

March 2017



Spring 2017 Village Newsletter

PERMIT FEE HOLIDAY: April 1—May 15

For the second time in as many years, the Village will waive certain building permit and inspection fees for a limited time during 2017. 2016 saw increased enforcement of the building maintenance codes and ordinances, including fines for failure to obtain required construction permits. To improve the aesthetic appeal of the Village, owners of residential and commercial properties within the Village may be eligible to have fees waived for property improvement projects. Eligible minor projects would pertain to building, electrical, plumbing and mechanical improvements to existing structures only. Permits and inspections would still be required. New building construction and significant rehabilitation would not be eligible since plan review and pre-construction inspections may be necessary. Examples of eligible projects include, but are not limited to the following:

- Window/door replacement
- Decks
- Kitchen/bath remodel
- Fences
- Sign replacement (commercial properties only)
- Reroofing
- Electrical upgrade
- Furnace replacement



Property owners should contact the Village Office to determine eligibility of projects and to apply for required permits. The following conditions apply:

- Permit request forms must be received at the Village Office between April 1– May 15, 2017
- Building inspections may still be required
- Projects must be completed by October 31, 2017 or fees may be reinstated

BUILDING DEPARTMENT: Since November 2015, the Village of Brooklyn has administered all construction permits and inspections (building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing). Permit applications may be obtained at www.villageofbrooklyn.com or at the Village Office. Inquiries about construction permits, such as when they are required, should be directed to the Village Office.

LADIES NIGHT OUT—June 15th: For more details, go to the DDA (Downtown Development Authority) Facebook page or www.villageofbrooklyn.com

Village of Brooklyn

www.villageofbrooklyn.com

121 N. Main St.
P.O. Box 90
Brooklyn, MI 49230

Phone: 517-592-2591

E-mail: manager@villageofbrooklyn.com

PRESORTED
STANDARD
US POSTAGE PAID
BROOKLYN, MI 49230
PERMIT NO. 14

Postal Patron

VILLAGE WATER & SEWER RATES EFFECTIVE May 1, 2017

To provide consistency with the water and sanitary sewer rates for single-family residential customers, Village Council revised rates for multi-family, commercial and industrial customers effective May 1st.

SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL RATES (No change)

Water

Usage: \$0.00265/gallon plus:
Readiness-to-Serve: \$22.75/month

Sewer

Flat Rate: \$40.00/month (Active accounts)
Readiness-to-Serve: \$30.80/month (Inactive accounts)
plus:
One-time Administrative Fee: \$10.00

MULTI-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL RATES (NEW)

Water

Usage: \$0.00265/gallon plus:
Efficiency & 1 bedroom: \$11.38 per unit/month
2 Bedroom or larger: \$22.75 per unit/month

Sewer

Flat Rate by unit size:
Efficiency & 1 bedroom: \$20.00 per unit/month
2 Bedroom or larger: \$40.00 per unit/month

COMMERCIAL & INDUSTRIAL WATER AND SEWER RATES

Water (No change)

Usage: \$0.00265/gallon plus:
Readiness-to-Serve by meter size:
¾": \$22.75
1": \$39.00
2": \$34.00
4": \$61.50

Sewer

Usage: \$0.0092/gallon (no change) plus:
Readiness-to-Serve by meter size:
¾": \$40.00
1": \$45.00
2": \$50.00
4": \$95.00

Note: Multi-family rates are set by number of units, not connections. Commercial/industrial rates are set per business location/parcel with access to municipal water or sewer and meter size rather than by number of connections.

CURB APPEAL

Please keep grass and weeds cut to 8" or less; trees and shrubs overhanging public sidewalks trimmed to a minimum of 84"; and sidewalks edged and debris cleared (including snow and ice) the entire width. Please refer to the Winter 2015-2016 newsletter or www.villageofbrooklyn.com for fees pertaining to ordinance violations.

VILLAGE-WIDE SPRING CLEAN-UP—APRIL 29, 2017

The annual Village-wide Spring Clean-Up Day will be Saturday, April 29, 2017. Help improve the appearance of the Village by removing unwanted items. Please remember the following items cannot be discarded in this program: ashes, batteries, burn barrels, compost (grass & leaves), concrete/bricks, hazardous waste, household garbage (food waste), items containing Freon (refrigerators, air conditioners, dehumidifiers & freezers), liquids (paint, oil, gas, etc.), tires and tree stumps. Contact Modern Waste (536-4900) for more information.

PLEASE remember to recycle household items whenever possible. The environment will thank you.

The Village will resume weekly curbside pickup of grass clippings (Mondays) and brush (Tuesdays) beginning April 4, 2017. The tree limb chipper will make rounds during the first week of May, August and October (and after significant storm damage) to chip limbs 5" in diameter or less. This Village service is not intended for chipping of entire trees. Property owners are responsible for removal of large limbs or entire trees and stumps.

Previous newsletters and other information are available at www.villageofbrooklyn.com