

CITY OF BALATON

FALL/WINTER 2025 NEWSLETTER

City Hall Hours: Monday-Thursday 7am-4pm and Friday 7am-12pm

WINTER PARKING:

Ordinance 701.06 Winter Parking: It is unlawful for any person to park a vehicle or permit a vehicle to remain parked on any City street, alley, boulevard, or utility right of way adjacent to a public street after a snow removal emergency has been declared.

WINTER PARKING GUIDELINE: IF THERE IS A CHANCE OF SNOW DO NOT PARK ON THE STREET

---If a snow emergency has been declared – a message will be put out on Marshall Radio stations and can be found on the Marshall radio website: marshallradio.net/cancellations & postponements.

COMPOST BURNSITE: WILL BE CLOSED STARTING December 1, 2025

- Clean boards (no paint - no plywood), trees, and shrubs at the burn pile.
- Clean metal (no tires, insulated wire, or any other foreign materials) at the metal pile.
- Leaves, garden cleanings, and grass are to go in the compost pile (no bags or pop cans). Plastic planters are not accepted.

REMINDERS:

- Winter Walking: Community Center open for walking if not booked/rented out for the day during business hours.
- Check the City website for city news and town events

PLEASE BE AWARE: DOGS RUNNING AT LARGE PROHIBITED: Balaton City Code 503.01 states: No dogs shall be permitted to run at large within the city limits of the city. This restriction does not prohibit the appearance of any dog upon the streets or public property when the dog is on a leash and is kept under control of the person charged with its care.

Here are a few water conservation tips from Minnesota Rural Water Association.

- Bathroom/Bathing: a few drops of food coloring in your tank and if it shows in the bowl without flushing there is a leak. Not leaving the water running when you're not using it helps to save water.
- Kitchen and laundry: 25% of daily household water use occurs in the kitchen and laundry with much of this water being wasted. Rinse food before and after without leaving the water on the whole time. Keep water cooling in the refrigerator. Make sure dishwasher and washing machine are full before starting.
- Around the house: A slow drip from a faucet can waste 15 – 20 gallons of water a day. Insulate the hot water heater.

DRINKING WATER PROTECTION: The city of Balaton is in the Wellhead protection area. Please be aware of the type of chemicals that you apply to your lawn they could leak into your drinking water.

WATER AND SEWER

Complete Copies of the Water and Sewer Ordinance are available at City Hall.

405.01 PURPOSE. The City Council finds that the discharge of water from roof, surface, groundwater, sump pump, footing tile or swimming pool, or other natural precipitation into the municipal sanitary sewer system has the potential to cause property damage and overload the municipal and regional sanitary sewer systems. The City Council therefore finds it essential for the maintenance of health, minimization of property damage, and to maintain the life and capacity of the wastewater treatment system that the provisions of this ordinance be strictly enforced.

405.02. APPLICABILITY. This ordinance shall apply to all water entering the sanitary sewer system unless explicitly exempted by the City. The City and its representatives are authorized to administer, implement, and enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

405.06. Sump Pump Regulation. Any dwelling, structure or building that has a sump pump discharge system to remove groundwater from its foundation drain must have a permanently installed discharge line. A "permanently installed discharge line" shall be one which provides for year-around discharge capability to either the outside of the dwelling, building or structure, or is connected to the City storm sewer. It shall consist of a rigid discharge line, without valving or quick connections for altering the path of discharge and, if connected to the City storm sewer line, include a check valve. It shall not be capable of connection or reconnection to the municipal sanitary sewer system.

Reminder if you are going to discharge a sump pump to the sanitary sewer for the months of October through March you need to fill out a Temporary Waiver which can be picked up and returned to City Hall.

WHEN SELLING A PROPERTY

405.07. INSPECTION

Subd. 1. Every person owning improved real estate shall obtain an inspection of each building located on such property by a licensed plumber or inspector that is approved by the City and shall obtain a certificate of compliance issued by the City before such property is offered for sale, gifted or transferred, and before the owner or owner's representative enters into any contract for deed or other transaction changing the party responsible for the property. The purpose of this inspection shall be to confirm that there is no prohibited discharge into the municipal sanitary sewer system.

Subd. 2. The licensed plumber or inspector must inspect and televise the property's sump pump, sewer service lateral, and groundwater drainage system, and upon completion, return a recorded copy of the televising along with the inspection form provided by the City documenting the results of the inspection. All costs associated with an inspection by a privately retained inspector or licensed plumber shall be the responsibility of the property owner.

Subd. 3. A certificate of compliance shall be issued by the City upon successful completion of an inspection. A certificate of compliance shall be valid until the property is again offered for sale, gifted or transferred, and before the owner or owner's representative enters into any contract for deed or other transaction changing the party responsible for the property.

405.09. Violations. A monthly surcharge in the amount of \$100.00 per month shall be assessed against any property on which clear water is discharged in violation of this ordinance. The monthly surcharge will be charged on the property's municipal utility billing statement if one or more of the following conditions apply: (1) an inspection as required herein has not been allowed by the property owner or occupant or a certificate of

compliance has not been issued by the city within thirty (30) days after the city's notice of inspection; (2) the property owner or occupant fails to make the sewer line cleanout readily available for the inspection; (3) the necessary corrections have not been made within the time specified; and (4) the property owner or occupant reconnects a clear water discharge line to the municipal sanitary sewer system after it has been previously disconnected at the city's or a court's direction. A surcharge will be assessed for every month during which the property is not in compliance.

BUILDING AND LAND USE REGULATION

901.07 SUBD. 2. BUILDING PERMITS. No structure shall be erected, added to, structurally altered, or moved until a permit therefore has been issued by the zoning administrator. Except upon written order of the board, no building permit shall be issued for any structure where the construction, addition, moving or use thereof would be a violation of this ordinance. Application for a building permit shall be made to the city clerk on a form furnished by the city. With every application for a building permit, there shall be submitted two (2) copies of a layout or plot plan drawn to scale showing the actual dimensions of the lot to be built upon, the exact size and location on the lot of the building and accessory buildings to be erected and such information as may be necessary to determine compliance with this ordinance. The fee for a building permit shall be as provided in Chapter X of this code. The zoning administrator shall issue the building permit only if he or she determines that the buildings plans and the application comply with the terms of this ordinance.

ANNUAL NOTICE -- For Military Personnel Minn. Stat. § 325E.028: Minnesota law requires that customers and utilities make utility payment arrangements for military service personnel in the following situation. If a member of a household has been issued orders into active duty, deployment, or change in duty station and the residential customer meets specific income criteria, the City of Balaton must not disconnect the utility service of that qualifying residential customer due to nonpayment. An application for a utility payment agreement must include copies of income statements and proof of military orders as described in the law. The City of Balaton may shut off utility service for nonpayment if an application does not include the required copies of income statements and proof of military orders as required by Minn. Stat. § 325E.028.

PERSONAL RECYCLING CARTS: Recycling is picked up every other Tuesday. To ensure pickup, please set out carts the night before. www.lyonenvironmental@co.lyon.mn.us (507) 532-8210-Office (507) 532-1307-Direct

TEMPORARY WAIVER
SUMP PUMP DISCHARGE OCTOBER THROUGH MARCH 15th

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

PHONE: _____

EMAIL: _____

Please complete and return to City Hall. Ph: 507-734-4711