

# COLLEGE PLACE IN REVIEW

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## Ordinance Update

The College Place City Council has approved two new ordinances which will provide the city through its police department more tools to enforce parking violations and remove those vehicles where owners and operators do not take responsibility to remedy the problems they are creating.

**Ordinance 1074:** Governs removing and towing abandoned, unlicensed, junked, & overtime parking of vehicles. This new code repeals ordinance 848, the former code.

**Ordinance 1075:** Governs the stopping, standing and the parking of vehicles and repeals ordinance 567.

*The significant changes in the parking ordinance are listed below:*

- 1) Oversized vehicles will be prohibited from parking within 60 feet of a stop sign or intersection, if said vehicle obscures the visibility of on-coming traffic. Vehicles included in this category include those which are **6 feet in height, 20 feet in length, and 7 feet in width.**
- 2) The length of time allowed to park in one spot without moving a vehicle has been **extended from 48 to 96 hours.**
- 3) Vehicles parked on the grass at any city park, absent a permit from the city for a special event, may be impounded immediately.
- 4) The following types of vehicles can be parked on the street/public right-of-way **no longer than 24 hours: boats, trailers of all types, campers, and buses.** The 24 hour grace period is intended to allow the owner to clean the interior/exterior of these vehicles.
- 5) All vehicles, including both motorized and non-motorized, not bearing a valid license plate, whether from the state of Washington or a foreign state, can be cited as an illegally parked vehicle if said vehicle is in the public right-of-way. This provision includes those vehicles with **an expired license tab.**
- 6) Parking any vehicle on the street/public right-of-way with the **intent to live in it on a full-time or temporary basis is prohibited.**

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### QUICK FACT:

City Water Usage

<b>April 2013</b>
15,432,000
<b>April 2012</b>
15,909,000
<b>YTD 2013</b>
54,111,000
<b>Total 2012</b>
396,785,000

## 4th of July Safety

Summer is upon us, school will be out, and July 4<sup>th</sup> is just around the corner! Let's make July 4<sup>th</sup> as SAFE as it is FUN. Fourth of July means Food, Family and Fireworks.

It is legal to sell and purchase consumer fireworks within the city of College Place from 9am to 11pm on each day from the first of July through the fourth of July and from 5pm to 11pm on the thirty-first of December of each year. The minimum age to purchase fireworks is 16 years old. Consumer fireworks may be used or discharged each day between the hours of 9am and 11pm on the first of July to the third of July, and on July fourth between the hours of 9am and midnight, and between the hours of 9am and 11pm on July fifth and from 6pm on December 31<sup>st</sup> until 1am on January 1<sup>st</sup> of the new year.

**City of College Place**  
**625 S. College Ave.**  
**College Place, WA 99324**

**Phone Numbers:**

City Hall—529-1200  
 Court—Ext. 16  
 Utilities—Ext. 11  
 Building/Planning/Public  
 Works/Engineering—  
 525-0510  
 Fire Dept.—529-6506  
 Police —525-7778 or 7773  
 Dispatch—527-1960

We're on the web!  
[www.ci.college-place.wa.us](http://www.ci.college-place.wa.us)

**Municipal Building Hours:**

Monday through Thursday  
 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Friday  
 8:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m.

**Police Department Hours:**

Monday through Friday  
 8:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.



It is unlawful to discharge fireworks on the property of another without permission of the property owner. It is unlawful to discharge fireworks in a public park without permission from the Fire Chief. It is unlawful to discharge fireworks on city property that is not a park without permission of the city council.

**Before You Light Fireworks - Be Prepared.** Purchase only legal fireworks, available at approved stands. Place pets indoors, they may become frightened. Keep a bucket of water nearby in which to place all used fireworks. Have a water hose or fire extinguisher nearby to put out stray sparks. Know your address, location, basic first aid, and remember to call 911 if you need emergency assistance.

**When Lighting Fireworks - Be Safe.** Have a designated adult light all fireworks. Use eye protection, wear safety goggles. Light one at a time, move away quickly, and keep at a safe distance until the display is finished. Use only outdoors, away from anything that can burn. To prevent injuries, never throw fireworks and never hold fireworks in your hand.

**After You Finish - Be Responsible.** Clean up all debris when finished. Duds can be dangerous. If a device does not light or fire, an adult should wait at least five minutes and approach it carefully and place it in a bucket of water to soak.

More information on The City of College Place's Fireworks Code can be found in the *College Place Municipal Code* Section 8.08. [http://library.municode.com/HTML/14763/level2/TTT8HESA\\_CH8.08FI.html](http://library.municode.com/HTML/14763/level2/TTT8HESA_CH8.08FI.html) Have a Fun and Safe July 4<sup>th</sup> and a great summer!

## Help Us Keep Our City Safe, Neat, And Orderly!

Summer is here! Grass and weeds are growing tall and will begin to dry out. Tall grass and weeds pose a fire hazard and noxious weeds spread beyond property boundaries. College Place Municipal Code requires property owners to maintain their property free of noxious weeds and that all grass be maintained less than six inches in height.

Many property owners or managers leave up it to the fire department to manage their property by arranging weed and nuisance abatement. In order to abate a nuisance, the threat to the community must be removed. This process is time consuming and costly. We feel that the responsible parties should foot the bill for abatement, not the taxpayers of College Place.

College Place Fire Department is responsible for enforcing the City's Ordinance on weed, fire, and safety hazards. In order to cover the costs of managing an abatement program, there will be fees levied to the property owner for nuisance abatement. A fee of \$25 will be assessed to the property owner for the issuance of an abatement notice. A fee of \$100 will be assessed if the fire department has to arrange for the actual abatement. The property owner will also be responsible for the cost of the actual abatement. Please do your part to help us maintain a safe community, free of tall grass, weeds, and other public nuisances.

## COMMUNITY CALENDAR

### June

- 3 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 10 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 12 - Lions Club, 5:30, Lions Park
- 18 - Planning Commission, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 17 - VFW Post 466, 7 pm, Fire Station
- 24 - City Council, 7 pm, Council Chambers
- 26 - Lions Club, 5:30, Lions Park