldermen Meeting

July 3, 2020

City offices closed for
Independence Day



Odessa Business Licenses

City business licenses are due July 1. The fee to renew an Odessa business license from July 1, 2020, through June 30, 2021, has been waived. This does not include new business licenses. All other rules and requirements apply. Businesses located in buildings in Odessa are required to have an annual safety inspection before licenses are issued. Please call 816-230-5577 ext. 6 to set up an appointment.

2019 Water Quality Report

The 2019 Odessa Water Quality Report (Consumer Confidence Report) is available for review on the City's website at www.cityofodessamo.com.

Farmers Market Thursdays

The Odessa Farmers Market is open every Thursday through September from 4:30-7:00 pm. It is located at Railroad Park next to the train tracks on Second Street. Local and regional vendors bring fresh produce, eggs, flowers, baked goods and craft items for sale.

Fireworks Ordinance in Odessa

Odessa residents may shoot off fireworks within city limits on July 3, 4, and 5 during the hours of 8:00 am to 10:00 pm on residential property with the following restrictions:

- No fireworks may be ignited on a public street
- Bottle rocket fireworks are prohibited
- No fireworks may be ignited within 600 feet of a church or school
- Ignited fireworks may not be thrown from, into, or at a motor vehicle

More pets go missing during Fourth of July festivities than at any other time of the year. Please keep your animals at home in a quiet, sheltered, and escape-proof area of your home.

Lafayette County Hazardous Waste Drop Off

Lafayette County has a household hazardous waste drop off program in place in Concordia and Lexington and is free to residents of Lafayette County. **Drop offs are by appointment only.** Collection site operation dates and times vary. Schedule an appointment in Concordia by calling 660-463-2228. The drop off days are every Thursday from 10:00 am to 1:00 pm. Schedule an appointment in Lexington by calling 660-232-3827. Drop off days are the 2nd and 4th Tuesdays of the month.

PROPERTY MAINTENANCE CODES

The City of Odessa adopted the 2012 International Property Maintenance Code on 8/24/2017.

SWIMMING POOLS

Any pool that is over 24" in depth requires a permit to be installed and must be completely surrounded by a fence or barrier at least 48" in height.

Please contact Sybille Wilson at 816-230-5577, ext. 6, or by email at sybille.wilson@cityofodessamo.com, for more information about obtaining a permit. The building permit application may also be found on our website at www.cityofodessamo.com.

TALL WEEDS/GRASS

All premises and exterior property must be maintained free from weeds or plant growth in excess of ten (10) inches. A courtesy letter will be sent requesting tall grass/weeds to be cut. Repeat offenders will be issued a citation.

As you mow, please do not blow your grass clippings into the street. During heavy rains, these grass clippings wash into our storm water system causing major interference with the proper operation of the system.