

Louisburg Speaks

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Do I need a permit for that?



In 2016 the Louisburg City Council waived permit fees for single-family residential new construction. The city saw a spike in the number of building permits issued for the year finishing at 49 permits. Only 11 permits were issued the previous two years combined. In December 2016, the Council voted to extend the incentive to waive permit fees for new single-family residential homes for all of 2017.

Residential or commercial construction within the City of Louisburg requires a building permit. What many homeowners don't realize is that permits are also required for new additions, accessory structures, fences and decks, irrigation systems and for the repair or replacement of existing construction. That could include replacing a roof, section of fence or deck. Also any construction relating to framing, electrical, mechanical and/or plumbing trades requires a building permit.

However, cosmetic changes such as painting, carpeting, cabinetry and landscaping do not require a building permit.

City staff issues permits after the project is reviewed

to be sure it meets requirements such as setbacks, square footage of project and if necessary, that it has been designed by a licensed professional.

Residential projects are reviewed in two days while commercial projects and tenant finish and remodel require five days.

Building permits are valid for one year from date issued. If an inspection is required, that information will be included on the permit. Permits should be displayed on the property where the work is occurring.

Homeowners may act as their own contractor. All hired contractors and subcontractors must be licensed with Miami County. A comprehensive list of licensed

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Locating underground utility lines

Before performing any excavation, it's important that you have underground utility lines marked by Kansas One-Call. Kansas One-Call can be contacted at 800-DIG-SAFE (344-7233) or dial 811. All underground utility lines are marked at no charge to the caller.

Kansas One-Call also offers an online option to request utility line markings at www.kansasonecall.com.

Utility companies, including the City, have three business days to mark lines so plan your project accordingly.

Marking utility lines is very important to prevent disrupting service to your home or neighborhood or potential life-threatening issues such as rupturing



City public works crew mark water lines as part of a Kansas One-Call request.

a gas or electric line.

Utility lines should be marked before doing any projects that require excavation such as planting trees or shrubs, installing a water feature, fence, deck or mailbox and before pouring concrete.

What makes Louisburg great?

What makes a great city? Obviously, I think Louisburg is a great city, but what *does* make it a great city? Is it the buildings, the new city hall, the police department or the fire department?

City officials have worked hard to repair streets, sidewalks, and potholes but that doesn't separate us from other cities. We are in the early stages of developing a waste water treatment plant to meet new EPA requirements, but other cities are too. We have updated our fire truck to meet current regulations for fire equipment. South Broadway will undergo a facelift this summer with upgraded sidewalks to improve walkability, storm water drainage and parking. Hopefully, Broadway will become a destination area that we can all be proud of. Louisburg has some fantastic parks that are used by individuals, families and for school athletic events. While this gives us all a wonderful sense of pride and beauty, does that make us a great city?

We are talking to new businesses constantly and are taking steps to be as business friendly as possible. All of this makes us a better city, but not necessarily a great city.

But what makes us stand out over the communities? Each of you make the city great! It is the individual citizens who take time to express their opinions at the city meetings. It is the people of our city who strive to help others that makes Louisburg a great place that I love to call home. Sometimes we may disagree on how to get there, but we all want to make this a great city. If you have any ideas, please do not hesitate to share them with me or anyone on the city council. I can be reached at 913-908-6384 or you can e-mail me at msouthard@louisburgkansas.gov

**Mayor's
Minute**

Marty Southard

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Permits

contractors may be found at <http://www.miamicountyks.org/DocumentCenter/View/3052>

WORK WITHOUT A PERMIT

Performing construction without a permit is a violation of the city’s zoning regulations unless the work is exempt from a permit. A fine of up to \$500 can be levied for such violations and continues each day that the violation continues. Other appropriate actions or proceedings may be initiated to prevent unlawful use.

NEED MORE INFORMATION?

Homeowners or contractors should stop by or call the planning and zoning coordinator at City Hall at 913-837-5811 if there are questions whether a project needs a permit.

Permit applications should be submitted in person. Most applications can be found online at www.louisburgkansas.gov/documentcenter. Permit fees are determined by the scope of work to be completed. Fees are paid by cash or check made out to the City of Louisburg.

Permits required

- New home construction
- Accessory structure (more than 150 sq. ft.)
- Addition
- Basement finish
- Covered porch / sunroom
- Deck
- Demolition
- Driveways
- Electrical
- Fence
- Furnace and/or air conditioner replacement
- Mechanical alteration
- Plumbing alteration
- Re-roof
- Remodel
- Swimming pool / hot tub / spa
- Tenant finish
- Water heater replacement
- Siding and windows
- Irrigation systems

This is a partial list of projects that require a permit.

Permit application fees

ELECTRICAL FEE SCHEDULE

Electrical Service	\$50
600 volts or less and not over 200 amps	
Electrical Service	\$75
600 volts or less 200 amps to 1000 amps	
Electrical Service	\$125
over 600 volts or over 1000 amps	
Sign, Electrical	\$44
Temporary Power Service	\$50
All other electrical permits	\$50

MECHANICAL FEE SCHEDULE

Furnace Installation	\$25
Air Conditioner Installation	\$25
Heat Pump Installation	\$25
Hot Water Heater Installation	\$25
All Other Mechanical Permits	\$25

PLUMBING FEE SCHEDULE

First Plumbing Fixture on one trap	\$25
(or set of fixtures on one trap)	
Each Additional Plumbing Fixture	\$10
Lawn Sprinkler including backflow	\$25
protection devices	
All other Plumbing Permits	\$25

FUEL GAS FEE SCHEDULE

Fuel Gas Piping	\$25
Other Fuel Gas Permits	\$25

REPAIRS FEE

Roof	\$25
Windows/Siding	\$25

OTHER FEES

Driveway/Sidewalk	\$25
Fence	\$25
Deck (greater than 30” off ground)	\$75
Deck (less than 30” off ground)	\$25
Patio	\$25
Swimming Pool (includes electrical)	\$75
Sign Permit	\$50
Other Permits	\$75

Getting to know the.....Police Dept.

Observing vehicular and pedestrian traffic in school zones is just one of the many duties Louisburg police officers do each day.



Keeping Louisburg and its citizens safe is a top priority for the Louisburg police department. There are 10 full-time and five part-time officers that patrol the city streets in addition to Chief Tim Bauer and an administrative assistant who is responsible for maintaining police records.

The officers work eight hour shifts and rotate those shifts every 90 days. This rotation typically has the officers working all three shifts — days, evenings and nights.

In a typical month officers might drive around 1,200 miles patrolling the city, responding to calls and assisting outside agencies.

The average officer's shift looks like this: report for duty, check emails and other communications and receive briefings on previous and current activities; check his/her vehicle for operation, emergency equipment and appropriate supplemental equipment; report availability to the dispatcher and begin patrol; patrol and watch for violations of traffic laws or city ordinances; write reports regarding shift activity; and brief the incoming shift.

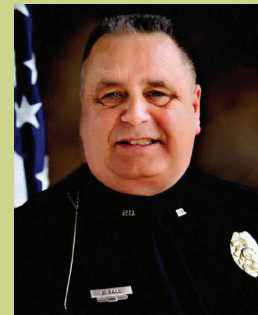
There are many different types of calls that officers respond to. These can include: assist the public; motorist assist; animal calls; welfare checks; fire or EMS assist; vehicle accidents;

disturbances; property offenses and personal offenses.

Chief Bauer says the one thing being a police officer guarantees is no two days are ever the same.

Officer retires

Long-time Louisburg police officer Brent Ball retired from the force Dec. 23. Officer Ball served with the local police department since 2002 and began his career working as a jail deputy with the Wyandotte County Sheriff's Office in 1999.



Officer Brent Ball

Brent was a familiar face on the evening and night shifts.

After retirement Brent and his wife Angela, who is from England, hope to travel to Europe and the Caribbean.

Brent said his biggest goal in retirement is learning to sleep like a normal person again.