



CITY COUNCIL MEETING AGENDA
REGULAR MEETING
TUESDAY OCTOBER 16, 2018

CITY COUNCIL MEETING TIME: 6:30 PM

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Roll Call
4. ****Consent Agenda****

All items listed under Consent Agenda are considered to be routine by Council and will be acted on by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items. If discussion is desired, that item will be removed from the Consent Agenda and will be considered separately.

- a. Approval of City Council minutes From the October 2, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
 - b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 18322-18353. Check # 18320 was for Nelson Electric Motor that was re-issued and #18321 issued to Aaron Pouliot for escrow deposit repayment.
 - c. Release of Road Easement Across the Properties Located at 6395 and 6351 County Road 11 and Approval to Establish New (Revised) Road Easement Across Same Properties.
5. Set Agenda – Anyone Not on the Agenda can be Placed Under Open/Misc.
6. Reports of Boards and Committees by Council and Staff.
7. Director Gary Kroells, West Hennepin Public Safety:
 - a. Activity Report for the Months of August and September 2018.
 - b. **RESOLUTION 18-1016-01** considering approval of the Hennepin County All Hazard Mitigation Plan.
 - c. **ORDINANCE 2018-04** – Amending Chapter 13 Traffic Motor Vehicles and Other Vehicles, Section 1300.03. Parking, to clarify seasonal parking restrictions.

8. Discussion and Direction Relating to Changes to the Fee Schedule as follows:
 - a. Consideration to Reduce the Sign Permit Fee for Farm Nameplate Signs and Temporary Signs.
9. Reschedule Regular City Council Meetings for Month of November Due to General Election.
10. Open/Misc.
11. Adjourn.

MINUTES OF A REGULAR MEETING OF THE
INDEPENDENCE CITY COUNCIL
TUESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2018 –6:30 P.M.

1. CALL TO ORDER.

Pursuant to due call and notice thereof, a regular meeting of the Independence City Council was called to order by Mayor Johnson at 6:30 p.m.

2. PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE.

Mayor Johnson led the group in the Pledge of Allegiance.

3. ROLL CALL

PRESENT: Mayor Johnson, Councilors Spencer, Grotting, Betts and McCoy

ABSENT: None

STAFF: City Administrator Kaltsas, City Administrative Assistant Horner, City Attorney Vose

VISITORS: Dave Zoldahn, GERALYN McDonald, Doug McDonald, Anita Volkenant

4. ****Consent Agenda****

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- a. Approval of City Council minutes From the September 18, 2018 Regular City Council Meeting.
- b. Approval of Accounts Payable; Checks Numbered 18290-18321. Check number 18289 to WHPS Provided Separately.
- c. Approval of Election Judges for the November General Election.
- d. First and Second Quarter Building Permit Information – For Information.

Motion by Betts, second by Grotting to approve the Consent Agenda items. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Grotting, Betts and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

5. SET AGENDA – ANYONE NOT ON THE AGENDA CAN BE PLACED UNDER OPEN/MISC.

6. REPORTS OF BOARDS AND COMMITTEES BY COUNCIL AND STAFF

Johnson asked Senator Dave Osmek to speak and give an overview of legislative actions. He noted the success of securing the Highway 12 legislation and bonding package. Osmek stated funding was approved for Loretto to tap into the Met Council sewer system and there were also funds approved for the railroad crossing to be updated which includes the crossing at Townline Road.

Johnson thanked Osmek and noted Hertaas as well in getting the funding through for the Highway 12 initiative and said it was very much appreciated. Osmek said he will continue to work with Hennepin County and MnDOT on any roadblocks that may come up, so the project may keep moving along.

Johnson asked what the priorities are for the Legislature coming up this year. Osmek stated one of his priorities are roads and bridges.

Grotting asked about progress on registration tabs and charges associated with that. Osmek said they are making progress and noted that vehicles are being inappropriately assessed and causing underpayment or overpayment on tabs and this is due to a software issue and its interpretation. He said in 2017 when the software was first implemented there were known flaws in the system.

Spencer attended the following meetings:

- Planning Commission Meeting
- Klaers Century Farm Celebration
- Maple Plain Comprehensive Plan Open House
- Highway 12 Press Conference and Open House

Grotting attended the following meetings:

- Planning Commission Meeting
- LMCC work
- Highway 12 Press Conference and Open House
- Conversation with WHPS about taking over fire permits issuance at the City

McCoy attended the following meetings:

- Planning Commission Meeting
- Highway 12 Press Conference and Open House

Betts attended the following meetings:

- Highway 12 Press Conference and Open House

Johnson attended the following meetings:

- Planning Commission Meeting
- Community Action Partnership Hennepin County Finance Meeting
- Election Training
- Met Council Land Use Advisory Committee Meeting
- National League of Small Cities phone calls with Sarah Lindsey
- Orono School Board Meeting
- Elim Homes meeting with Tessa
- Love INC. strategic planning committee meeting
- Visited the Mound High School new Performing Arts Center
- Regional Council of Mayors tour of 3-M
- Hennepin County Recycling Open House Public Hearing
- Highway 12 Press Conference and Open House

Horner attended the following meetings:

- Election Training
- Highway 12 Press Conference and Open House

Kaltsas attended the following meetings:

- Upper Midwest APA Conference and selected speaker

7. David Zoldahn (Applicant/Owner) requests that the City consider the following action for the property located at 440 Kuntz Drive in Independence, MN (PID No.s: 33-118-24-24-0001 and 33-118-24-21-0002):

- a. **RESOLUTION 18-1002-01** considering approval of a minor subdivision to permit a lot line rearrangement to adjust the east/west line between the two subject parcels.

Kaltsas noted the property is located south of CSAH 6 at the southeast corner of CSAH 6 and Kuntz Drive. There is an existing home and several detached accessory structures located on the southern property. The northern property does not have any existing structures. The majority of the property is currently tillable land with some wetlands located on the far east side of the property.

The applicant is seeking a minor subdivision to allow a lot line rearrangement which would allow the north property to be expanded and the south property to be reduced. Both properties are considered buildable lots of record. Currently, the south property is approximately 22.5 acres and the north property is 2.5 acres. The applicant would like to essentially balance the properties so that the north property has more “buildable” area. The south property has the existing home and detached accessory buildings and would be 10 acres in the after condition. The 10-acre lot size will allow no square footage restrictions for detached accessory structures.

Staff has reviewed the request and offers the following information for consideration by the Planning Commission:

1. The applicant meets applicable criteria relating to the existing accessory structures located on the south parcel. In the after condition, all structures will meet requisite setbacks.
2. In the after condition, the properties will have the following frontage on a public right of way and lot width to frontage ratios:
3. The applicant has provided the City with the requisite percolation tests confirming that there is a primary and secondary on-site septic site for each property.
4. Access to the north property could be from either CSAH 6 or Kuntz Drive. Access to CSAH 6 would be subject to Hennepin County approval. Hennepin County has noted that access onto CSAH will not be permitted at this time.
5. There is adequate space on the north property to construct a residence and associated accessory buildings.
6. Both properties are lots of record and no park dedication fees are required for either existing lot.
7. The City will require the requisite drainage and utility easements for both properties.

Commissioners reviewed the request and asked questions of staff and the applicant. Commissioners found that the request for the lot line rearrangement met all applicable criteria and was straight forward. Commissioners asked about access onto CSAH 6 and it was noted that Hennepin County had reviewed the

proposed minor subdivision and will not allow access. The Planning Commission recommended approval to the City Council of the requested minor subdivision to allow a lot line rearrangement with the following findings and conditions:

1. The proposed minor subdivision to allow a lot line rearrangement request meets all applicable conditions and restrictions stated Chapter V, Sections 500 and 510, Planning and Land Use Regulations and Zoning, in the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance.
2. The Applicant shall pay for all costs associated with the City's review of the requested minor subdivision.
3. Access to CSAH 6 will require the review and approval of Hennepin County.
4. The Applicant shall provide the City with the legal descriptions, execute and record the requisite perimeter drainage and utility easements with the county within six (6) months of approval.
5. The Applicant shall record the subdivision and City Council Resolution with the county within six (6) months of approval.

Motion by McCoy, second by Betts for approval of RESOLUTION 18-1002-01 of a minor subdivision to permit a lot line rearrangement to adjust the east/west line between the two subject parcels for the property located at 440 Kuntz Drive in Independence, MN (PID No.s: 33-118-24-24-0001 and 33-118-24-21-0002): Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Betts and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. Abstain: Grotting. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

8. Doug and Geralyn McDonald (Applicants/Owners) request that the City consider the following action for the property located at 4976 South Lakeshore Drive in Independence, MN (PID No. 24-118-24-11-0013):

- a. **RESOLUTION 18-1002-02** considering approval of a variance to allow the construction of a detached accessory building that does not meet the side yard setback from the west property line.

Kaltsas said the subject property is located at 4976 South Lake Shore Drive. The property is located on Lake Independence off South Lake Shore Drive. There is an existing home and detached garage on the subject property.

He noted the applicant is seeking approval to remove and replace an existing legal non-conforming detached accessory structure located on the subject property. There is an existing detached accessory structure located on the property that does not currently meet the required side yard setback from the west property line. The existing garage is located 1.5 feet from the west side property line. The required setback for detached accessory structures is nine (9) feet. The applicant would like to raise the height of the building foundation to allow proper drainage of the site to go around the building and towards the lake without inundating the structure. In addition to raising the elevation of the existing structure, the applicant would like to change the roof line of the building so that they can access the building from a door on the south elevation. The existing garage has an off-centered roof line that can be seen from the photographs attached to this report. The applicant would like to construct a standard centered gabled roof on the new garage.

Staff has had correspondence with the applicant to discuss the existing and proposed detached garages on the property. The applicant did look at rebuilding the existing shed in its current location which would be

permitted by the City. Ultimately, the applicant determined that they would like the City to consider granting a variance to allow a new detached accessory garage to be constructed in the same location as the existing garage with three changes:

1. Raise the finished floor elevation of the new structure so that it sits 1.5 feet above the adjacent drainage swale.
2. Change the roofline of the new structure from an offset gable roof to a center gable roof.
3. Extend the structure 3 feet to the south while maintaining the 1.5-foot side yard setback. There are several factors to consider relating to granting a variance. The City's ordinance has established criteria for consideration in granting a variance.

520.21. Standards for granting variances. Subdivision 1. The City Council may grant a variance from the terms of this zoning code, including restrictions placed on nonconformities, in cases where:

- 1) the variance is in harmony with the general purposes and intent of this zoning code;*
- 2) the variance is consistent with the comprehensive plan;*
- 3) the applicant establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning code (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)*

Subd. 2. An applicant for a variance must demonstrate that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning code. For such purposes, "practical difficulties" means:

- (a) The property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by the zoning code;*
- (b) the plight of the property owner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner;*
- (c) the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.*

Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties. Practical difficulties include, but are not limited to, inadequate access to direct sunlight for solar energy systems. (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)

Subd. 3. The City Council shall not grant a variance to permit a use that is not allowed under the zoning code based on the zoning classification of the affected property. (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)

520.23. Conditions and restrictions. The board of adjustments may recommend, and the City Council may impose conditions on a variance. Conditions must be directly related to and must bear a rough proportionality to the impact created by the variance. (Amended, Ord. 2011-08)

Consideration of the criteria for granting a variance:

- a. Residential use of the property is consistent with the Rural Residential District. The applicants are seeking a variance that is generally consistent with similar variances granted for properties in this area.
- b. Many of the properties in this area have setbacks from the right of way or side property lines that do not meet the required setbacks.
- c. The character of the surrounding area is residential. The proposed garage expansion for a single-family home is in keeping with the City's comprehensive plan.

There are several additional items that could be considered by the City:

1. Many of the surrounding properties have been granted relief from the requisite setback requirements due to the small size of the properties, unique lot layouts resulting from the historic nature of the structures on the properties and the change in nature of the homes from seasonal to permanent.
2. The neighboring property owner directly west that would have the most visibility of the garage has submitted a letter to the City stating that they support the requested variance. In addition, this property owner recently constructed a new detached accessory structure on their property. During the construction of the adjacent detached accessory building, the drainage along this property line was generally corrected.
3. The proposed garage would be very similar to the existing garage on the property.
4. The maximum impervious surface coverage for this property is .25% or 10,999 SF. The existing coverage is as follows:

House, walks, patio and deck: 4,953 SF

Driveway: 3,803 SF

Existing Garage: 575 SF

Total: 8,781 SF

The total coverage with the existing and proposed garage (plus 60 SF for the 3-foot addition) would be within the allowable impervious coverage for this property.

5. The applicant has submitted a proposed drainage plan which indicates how the drainage will be addressed on the subject property.

6. The City allows up to 1,850 square feet of detached accessory structure for this property. The existing and proposed garage is approximately 600 SF and well within the allowable structure size.

Kaltsas said ultimately the City will need to find that the criteria for granting a variance have been met by the applicant.

Public Comments:

The City received a letter from the neighboring property owner located at 4986 South Lake Shore Dr. offering support for the request.

Commissioners reviewed the request and asked questions of staff and the applicant. Commissioners asked for additional information relating to the drainage on this property. The property owner noted that they had worked with Hennepin County Land and Water on a design for the drainage between the existing garage and new detached accessory structure on the adjacent property. Commissioners noted that the applicant could rebuild the existing building and that the proposed building was similar in size and height to the building proposed.

Commissioners asked if the new building conformed in all other aspects to the City's ordinances. Staff noted that it was fully in conformance outside of the side yard setbacks. Commissioners found the variance to meet the criteria of the City and recommended approval to the City Council.

The Planning Commission recommended approval to the City Council for the requested variance with the following findings and conditions should be considered.

1. The proposed Variance request meets all applicable conditions and restrictions stated in Chapter V, Section 520.19, Procedures on variances, in the City of Independence Zoning Ordinance.
2. The Applicant shall pay for all costs associated with the City's review of the requested variance.
3. Any future improvements made to this property will need to be in compliance with all applicable standards relating to the Rural Residential and Shoreland Overlay zoning districts. No expansion of the garage will be permitted without an additional variance request.
4. The Applicant shall record the City Council Resolution within six (6) months of the Council Approval

Betts asked if the new building would be raised higher. Kaltsas said the grading has been done. Johnson noted part of this is due to what the neighbors had done on their property. McDonald noted the new structure would be raised a foot and half higher. Johnson asked what direction the flow of water would be going, and McDonald confirmed that it would be flowing to the lake. Betts said it appeared on the picture that the floor was damp. McDonald said that at times water can be free flowing in front of the shed. Grotting asked if the neighbors work affected this was permitted. Grotting said that this would be something to note in the future.

Motion by Betts, second by McCoy for approval of RESOLUTION 18-1002-02 considering approval of a variance to allow the construction of a detached accessory building that does not meet the side yard setback from the west property line for the property located at 4976 South Lakeshore Drive in Independence, MN (PID No. 24-118-24-11-0013): Ayes: Johnson, Grotting, McCoy, Betts and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

9. Open/Misc.

10. Adjourn.

Motion by Grotting, second by Spencer to adjourn at 7:10 p.m. Ayes: Johnson, McCoy, Grotting, Betts and Spencer. Nays: None. Absent: None. MOTION DECLARED CARRIED.

Respectfully Submitted,
Trish Gronstal/ Recording Secretary

City of Independence

Release of Road Easement Across the Properties Located at 6395 and 6351 County Road 11 and Approval to Establish New (Revised) Road Easement Across Same Properties.

To: City Council
From: Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator
Meeting Date: October 16, 2018

Discussion:

The City approved a minor subdivision to split a 20-acre parcel into two smaller parcels in 2016 for the property located on the south side of CSAH 11 and just west of CSAH 90 and shown in the aerial photograph below.



The City required additional right of way along CSAH 11 to be dedicated as a part of the subdivision of the property. The City and County have historically worked together to add an additional 17 feet of right of

way to both sides of the CSAH 11 corridor for future trail and road improvements. The conveyance document that was prepared to record the road easement unfortunately had an incorrect legal description defining the road easement to be dedicated (a portion of the legal description was cut off of the page). The eastern property is in the process of being sold and the title company of the buyer discovered the error. In order to correct the error, the City has prepared a release of easement and new easement conveyance document for both the east and west parcels. The attached documents will need to be signed by each property owner and then recorded with Hennepin County. The City and or buyers title company will record the requisite documents.

Council Recommendation:

Council is being asked to approve the release of easement and approval of the new road easement across the properties located at 6395 and 6351 County Road 11.

Attachments: Release of Road Easement
 East Parcel Road Easement
 West Parcel Road Easement

RELEASE OF EASEMENT

THIS INSTRUMENT is made by the City of Independence, a Minnesota municipal corporation (“City”).

The City hereby releases, discharges, and terminates the easement established in that certain Easement dated September 23, 2016, and filed September 26, 2016 in the office of the County Recorder in and for Hennepin County, Minnesota as Document No. A10360685, and filed September 26, 2016 in the office of the County Auditor and Treasurer in and for Hennepin County, Minnesota.

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2018.

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

By: _____
Marvin Johnson

Its: Mayor

By: _____
Mark Kaltsas

Its: City Administrator

STATE OF MINNESOTA

} ss.:

COUNTY OF HENNEPIN

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this ____ day of _____, 2018, by Marvin Johnson and Mark Kaltsas, the Mayor and City Administrator, respectively, of the City of Independence, a Minnesota municipal corporation, on behalf of the corporation.

Notary Public

This document drafted by:
Kennedy & Graven, Chartered (RJV)
470 U.S. Bank Plaza
200 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402
(612) 337-9300

Abstract
East parcel

PID 1111824220005

EASEMENT

THIS INSTRUMENT is made by **Andrew Duneman and Alyson Duneman**, married to each other, Grantors, in favor of the City of Independence, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, Grantee.

Recitals

A. Grantors are the fee owners of the following described property in Hennepin County, Minnesota (the "Property"):

The West half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 118 North, Range 24 West of the 5th Principal Meridian; Except that part of the north 584.00 feet of said West half which lies west of a line drawn from a point on the north line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter distant 359.37 feet east, as measured along said north line, from the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, to a point on the south line of said north 584.00 feet distant 389.00 feet east, as measured along said south line, from the intersection of said south line with the west line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter

B. Grantors desire to grant to the Grantee an easement, according to the terms and conditions contained herein.

Terms of Easement

1. Grant of Easement. For good and valuable consideration, receipt of which is acknowledged by Grantors, Grantors grant and convey to the Grantee the following easement:

A permanent, non-exclusive easement for street purposes over, under, across and through the north 50.00 feet of the Property.

The permanent street easement granted herein includes the right of the Grantee, its contractors, agents, and employees to enter the premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of locating, constructing, reconstructing, operating, maintaining, inspecting, altering and

repairing within the described easement area a public roadway, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water facilities, and sidewalk, or other public facilities or improvements of any type that are not inconsistent with a public right-of-way use.

The easement granted herein also includes the right to cut, trim, or remove from the easement areas trees, shrubs, or other vegetation that, in the Grantee's judgment, unreasonably interfere with the easement or facilities of the Grantee, its successors or assigns.

3. Warranty of Title. The Grantors warrants they are the fee owners of the Property and have the right, title and capacity to convey to the Grantee the easement herein.

4. Environmental Matters. The Grantee shall not be responsible for any costs, expenses, damages, demands, obligations, including penalties and reasonable attorney's fees, or losses resulting from any claims, actions, suits or proceedings based upon a release or threat of release of any hazardous substances, pollutants, or contaminants that may have existed on, or that relate to, the easement area or Property prior to the date of this instrument.

5. Binding Effect. The terms and conditions of this instrument shall run with the land and be binding on the Grantors, their heirs and assigns.

STATE DEED TAX DUE HEREON: NONE

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Andrew Duneman

Alyson Duneman

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of _____, 2018, by Andrew Duneman and Alyson Duneman, married to each other, Grantors.

Notary Public

NOTARY STAMP OR SEAL

THIS INSTRUMENT DRAFTED BY AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:
Kennedy & Graven, Chartered
470 U.S. Bank Plaza
200 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402

Abstract
West parcel

PID 1111824220005

EASEMENT

THIS INSTRUMENT is made by **J Skoog and Paul Skoog et al**, Grantors, in favor of the City of Independence, a municipal corporation under the laws of the State of Minnesota, Grantee.

Recitals

A. Grantors are the fee owners of the following described property in Hennepin County, Minnesota (the "Property"):

That part of the north 584.00 feet of the West half of the Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter of Section 11, Township 118 North, Range 24 West of the 5th Principal Meridian, which lies west of a line drawn from a point on the north line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter distant 359.37 feet east, as measured along said north line, from the Northwest corner of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter, to a point on the south line of said north 584.00 feet distant 389.00 feet east, as measured along said south line, from the intersection of said south line with the west line of said Northwest Quarter of the Northwest Quarter

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A permanent, non-exclusive easement for street purposes over, under, across and through the north 50.00 feet of the Property.

The permanent street easement granted herein includes the right of the Grantee, its contractors, agents, and employees to enter the premises at all reasonable times for the purpose of locating, constructing, reconstructing, operating, maintaining, inspecting, altering and

repairing within the described easement area a public roadway, storm sewer, sanitary sewer, water facilities, and sidewalk, or other public facilities or improvements of any type that are not inconsistent with a public right-of-way use.

The easement granted herein also includes the right to cut, trim, or remove from the easement areas trees, shrubs, or other vegetation that, in the Grantee's judgment, unreasonably interfere with the easement or facilities of the Grantee, its successors or assigns.

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5. Binding Effect. The terms and conditions of this instrument shall run with the land and be binding on the Grantors, their heirs and assigns.

STATE DEED TAX DUE HEREON: NONE

Dated this ____ day of _____, 2018.

Skoog

Skoog

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) SS.
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN)

 The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this _____ day of
_____, 2018, by SKOOG and SKOOG.

Notary Public


NOTARY STAMP OR SEAL

THIS INSTRUMENT DRAFTED BY AND SHOULD BE RETURNED TO:
Kennedy & Graven, Chartered
470 U.S. Bank Plaza
200 South Sixth Street
Minneapolis, MN 55402



Date: September 11, 2018

To: Public Safety Commissioners
City of Independence Council Members
City of Maple Plain Council Members

From: Director Gary Kroells 

SUBJECT: AUGUST 2018 ACTIVITY REPORT

The purpose of this report is to give the reader a quick overview of the activities of the Public Safety Department each month. It also compares monthly and year-to-date information to the reader.

The report is broken down into five categories, as defined by the Criminal Justice Reporting System.

CRIMINAL-- Criminal is broken down into Part I and Part II crimes.

Part I includes crimes against persons versus crimes against property; criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery assault, aggravated assault, burglary -breaking or entering, larceny-theft, larceny analysis, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Part II includes other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, buying, receiving, possession; vandalism, weapons, carrying, possessing, etc.; prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses; drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence, liquor laws, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, all other offenses, suspicion, curfew and loitering laws - persons under 18; and runaways - persons under 18.

TRAFFIC-- Includes violations of the road and driving laws.

PART III-- Lost and Found: Includes lost and found persons, animals, and property, and stalled and abandoned vehicles.

PART IV-- Casualties: Includes all motor vehicle accidents, boating, and snowmobile; public home occupational accidents, fires, suicides, sudden deaths, burning permits, and burning violations.

PART V-- Miscellaneous Public: Includes open doors, gun permit applications, suspicious activities, animal complaints, motorist assists, alarm calls, parking complaints, house checks, driving complaints, civil matters, family disputes, department assists.

The balance of the report shows the total number of incidents handled, miles driven and how the Public Safety Department received calls. If anyone should desire more detailed statistical data, please contact my office.

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West Hennepin Public Safety Department
1918 County Road 90 / Maple Plain, Minnesota 55359
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Monthly Activity Report

August 2018

Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year	This Year To Date	Last Year To Date
City Of Independence				
Criminal	8	20	92	81
Traffic	151	196	1,238	1,544
Part III	4	6	57	64
Part IV	26	29	247	235
Part V	164	153	1,142	1,262
Total City of Independence	353	404	2,776	3,186
City Of Maple Plain				
Criminal	6	20	41	81
Traffic	84	109	755	878
Part III	7	6	27	34
Part IV	19	21	168	124
Part V	172	144	1,046	1,080
Total City Of Maple Plain	288	300	2,037	2,197
Grand Total Both Cities	641	704	4,813	5,383
TZD	20	8	95	214
Agency Assists	22	30	238	439
Total ICR Reports	683	734	5,146	5,822
Mileage	9,062	14,553	100,572	103,359
How Received				
Fax	7	17	94	95
In Person	46	19	234	199
Mail	2	2	13	10
Other	4	7	22	33
Phone	38	35	299	236
Radio	190	187	1,477	1,474
Visual	352	419	2,679	3,392
Email	8	5	43	42
Lobby Walk In	36	43	285	341
Total	683	734	5,146	5,822

August 2018 Criminal Part I & II

City of Independence Grid #'s 3-5

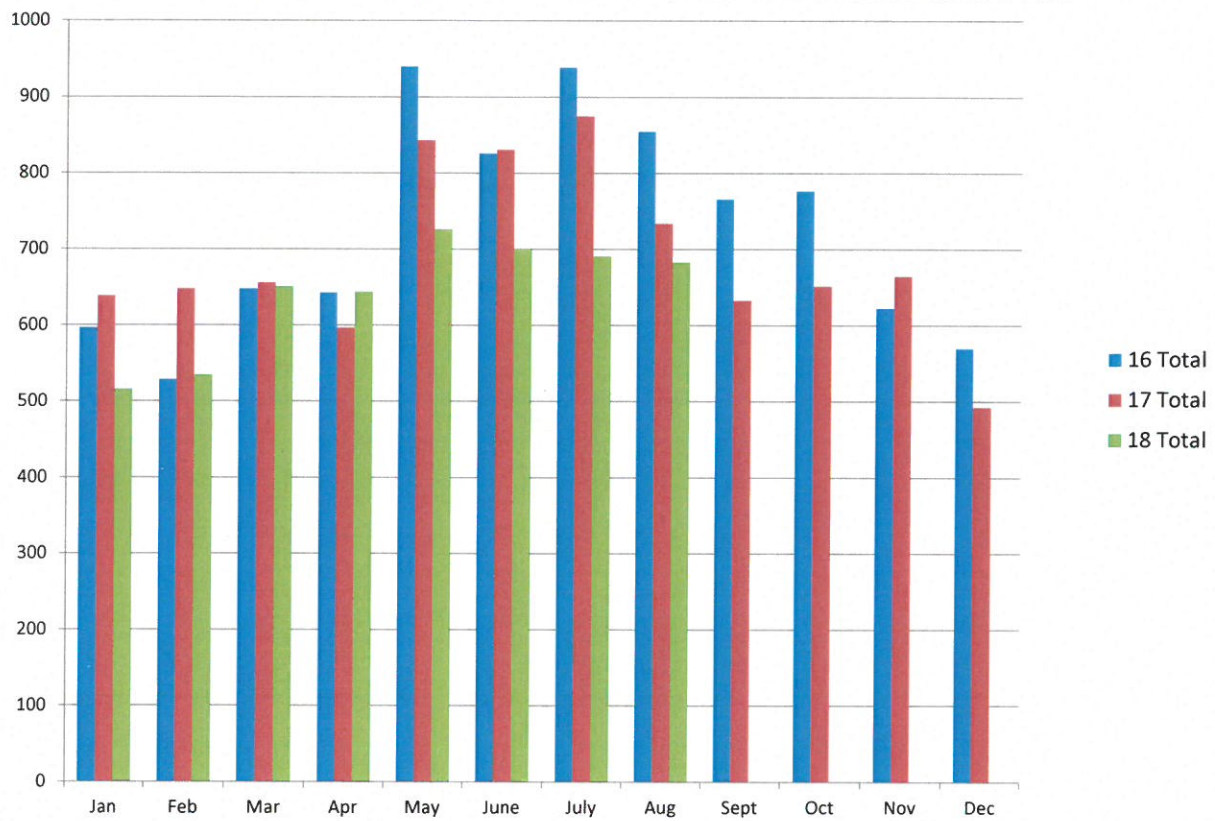
AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	Reported Date	MOC range
WHPS	18004647	Theft/Fraudulent	43321	5	43321	C1111
WHPS	18004763	Motor Vehicle Tampering / 3rd Degree Refusal	43327	5	43327	JFR01
WHPS	18004773	Vandalism	43328	3	43328	P3119
WHPS	18004789	Drugs-Paraphernalia Possession	43329	3	43329	DC500
WHPS	18004821	Domestic Assault-Misdemeanor-Commits Act to Commit Bodily Harm	43329	3	43329	AL315
WHPS	18004988	4th Degree DWI	43337	5	43337	JGF01
WHPS	18005124	3rd Degree DWI	43342	3	43342	JFW01
WHPS	18005139	4th Degree DWI	43343	3	43343	JGW01

August 2018 Criminal Part I & II

City of Maple Plain Grid # 1-2

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	Reported Date	MOC range
WHPS	18004506	Drugs - Possess Small Amount of Marijuana	43315	1	43315	DA540
WHPS	18004619	Counterfeit Money	43320	2	43320	C1142
WHPS	18004722	4th Degree DWI	43324	1	43324	JGW01
WHPS	18004755	Vandalism/Egging of Vehicle	43327	2	43327	P3119
WHPS	18004930	Threats / Nonconsensual dissemination of private sexual pictures / Domestic Assault - Misdemeanor	43334	2	43334	A5542
WHPS	18005027	Theft of Boat Parts	43339	1	43339	TB169

THREE YEAR COMPARISON OF POLICE CALLS FOR SERVICE & ACTIVITY



DIRECTOR'S NEWS & NOTES

WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY August 2018 Activity Report

Year to Date Activity Report

At the end of August 31, 2018 West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled a year to date total of 5,146 incident complaints. 2,776 In Independence and 2,037 in Maple Plain. For the month of August, 353 incidents occurred in Independence and 288 incidents were in Maple Plain.

The Criminal Part I and Part II cases for both cities have been highlighted for your review on the attached documents.

Recent Highlighted Cases:

Animal Complaint

Aug 1 5:18 a.m. 700 Copeland Rd, Independence. Report received of a dog at large in the area, The dog was described as "Toto" from the Wizard of Oz. The area was checked and the dog was not located.

Welfare Check

Aug 1 6:08 a.m. 1500 Wyman Ave. Maple Plain. Male called reporting there was a big party occurring at Haven Homes and requested police services. Officer arrived on scene and met with staff. There was no party besides their shift change occurring.

Agency Assist Crow Wing Co Probation

Aug 2 3675 Ihduhapi Trl. Independence. Crow Wing Co Probation Officer requested an agency assist to pick up at Vinland Center a 25 year old male from Brainerd who violated his probation release by breaking the program rules. The male was arrested without incident and transported to Hennepin Co Jail where Crow Wing Co Sheriff's Office would pick him up.

Assist

Aug 3 6:28 a.m. Routine patrol observed a 33 yoa male from MPLS who did not have walking apparel on and a 34 yoa female from Coon Rapids wearing high heels were walking NB on County Road 90, Independence. Contact with the male and female: They were staying with friends in Mound, the house is undergoing renovations and the water was not on. They rode with their roommates to Baker Park Campground to shower. They decided to walk back to Mound not realizing how far it was from Baker Park. Officer offered them a ride to Mound and they agreed.

Traffic Complaint

Aug 4 Hwy 12/ CR 90, Independence. Reported a w/b vehicle was all over the road and almost hit the center median. Contact with the driver who stated he is an Uber driver and he was heading home to New Hope. When asked, the driver did not know what city he was in, he was slow to respond, had a hard time speaking and stated he takes medication for depression and a laxative. He refused medical attention or an ambulance, stating he was tired. Uber driver was not allowed to drive and called his ex-wife to come pick him up.

ATV Complaint

Aug 6 2055 CR 90, Independence. City Public Works reported someone was driving ATV's on city property at Pioneer Creek Park. Estimated damage under \$100 dollars.

Welfare Check

Aug 7 6:19 p.m. Dispatched for a welfare check of a male with a walker struggling to walk along Hwy 12 near Baker Park Rd, Maple Plain. Officer found the 55 year old male from Menomonie, WI on the shoulder of Hwy 12 leaning over a walker. The male stated after his doctor's appointment in MPLS; he rode the bus to the Park N Ride and was attempting to get to the Maple Plain Motel. Officer gave the male a ride to the motel and they had no vacancies. Arrangements were made for a room at the Grand Stay in Delano and the Officer gave him a ride to the hotel.

Suicidal Threats

Aug 8 5200 Bryantwood Dr., Maple Plain. Dispatched for a female who was texting suicidal threats. A 29 yoa female was located outside on her patio, reclined in a lawn chair, and appeared to be sleeping with a marijuana pipe in hand. Officer was able to rouse her by talking to her. She admitted sending the messages and she was feeling depressed and needs to talk to someone. North Memorial responded and transported the female to the hospital. Four children were in the apartment and the father arrived and took over care for them.

Found Property

Aug 10 1500 Budd Ave., Maple Plain. Resident reported a bike with a flat tire was left in front of his house. He pulled the bike off the edge of the road and put it in his front yard. No one came to get it and the police picked it up until the owner calls looking for it.

Fireworks

Aug 10 8:18 p.m. 5200 Manchester Dr, Maple Plain. Responded to a fireworks complaint in the area. Several remnants of aerial fireworks were found in the business parking lot of 5100 Pioneer Creek Dr. MP and several persons were nearby. The business owner's staff was advised of the complaint and warned for the use of fireworks.

Assist Drunk Problem

Aug 12 CR 19 / Marsh Ridge, Independence. Uber driver reported a drunken person would not get out of his car. While enroute the driver called back stating the female got out and he left the area. Officer found the female standing along the roadside. She stated the Uber driver was weird and she didn't know what the issue was with him. The female was transported to her residence in the 5900 block of Henry Street, Maple Plain.

Traffic Complaint – 4th Degree DWI

Aug 12 10:22 p.m. Driving complaint received of vehicle all over the road w/b Hwy 12 near CR 90, Independence. Officer observed the driving conduct and stopped the vehicle. Contact with the driver Ashley Brooke Lyrek, 23 of Delano showed signs of impairment, DRE evaluation was conducted further indicating the drivers' impairment. Driver admitted taking several prescribed medications throughout the day. Search warrant was issued for a blood sample. Charges pending for 4th Degree DWI. Lyrek was released to responsible party.

Stalled Tractor

Aug 13 CR 6 / CR 90, Independence. Officer observed a stalled tractor which had leaked hydraulic fluid. The farmer had someone coming with floor dry and a hydraulic hose.

Threat / Welfare Check / Trespass

Aug 13 9100 Hwy 12, Independence. Ex-employee was upset and threatened to shoot his employer. Wright Co Sheriff's Office assisted in checking the ex-employee as he was in their city. Contact with the ex-employee who stated he was upset, was just fine and his threats were made in jest. Ex-employee was trespassing on the employers property and advised would be arrested if he went onto the property.

Attempted Theft / MV Tampering

Aug 15 2:34 p.m. 700 Copeland Rd, Independence. Reported a car alarm sounding in a business parking lot and someone was getting into a gray jeep Commander and took off. The driver and vehicle returned to the scene and a witness observed the driver tampering with another vehicle and left. Officers located the vehicle and found Justin Bacon, 41 from Delano urinating in the parking lot of 240 Babcock Blvd, Delano. Contact with the Bacon, a very strong odor of an alcoholic beverage was coming from him. Bacon provided a Preliminary Breath Test which resulted in .190 breath alcohol concentration. Bacon was arrested and refused to provide a breath test and was transported to Hennepin Co Jail. A search warrant was later conducted on Bacon's home in Delano on suspicion of stealing golf clubs from motor vehicles at a golf course. The stolen golf clubs were recovered inside his home and chargers are pending for possession of stolen property and 3rd Degree DWI Test Refusal.

Dumpster Fire

Aug 16 5100 Oak Street, Maple Plain. Maple Plain Fire assisted with a extinguishing a dumpster fire at a business. A cause was not determined for the fire. Investigation of the store cameras are being viewed for possible determination of the cause and suspects.

Trespassing

Aug 17 9100 Hwy 12, Independence. Resident reported a male was on his property in violation of his trespass notice. The ex-employee, 37 yoa male from Maple Plain said he was trying to retrieve personal property. The property was at another location and the employee was going to deliver it to the male's mother on Monday. Citation was issued to the male for Violation of Trespass Order.

Fall

Aug 17 9:18 p.m. 2600 Valley Rd, Independence. Responded to a report of someone trapped under a vehicle. On scene arrival found the patient, 77 yoa female was trapped under the open driver's door of her vehicle. She said she had been there since 5pm and was having difficulty breathing. North Memorial Ambulance arrived and transported the patient to North Memorial Hospital.

Neighbor Problem

Aug 20 2500 Nelson Rd, Independence. Reported a neighbor removed a couple of property stakes from the property line. The neighbor had a surveyor coming for the property and both were advised to keep the peace and be present for the survey.

Suspicious Person

Aug 20 3000 CR 90, Independence. Resident reported he found a female near his shed who thought her husband was in the shed; GPS on her phone showed he was there. The husband was not there and she left. Resident gave Officer the license plate and vehicle description. Officer located the vehicle at 5000 Pioneer Creek Dr, Maple Plain and a 41 yoa female from Excelsior standing outside her vehicle who appeared to be agitated. She confirmed she had been looking in the back yard in Independence for her husband, as she is having trust issues, couldn't find him at work, and his GPS was showing at the address in Independence. Her husband was located in the 1500 block of Budd, MP. The resident was called and advised of Officer findings.

IRS Scam

Aug 20 2900 Copeland Rd, Independence. Resident reported he has received multiple IRS phone scam messages IF he does not call them back the police will arrest him. Resident was advised the Police are not looking for him, will not be arresting him and the PD has received many multiple reports from others on the IRS phone scam. Do not call back or answer; Delete the voice messages.

Suspicious Act – Illegal Dumping

Aug 21 1200 Poplar Ave, Maple Plain. Reported observed an illegal dumping of a trailer full of brush at the Maple Plain Compost. Contact with the driver, 63 yoa male from Independence who admitted he lived in Independence, used the MP Compost site and did not check with City of Independence to see if they have a compost site. He admitted not wanting to burn at his house because it will wreck his yard. He was advised of alternatives: chipping and other options. The City of MP Public Works requested a warning be issued. The male was issued a Written Warning Public Nuisance – Dumping any Garbage, Rubbish on Public / Private Property.

Hit and Run Accident

Aug 21 1500 Wyman Ave, Maple Plain. Employee leaving work noticed large scruff marks on her vehicle. Photos were taken of the scruff marks which appeared to be red or burgundy in color. It is unknown who struck her vehicle and then drove off.

Vandalism

Aug 21 9:57 p.m. 1500 Howard Ave., Maple Plain. Resident reported sometime between 4 p.m. and 7:30 p.m. someone threw several eggs in the hallway near his apartment. There were egg yolks and broken egg shells down a 20 yard section of the hallway on the 2nd floor. Photos were taken. No suspects at the time of the report.

Tree / Pole Fire

Aug 22 7800 CR 6, Independence. Passerby reported some trees were on fire behind a residence. He stopped and was unable to find anyone at home. Officer found the homeowner who was burning stumps from some lilac bushes in the back of his house. No danger. He was taking a nap when the passerby stopped and he didn't hear him.

Suspicious Act

Aug 24 4500 CR 92, Independence. Maple Plain, Caller reported a suspicious male walked behind the barn like he knew what he was doing. A short time later the caller stated he spoke with male who was Russian and spoke very little English. The male asked if they had a horse he could walk and then left. The area was checked and male was not located.

Suspicious Act

Aug 25 12:02 a.m. 5200 Bryantwood Dr, Maple Plain. Reported a suspicious vehicle in the parking lot for past 45 min. Vehicle was located and occupied by two males. The passenger lived at the complex and the driver did not. While speaking with them, Officer detected an odor of burnt marijuana and advised the males of his suspicion and they both produced pipes with marijuana residue and a trace amount of marijuana in a plastic container. The items were seized.

Car Theft

Aug 25 8:06 a.m. 7900 CR 6, Independence. Vehicle owner reported his truck was stolen and the driver was enroute to Buffalo to assault his ex-girlfriends new boyfriend who apparently stayed overnight with her. Wright County and Hennepin County Sheriffs were notified of the theft and possible destination to their cities. The vehicle owner reported the driver had called and was returning to the scene with the truck. Contact with the 22 yoa driver from MPLS who admitted he stole his boss's truck, took off without permission and he did not have a valid driver's license. A citation was issued for Driving after Suspension. The vehicle owner did not want to pursue charges for theft and would help the driver move out of the home.

DWI / Minor Consumption

Aug 25 CR 11 / CR 92 independence. Vehicle stopped for speed. Contact with the driver, Officer detected the faint odor of alcohol coming from his breath. The driver Dylan Alexander Ohlenkamp, 20 of Delano provided a breath sample with resulted in .11 Breath Alcohol Concentration. Ohlenkamp was arrested for 4th Degree DWI and Speed. Passenger Charles Andrew Larsen, 20 of Maple Grove admitted to drinking. PBT resulted in .041 Breath Alcohol Concentration. Larsen was arrested for Minor Consumption of Alcohol. Both were released to a responsible person.

Noise Complaint

Aug 25 10:32 p.m. 5400 Bryant Street, Maple Plain. Reported a male was intoxicated and refused to quiet down. Officer arrival could hear music playing from the deck and several males "hooting". The homeowner was advised of the complaint, he stated no one asked him to be quiet earlier; he apologized, turned the radio off and stated they would be quiet. The complainant was advised of the outcome and thanked the Officer for his response.

Abandoned Boat

Aug 26 1700 County Line Rd, Independence, Dispatched to an abandoned fiberglass boat in a pasture on private property. The registered owner from North Branch was located who stated he sold it to a male approximately 4-5 years ago. The owner did not have the name or contact info for the purchaser. The owner was displeased that he had to pay to have the boat removed when told to pick up the boat. The owner was advised he needed to make sure that vehicles or rec vehicle titles are transferred over when sold. Since he failed to make sure the title was transferred and he is the R/O he was responsible to remove it.

Burglary / Theft

Aug 27 5300 Pioneer Creek Dr, Maple Plain. Reported theft of unknown person(s) entered two very large boats which had been kept in a storage lot and stole \$20,000+ worth of stereo equipment. Hennepin County Sheriff's Crime lab responded, evidence and DNA were collected. The case is under investigation and charges pending results.

Vehicle in Ditch

Aug 28 1200 CO 83, Independence. Caller reported a vehicle in the ditch. Officer located the vehicle and driver. The driver had just picked up the loaner car up while his was being repaired. He forgot something and did a U-turn to go back, thought the car would turn sharper, didn't realize how steep the ditch was, ended going off the road and getting stuck. No damages. The dealership owner came and pulled him out.

Suspicious Activity

Aug 29 MP Plain Compost, Maple Plain. MP Public Works reported observing possible illegal dumping at the compost by someone who did not live in MP. Officer made contact with the registered owner of the vehicle, 3200 Bri Kessel Rd, Independence who apologized and was unaware the compost site is for Maple Plain residents only.

Bitcoin Attempted Scam

Aug 29 6200 Waldemar Way, Independence. Resident reported he had received an extortion letter requesting payment for keeping a secret, payable in Bitcoin. Resident had seen a Bitcoin scam reported on the local news channel and knew it was a scam. Resident did not respond to the letter or pay Bitcoin as knew it was a scam. He wanted Police to be aware of his attempted scam.

Theft from MV

Aug 29 2000 Lakeshore Drive, Independence. Resident reported sometime on Sunday night Aug 26th, someone entered her unlocked car and stole a car phone charging cord and port from her vehicle.

PI Crash

Aug 29

Main Street / Baker Park Rd, Maple Plain. Police dispatched for a reported personal injury crash involving a motorcycle. 49 yoa motor vehicle driver from Loretto stated he looked both ways at the intersection, pulled out and struck a motorcycle ridden by a 55 yoa male from St. Louis Park. The m/c rider had injuries and was transported to the hospital by ambulance. The motorist was issued a citation for Failure to Yield at an Intersection.

PI Crash

Aug 30

Hitsman Lane / Hwy 12, Independence. Rush-hour traffic was slowing in front of the Rider on his motorcycle and he ended up laying down his bike to avoid hitting the vehicle in front of him. Rider was wearing protective equipment; helmet, leather jacket and jeans and glasses which protected him from serious injury.

Unconscious

Aug 30

CR 19, Saddle Ridge, Independence WHPS was dispatched to a report of a bicycle rider on the side of the road, was unconscious and not breathing. Officer's responded and found Maple Plain Fire was taking care of the male who was conscious and breathing, but highly intoxicated. PBT was submitted which resulted in .23 breath alcohol concentration. North Memorial Ambulance transported Steven Roger Hubbard, 59 Wayzata to the hospital. His bicycle was taken to the PD for safekeeping.

Crash

Aug 30

Bryant Street / Pioneer Ave., Maple Plain. Motorist pulled out of a parking lot and T-boned a vehicle, striking the driver's side. The struck vehicle was not drivable and was towed. The motorist stated he was pulling out of the parking lot and did not see the vehicle coming. It was hard to see around the vehicles parked along the road curb on Bryant Street. Motorist was issued a citation for Failure to Yield when entering an intersection.

3rd Degree DWI

Aug 30

CR 6/ CR 90, Independence. Dispatched for a traffic complaint and Officer observed the vehicle cross the fog and center line. Contact with the driver a strong odor of alcohol was coming from the vehicle. Driver Jase Carl Miller, 33 from Watertown, submitted a breath test which resulted in .16 breath alcohol concentration. Miller was arrested, transported and booked into Hennepin Co Jail for 3rd Degree DWI.

Dumping Complaint

Aug 31

2000 Lindgren Lane Independence. Reported that someone has dumped a large pile of acorns along the swamp on Lindgren Lane. Reporter thought possibly a landscape business that has nowhere else to get rid of them dumped them. Unknown who dumped the acorns.

4th Degree DWI

Aug 31

CR 6 /Game Farm Rd, Independence. Vehicle stopped for speeding 72 / 50 MPH. Contact with the driver Lew Anthony Erickson, 59 of Orono, an odor of alcohol was detected. Erickson provided a breath sample which resulted in .09 breath alcohol concentration. Erickson was arrested for 4th Degree DWI and Open Bottle in Motor Vehicle and released to a responsible person.



Date: October 2, 2018

To: Public Safety Commissioners
City of Independence Council Members
City of Maple Plain Council Members

From: Director Gary Kroells *GK*

SUBJECT: SEPTEMBER 2018 ACTIVITY REPORT

The purpose of this report is to give the reader a quick overview of the activities of the Public Safety Department each month. It also compares monthly and year-to-date information to the reader.

The report is broken down into five categories, as defined by the Criminal Justice Reporting System.

CRIMINAL-- Criminal is broken down into Part I and Part II crimes.

Part I includes crimes against persons versus crimes against property; criminal homicide, forcible rape, robbery assault, aggravated assault, burglary -breaking or entering, larceny-theft, larceny analysis, motor vehicle theft and arson.

Part II includes other assaults, forgery and counterfeiting, fraud, embezzlement, stolen property, buying, receiving, possession; vandalism, weapons, carrying, possessing, etc.; prostitution and commercialized vice, sex offenses; drug abuse violations, gambling, offenses against the family and children, driving under the influence, liquor laws, drunkenness, disorderly conduct, vagrancy, all other offenses, suspicion, curfew and loitering laws - persons under 18; and runaways - persons under 18.

TRAFFIC-- Includes violations of the road and driving laws.

PART III-- Lost and Found: Includes lost and found persons, animals, and property, and stalled and abandoned vehicles.

PART IV-- Casualties: Includes all motor vehicle accidents, boating, and snowmobile; public home occupational accidents, fires, suicides, sudden deaths, burning permits, and burning violations.

PART V-- Miscellaneous Public: Includes open doors, gun permit applications, suspicious activities, animal complaints, motorist assists, alarm calls, parking complaints, house checks, driving complaints, civil matters, family disputes, department assists.

The balance of the report shows the total number of incidents handled, miles driven and how the Public Safety Department received calls. If anyone should desire more detailed statistical data, please contact my office.

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Monthly Activity Report

September 2018

Offense	This Month	Same Month Last Year	This Year To Date	Last Year To Date
City Of Independence				
Criminal	9	11	101	92
Traffic	209	184	1,447	1,615
Part III	8	8	65	73
Part IV	25	23	272	255
Part V	116	137	1,258	1,372
Total City of Independence	367	363	3,143	3,407
City Of Maple Plain				
Criminal	1	6	42	87
Traffic	72	71	827	949
Part III	5	9	32	43
Part IV	22	20	190	144
Part V	142	110	1,188	1,190
Total City Of Maple Plain	242	216	2,279	2,413
Grand Total Both Cities	609	579	5,422	5,820
TZD	43	18	138	185
Agency Assists	26	55	264	450
Total ICR Reports	678	634	5,824	6,455
Mileage	11,731	9,814	112,303	113,173
How Received				
Fax	12	7	106	102
In Person	83	29	317	228
Mail	1	2	14	12
Other	2	2	24	35
Phone	25	39	324	275
Radio	154	165	1,631	1,639
Visual	365	351	3,044	3,743
Email	4	2	47	44
Lobby Walk In	32	37	317	377
Total	678	634	5,824	6,455

September 2018 Criminal Part I & II
City of Independence Grid #'s 3-5

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	Reported Date	MOC range
WHPS	18005149	Drugs-Small Amount Marijuana not in MV	9/1/2018	3	9/1/2018	DA540
WHPS	18005155	Drugs - Possess Small Amount of Marijuana	9/1/2018	3	9/1/2018	DA540
WHPS	18005193	Damage to Property - 3rd Degree - Reduce Value	9/3/2018	3	9/3/2018	B1960
WHPS	18005251	Theft of iPhone	9/6/2018	3	9/6/2018	TD999
WHPS	18005329	Theft of Signs	9/11/2018	5	9/11/2018	TR999
WHPS	18005491	DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired /Open bottle law; Possession	9/16/2018	3	9/16/2018	JFW01
WHPS	18005642	Damage Property/ Vandalism/Mailboxes X 27	9/22/2018	5	9/22/2018	P3119
WHPS	18005653	DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired	9/23/2018	4	9/23/2018	JFW01
WHPS	18005655	DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired	9/23/2018	4	9/23/2018	JFR01

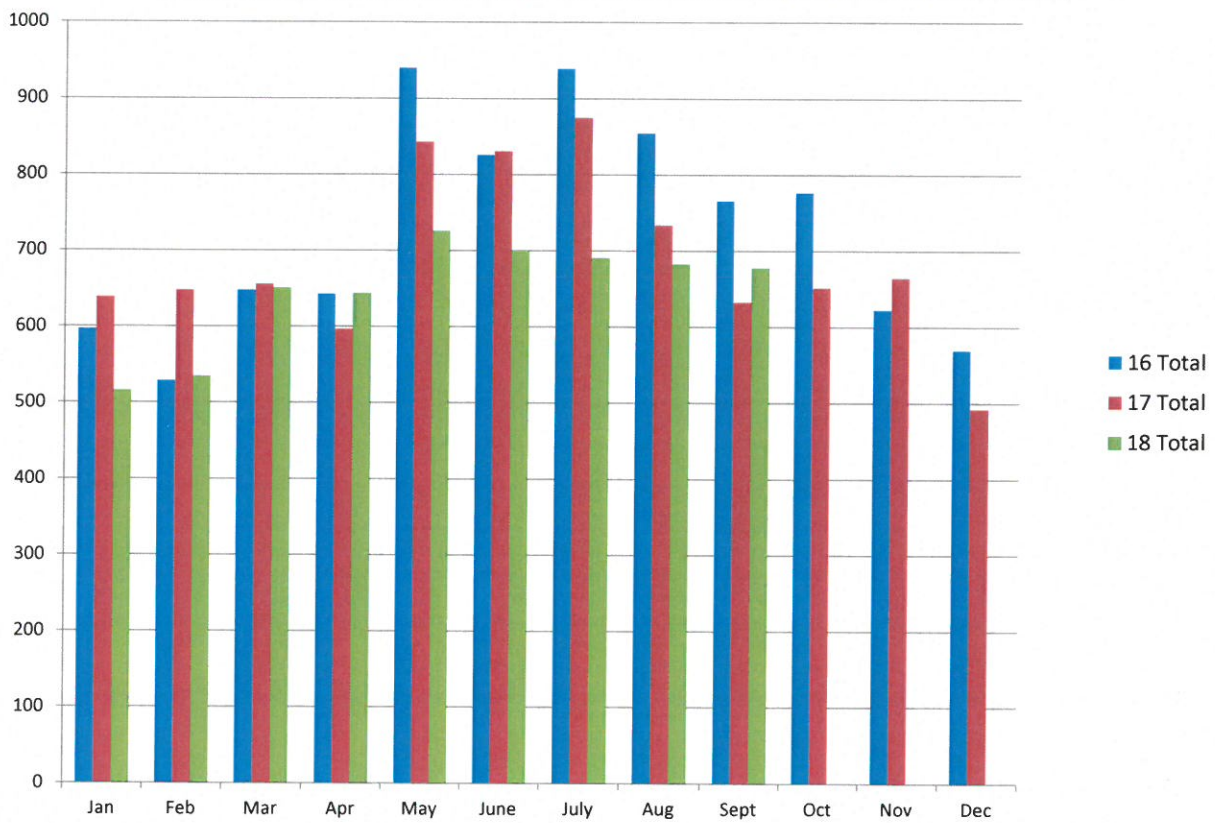
September 2018 Criminal Part I & II
City of Maple Plain Grid # 1-2

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	Reported Date	MOC range
WHPS	18005268	Fraudulent Financial Credit Card Illegal Use	9/7/2018	2	9/7/2018	U0550

September 2018 Criminal Part I & II
Towards Zero Death Grant Shift

AGN	ICR	Title	Create Date	Grid #	Reported Date	MOC range
WHPS	18005177	DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired	9/2/2018	72	9/2/2018	JFW01
WHPS	18005446	DWI - Third-Degree Driving While Impaired / Traffic - Speeding - Exceed Limit / Traffic regulation - failure to drive in sing	9/15/2018	67	9/15/2018	JFW01
WHPS	18005617	Drugs - Possess Small Amount of Marijuana	9/21/2018	20	9/21/2018	DA540

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WEST HENNEPIN PUBLIC SAFETY September 2018 Activity Report

Year to Date Activity Report

At the end of September 30, 2018 West Hennepin Public Safety (WHPS) handled year-to-date a total of 5,824 incident complaints; 3,143 Independence and 2,279 in Maple Plain. For the month of September; 367 incidents occurred in Independence and 242 incidents were in Maple Plain.

The Criminal Part I and Part II cases for both cities have been highlighted for your review on the attached documents.

Recent Highlighted Cases:

Possession of Marijuana

Sept 1 1:02 a.m. Hwy 12/ Valley Rd, Independence. Vehicle stopped for speeding, 68/ 55 MPH. Contact with the driver Tyler Kenneth Tripp, 36 of Watertown; Officer observed green leafy flakes on the drivers leg/top of thigh believed to be marijuana and Tripp acknowledged it was marijuana. A small container in the glove box containing a green leafy bud was found. Tripp was cited for Possession of Small Amount of Marijuana.

Suspicious Act-Possession of Marijuana

Sept 1 12:09 p.m. 500 Game Farm Rd, Independence. Caller reported a suspicious vehicle, which has been returning to their area for several weeks, was back again in their area. Contact with the driver who stated he grew up around here a long time ago, is back in the area and admitted to frequenting the area and looking for wildlife/enjoying the country. While speaking with the driver, Kevin Michael O'Neill 62, from Mound a very strong odor of fresh marijuana was coming from the vehicle. O'Neill denied possessing marijuana and then retrieved a bait puck which contained approximately 1.5 grams of marijuana. The marijuana was seized and O'Neill was cited for Small Amount of Marijuana in Motor Vehicle. The caller was advised of the Officer's findings.

Sign /Signal Problem

Sept 2 Hwy 12/ County Line Rd, Independence. Temporary stop signs were creating a buzz on social media for creating an unsafe intersection. WHPS Sgt contacted MN DOT and they advised to lay down the stop signs at the intersection if they were causing a hazard. WHPS Sgt responded and took down the signs and placed a sandbag on them so they wouldn't fly away.

Domestic Stalking

Sept 3 7900 CR 6, independence. Reported an ex-boyfriend wouldn't leave the property and had attempted to break in through the garage. Pry marks were found on the door and footprints left on the top an RV to access an upper window. Witness observed a male trying to break into a garage using two metal yard stakes. Contact with Harley Daniel Zappa, 22 from Minneapolis who stated he was dropped off by Uber and didn't have a key to the garage and was going to gain access by going through the apartment. Zappa claimed once it was clear his ex-girlfriend did not want him on the property, he sat on the stairs in front of the house. Zappa was arrested and transported to Henn Co Jail and booked and charges pending for 3rd Degree Damage to Property, Stalking and Domestic Assault.

Welfare Check

Sept 4 1500 Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Reported a female was walking in the hallway telling people her stalker was in her apartment. Officer found the female in her apartment with her apartment door propped all the way open. She stated everything was ok and she was not telling people there was a stalker in her apartment. Officer advised her he was checking to make sure all was ok. It was clear she could leave if she wished and she stated it all was ok.

Disturbance
Sept 4 1500 Wyman Ave, Maple Plain. Reported a patient was swinging a metal rod and threatening staff. Officer was able to remove the rod from the patient, Family transported him to the hospital as it was determined the patient was likely suffering from a possible infection or medication issue causing the disruption.

Customer Problem
Sept 4 200 CR 92, Independence. Dispatched for a disruptive customer, refusing to pay a bill and screaming at people. Officer located 52 yoa female from Plymouth who stated she had paid and was leaving. The female had ordered a liquor drink and a manager had observed she drank it. She claimed she spilled the drink on the ground and asked for a new one which started the incident. The female has a b-card prohibiting her from consuming alcohol and the B-card violation was sent to the state. Management did not want any charges, but wanted her trespassed from the property. She was issued a Trespass Order,

Crash
Sept 5 6000 CR 6, Independence. Motorist driving westbound CO RD 6, traveling up a hill into the sunset did not see a truck pulling a trailer was turning into a driveway until it was too late. He hit his brakes swerved to the right to avoid a collision but ended up side swiping the trailer. No injuries. Motorist was issued a citation for Fail to Drive with Due Care.

Crash
Sept 6 12:08 a.m. CR 90 / Marsh Point, Independence. Officer observed a vehicle in the ditch up against a tree. Contact with the 60 yoa driver from Litchfield stated he was not injured and did not need medical assistance. He was heading home and thinks he all of a sudden fell asleep. While talking with the driver, Officer did not detect any alcohol or drug impairment. Vehicle had heavy front end damage and was no longer operable. The driver did not have anyone to call for a ride at this time of night and was given a ride to Delano Hotel and would call a friend in the morning.

Recovered Stolen
Sept 6 12:09 a.m. 1500 Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Officer found an unoccupied vehicle in the parking lot. The vehicle came back stolen out of Minneapolis. Minneapolis Police confirmed the vehicle was stolen. The vehicle was inventoried and the keys were in the center console. Nothing else of value or evidence was found inside the vehicle. There are no known suspects, leads or evidence in regards to who had taken the vehicle. The vehicle was towed from the lot.

Illegal Dumping
Sept 7 1270 Poplar Ave. Maple Plain. City of Maple Plain Public Works reported employees of a landscaping company were illegally dumping at the compost site in Maple Plain. WHPS Chief spoke with the owner of the company explaining his activity was illegal and his landscape company is unable to dump any material at the compost site. The compost site is for residents of Maple Plain to drop off compost. He understood and will no longer do it. He had been previously advised of this activity and was warned the next time it is a citation for illegal dumping. He disagreed but understood.

Disturbance
Sept 8 3675 Ihduhapi Trail Independence. Received call of a male was being confrontational with Vinland Center staff that was ejecting the male from their facility due to his behavior, yelling at staff, punching holes in walls and doors. The male apologized; believed there may be something off with his meds as he knew he reacted poorly. Unable to reach family members a Reserve Officer transported the male to Buffalo. A family member later called and stated he was picking up the male.

Missing Person

Sept 8 12:18 a.m. 4800 Hwy 12, Maple Plain. Boyfriend reported while he was paying his bill, his girlfriend left on foot. She left her car, was not answering her phone and was not familiar with the area or people. Multiple police agencies assisted in searching for the female. A phone ping was done and an approximate location was found. The female was located at a house in the 5400 block of Bryant Street, MP. The female stated she was fine and was at the house on her own free will. The boyfriend was called and advised she was found and staying with a friend.

PI Crash

Sept 9 9000 CR 6, Independence Veh # 1 westbound on CR 6 slowed down to make a left hand turn, was rear-ended by Veh# 2. Driver of Veh #2 stated he was traveling w/b with his cruise control activated at 53mph, did see Veh#1 ahead put on their left blinker, but believed the vehicle was pulling to the right shoulder . He attempted to overtake the vehicle on the left side when he then collided with the vehicle as it turned left. Veh #2 driver cited Failure to Drive with Due Care.

Stalled Vehicle on RR Tracks

Sept 10 RR Tracks / Valley Rd, Independence. Dispatched to RR crossing arms were coming down and a vehicle was stalled on the tracks. Motorist had gotten lost going to Buffalo, stopped in the middle of Valley Road to look at her map, as there was no traffic. Motorist quickly tried to pull off the road to not block an approaching car, her vehicle got hung up on the RR tracks and the crossing arms started to come down. Two bystanders advised the driver to get out of her car as a train was coming and the driver did, but then got back into the car to try and get it off the tracks. The two bystanders helped and pushed the vehicle out of the path of the oncoming train. Burlington Northern was advised the tracks had been cleared. No damage to the crossing was observed, and the driver's vehicle had minor damage to the front bumper.

Pain

Sept 14 1500 block Howard Ave Maple Plain. Female reported she had been in the hospital a few days ago and she was not feeling well. She had a friend over the other day and they were having a pudding fight and her pain meds accidentally got flushed down the drain during the pudding shenanigans. North Memorial Ambulance arrived and transported her to the hospital.

Disturbance / Fight

Sept 14 10:22 p.m. 1500 Howard Ave. Maple Plain. Dispatched to a call of two males arguing and fighting outside of the building. Upon arrival the two males were yelling and fighting on the 2nd floor. The males stated a confrontation of things put into an apartment and sliding stuff under his door started the yelling and pushing. They were advised to take it up with management and agreed to stay away from each other for the evening.

3rd Degree DWI

Sept 15 Vehicle was stopped for speed. Contact with the driver an odor of alcohol was coming from the vehicle. Paul Vincent Mock, 71 submitted a breath test which resulted in .18 breath alcohol concentration. Mock was transported to Hennepin Co Jail and booked for 3rd Degree DWI.

Neighbor Complaint

Sept 15 1500 Howard Ave Maple Plain. Reported an issue in the main floor common area with other tenant's dogs being off leash and running at his dog while he is walking his dog on leash.

Stuck in Elevator

Sept 17 1:37 p.m. 1500 Howard Ave Maple Plain. Reported people stuck in the elevator due a storm and a city wide power outage. Maple Plain Fire Rescue attempted the rescue and was able to get the people out of the elevator.

Suspicious Act

Sept 18 9:44 p.m. 5400 Clayton Dr. Maple Plain. Report received of suspicious activity of people in a yard with flashlights at a vacant home. Officer found a male in the back yard who stated he had been subcontracted to perform work on the residence today and wanted to get a start on the project. He had paperwork indicating the work to be performed. The male was advised of the complaint and the cities noise ordinance regarding performing work after hours. Officer returned the R/P's call and was advised of his findings.

Lift Assist

Sept 18 10:22 p.m. 5300 Hwy 12, Maple Plain. Officer responded to a lift assist and found a 69 yoa female inside her locked unit shouting. The landlord open the door, the female was sitting on the floor and stated she had consumed some wine and just needed help up, She was assisted to her bed however she was unable to maintain her balance. Another tenant and friend agreed to check on the female until she sobered up. No apparent medical needed other than intoxicated. The friend was advised to call 911 if the female needed any further assistance.

Illness

Sept 20 3675 Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Dispatched by radio to Vinland Center for someone who was detoxing and unresponsive but breathing. Loretto Fire assisted WHPS Officer and made contact with the victim who was lying in her bed breathing but not responsive. Officer was able to wake her for about 20 seconds before she went back to sleep. North Memorial arrived on scene, female was woken up, put on a cot and fell back asleep. She was transported to the hospital.

Suicidal Male

Sept 21 3576 Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Vinland Center reported a male who was bleeding from the wrist after using a razor blade. North Memorial Ambulance arrived and assisted with the male. The male stated he was not trying to kill himself, only injure himself as his wife did not want to be with him. The male voluntarily went to the hospital for further treatment.

Disturbance

Sept 22 3576 Ihduhapi Trail, Independence. Vinland Center reported treatment resident threatening staff and other residents. Officers responded and found subject sitting in his room on his bed, was civil and appeared calm but stated he was angry earlier about an issue with a phone card and said some things he now regrets and was apologetic. North Memorial Ambulance arrived and assisted with the male who was transported to the hospital.

3rd Degree DWI

Sept 23 8:39 p.m. 4900 Sunset Lane, Independence. Dispatched to a vehicle in the ditch. Contact with driver Theresa Euphemia Johnson, 64, Loretto stated she got stuck trying to turn around and had ordered a tow truck. Officer speaking with Johnson could smell a strong odor of an alcoholic beverage emitting from the vehicle. Johnson admitted to consuming two glasses of wine, they just left from celebrating at a home down the road. Johnson submitted a breath test which resulted in .17 breath alcohol concentration. Johnson was arrested for 3rd Degree DWI and transported to HC Jail.

3rd Degree DWI Refusal

Sept 23 9:25 p.m. 4900 Sunset Lane, Independence. Officer waiting for Johnson's vehicle tow to arrive, Johnson's sister, Jane Frances Theis 69, of Loretto returned to the scene, parked in the middle of the road, got out leaving the driver's door open, walked towards the squad nearly falling over. Theis wanted to know what was going on with her sister. Officer could detect a clear odor of alcohol on her breath. Theis denied consumption then said may have had one glass of wine 3 hours earlier. Preliminary breath test resulted in .133 breath alcohol concentration. Theis was arrested and transported to WHPS PD where Theis refused to submit to a breath test. Theis was arrested for 3rd Degree DWI Test Refusal and 4th Degree DWI. She was released to a sober friend.

Hawk Crosswalk Signal Problem

Sept 25 Budd Ave. / Hwy 12, Maple Plain. An elderly pedestrian stated the Hawk Crosswalk Signal was not triggering for her. Officer tested both sides, worked perfectly. Officer advised the female to touch the silver arrow that activates the flashing lights on the signal indicator next time; she thanked the Officer for his assistance.

Suspicious

Sept 25 12:04 a.m. 1500 Howard Ave, Maple Plain. Reported noises were heard in a vacant apartment, someone was in it. Officer knew the apartment was empty, had no reason or authority to enter the apartment. Caller was advised to call management and have them check the apartment.

Found Wallet

Sept 29 5700 Maple Ridge Dr, Maple Plain Resident found a wallet in the bushes by his mailbox and asked for Police assistance to try and get it back to the owner. The owner was located whose vehicle had been broken into and her wallet stolen from it about two months prior in Maple Plain. The wallet was soaking wet and had been out in the weather for the past two months. Officer delivered it to the owner in 1100 block of CR 83, Independence.



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DATE: October 3, 2018

TO: City of Independence, Mark Kaltsas

FROM: Chief Kroells

SUBJECT: 2018 Hennepin County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan

Over the past several years I have been working with Hennepin County Emergency Management to identify major hazards in the City of Independence. Hennepin County Emergency Management is pleased to present the 2018 Hennepin County Multi-Jurisdictional Hazard Mitigation Plan.

The purpose of this plan is to identify the Counties major hazards, assess the vulnerability, and to reduce risk using a variety of data and best practice measures to implement mitigation projects. The plan identifies goals and recommended actions and initiatives for each jurisdiction within this county to reduce and/prevent injury and damage from hazardous events. The intent of the Plan is to provide unified guidance for ensuring coordination of recovery-related hazard mitigation efforts following a major emergency/disaster, and to implement an on-going comprehensive county hazard mitigation strategy intended to reduce the impact of loss of life and property due to effects of natural hazards.

Through continued collaboration with each jurisdiction by providing staff expertise, support, training and education opportunities, Hennepin County Emergency Management will continue to increase its resiliency to the effects of natural hazards.

A resolution of approval is needed to accept the Hennepin County Emergency Management Hazard Mitigation plan. A copy of the plan has been included for your review.



RESOLUTION NO. 18-1016-01

RESOLUTION OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

**ADOPTION OF THE
HENNEPIN COUNTY ALL-HAZARD MITIGATION PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Independence has participated in the hazard mitigation planning process as established under the Disaster Mitigation Act of 2000; and

WHEREAS, the Act establishes a framework for the development of a multi-jurisdictional County Hazard Mitigation Plan; and

WHEREAS, the Act as part of the planning process requires public involvement and local coordination among neighboring local units of government and businesses; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Plan includes a risk assessment including past hazards, hazards that threaten the County, an estimate of structures at risk, a general description of land uses and development trends; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Plan includes a mitigation strategy including goals and objectives and an action plan identifying specific mitigation projects and costs; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County Plan includes a maintenance or implementation process including plan updates, integration of the plan into other planning documents and how Hennepin County will maintain public participation and coordination; and

WHEREAS, the Plan has been shared with the Minnesota Division of Homeland Security and Emergency Management and the Federal Emergency Management Agency for review and comment; and

WHEREAS, the Hennepin County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan will make the county and participating jurisdictions eligible to receive FEMA hazard mitigation assistance grants; and

WHEREAS, this is a multi-jurisdictional Plan and cities that participated in the planning process may choose to also adopt the County Plan.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City of Independence supports the hazard mitigation planning effort and wishes to adopt the Hennepin County All-Hazard Mitigation Plan.

This resolution was adopted by the City Council of the City of Independence on this 16th day of October 2018, by a vote of ____ ayes and ____ nays.

Marvin Johnson, Mayor

Attest:

Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator

City of Independence

Consideration of an Ordinance Amendment to Chapter 13 of the City Code Establishing Seasonal Parking Restrictions Relating to Snow Fall Events

To: City Council
From: Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator
Meeting Date: October 16, 2018

Discussion:

The City updated the ordinance in 2017 to include seasonal parking restrictions. Public Works and Public Safety would like to further clarify the seasonal parking restrictions to say that there shall be no parking permitted at any time between the specified hours on city streets from November 1 through April 15 of each year and between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. In addition, the proposed amendment adds a provision that states following a snowfall event of 3 inches or more, no parking is permitted on city streets until they have been cleared. This clarifies the ordinance which, as previously adopted, allowed parking on city streets between 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m. once the streets were cleared.

Council Recommendation:

Council can consider adoption of **ORDINANCE 2018-04** amending Chapter 13 of the City Code.

Attachments: **ORDINANCE 2018-04**

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-04

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 13 OF THE CITY CODE,
SEASONAL PARKING RESTRICTIONS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF INDEPENDENCE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. City Code, Chapter 13, Traffic, Motor Vehicle and Other Vehicles is amended as follows:

SECTION 1300.03. Parking. Subdivision 1. *Parking prohibited.* No person shall park any motor vehicle, vehicle, trailer, machinery or implement at any time except for emergencies on the following streets, avenues or alleys within the city:

- (a) On both sides of Sunset Lane for a distance of 400 feet west of its intersection with Lake Sarah Heights Drive;
- (b) On both sides of Lake Sarah Heights Drive for a distance of 300 feet north of its intersection with Sunset Lane.
- (c) On both sides of those portions of Rachel Ridge, Dylan Lane and South Lake Sarah Drive that lie within a one-half mile radius of the point of intersection of the center lines of Genekar Way and South Lake Sarah Drive. (Amended, Ord. No. 92-04, Sec. 2; Ord. No. 93-02, Sec. 1; Ord. No. 96-02, Sec. 1).
- (d) On both sides of Roy Road, between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00a.m. (Added, Ord. No. 97-06)
- (e) On the east side of Independence Road starting at a point 120 feet south of the driveway at 2485 Independence Road going north 665 feet, and on the west side of Independence Road starting at a point 270 feet south of the bridge over Pioneer Creek on Independence Road going north 2,200 feet. (Added, Ord. No. 2003-02)
- (f) On the north side of Turner Road, to include all of section 27. (Amended, Ord. No. 2009-04)

Subd. 2. *Seasonal Parking Restrictions.*

- (a) From November 1 through April 15 of each year and between the hours of 2:00 a.m. and 8:00 a.m., ~~following a snow fall of 2 inches or more in depth, it shall be unlawful to park or permit to be parked, or to continue to park or permit to stand, any vehicle upon any city street. until the snow has been plowed from the street or the same has been otherwise disposed of.~~
- (b) Following a snow fall of 3 inches or more in depth, it shall be unlawful to park

or permit to be parked, or to continue to park or permit to stand, any vehicle upon any street until the snow has been plowed from the street or the same has been otherwise disposed of.

Subd. 3. *Violators towed.* Any motor vehicle, vehicle, machinery or implement parked in violation of this subsection shall be removed from the city street, avenue, or alley or city property and shall be impounded until the owner pays all towing and storage charges.

Subd. 4. *Penalty.* Any person, firm, or corporation who shall be convicted of a violation of

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

ADOPTED this 16th day of October 2018, by the City Council of the City of Independence.

CITY OF INDEPENDENCE

By: _____
Marvin Johnson, Mayor

Attest:

Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator

City of Independence

Consider Amending Sign Permit Fees

To: City Council
From: Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator
Meeting Date: October 16, 2018

Discussion:

The City requires a sign permit for all signs that are installed within the City with a few exceptions. The exceptions are as follows:

Subd. 4. Exceptions. The exceptions permitted by this section apply only to the requirement of a permit and are not to be construed as excusing the installer of the sign or the owner of the property upon which the sign is located from conforming with the other provisions of this section. No permit is required under this section for the following:

- (a) Signs having an area of four square feet or less.*
- (b) Signs erected by a governmental unit, public school or church.*
- (c) Campaign signs listed in subsection 550.11, subdivision 5.*
- (d) Memorial signs or tablets containing the name of the building, its use, and date of erection when cut or built into the walls of the building and constructed of bronze, brass, stone, marble or similar material.*

The City permits one type of sign in the Agriculture zoning district relating to farmsteads as follows:

Agricultural districts. One farm nameplate is permitted for each farm, provided that it may be no greater than 12 square feet in area per surface and may have no more than two surfaces.

The City has only one fee for permanent sign permits that is established annually with the adoption of the City's fee schedule. The sign permit fee for permanent signs is currently \$250.00. The City recently identified a potential issue with having only one fee for permanent sign permits. Earlier this year a resident of the City applied for a farm nameplate sign for their farmstead. The City noted that the sign was greater than 4 square feet and would therefore require a sign permit per the ordinance. Because the City has only one fee, the resident was required to pay the \$250 sign permit application fee.

The City subsequently discussed amending the fee schedule to differentiate between farm signs and other permanent signs. Staff is recommending that the City establish a Farm Nameplate Sign Fee of \$25.00 for all farm nameplate signs. It should be noted that nameplate signs in the Rural Residential zoning district cannot exceed 4 square feet and as such do not require a sign permit.

The City has also reviewed the fee for temporary sign permits which is currently \$100.00. It is recommended that the City also consider reducing the temporary sign permit fee from \$100.00 to \$25.00. It is anticipated that the establishment of a reasonable temporary sign permit fee will encourage more applications to be submitted to the City. The fee charged by the City is required to have a nexus associated with the cost the City incurs to review and issue the sign permit. Reviewing sign permits prior to installation of a sign ensures that requisite setbacks are met, signs are not located in areas that impede site visibility for driveways and intersections and that signs conform to all applicable size and height requirements.

Based on the direction from the City Council relating to the aforementioned recommendations, the Fee Schedule would be updated in January 2019 as a part of the annual update as follows:

SIGN PERMIT (#)

Temporary (administrative) ~~\$ 100~~ \$25

Farm Nameplate Sign Permit \$25

Permanent Sign/Site Plan Review \$ 250

Council Recommendation:

Staff is seeking direction relating to sign permit fees.

City of Independence

Set November City Council Meeting Date(s)

To: City Council
From: Mark Kaltsas, City Administrator
Meeting Date: October 16, 2018

Discussion:

The first November City Council Meeting falls on the same date as the General Election. The City will need to reschedule the Council Meeting. The second November City Council Meeting falls on the Tuesday of Thanksgiving week. Due to the upcoming agenda items and the Thanksgiving Holiday, the City is in a position to hold only one meeting in November. Staff is recommending that the City Council cancel both regularly scheduled meetings in November and hold one meeting. Based on a quick pole of the Council, the best alternative date is Monday, November 5th at 6:30 PM.

Council Recommendation:

Council can consider cancelling both regularly scheduled City Council Meetings and scheduling a City Council Meeting for Monday, November 5th at 6:30 PM.