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**City Hall Administrative Office Hours:**  
**Monday through Thursday, 7 a.m. to 6 p.m.**



**CITY HALL CLOSED**

Monday, January 1, 2024: New Year's Day

**LOCAL POSTAL CUSTOMER**

**BELDING, MI 48809**



**CITY MANAGER**

The City of Belding Planning Commission is currently reviewing the City's Animal Control Ordinance. Your participation in the enclosed survey would help the commission develop an ordinance that best meets the city's needs. **Please return this survey to City Hall no later than Monday, January 22, 2024**. You may return the survey in person, place it in the water bill drop box, send by US mail, or email a scanned copy to [j.ortego@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:j.ortego@ci.belding.mi.us). For added convenience, you can scan the QR Code at the right and complete and submit the survey electronically. Your opinion matters! Jon Stoppels, City Manager



**BOARD/COMMISSION APPLICANTS SOUGHT**

Serving on one or more of the City of Belding's boards and/or commissions is a great way to actively shape the future of our community! A description of the focus of each board/commission is available on the city website, [www.belding.mi.us](http://www.belding.mi.us) or you may contact the City Clerk. Currently there are one or more vacancies on the following boards/commissions:

- Board of Review – 3
- Building Authority – 1
- DDA (Downtown Development Authority) – 4
- Planning Commission – 1
- Property Maintenance Code Board of Appeals – 1
- Recreation Advisory Board – 1
- ZBA (Zoning Board of Appeals) - 2

Please note that some boards/commissions may strongly suggest and/or require training and/or certification, which is offered to you at no cost upon your appointment. **It is not necessary for there to be a vacancy to apply as applications will be kept on file for one (1) year from the date of filing and are considered for appointment as positions become available.** An application is available on the city's website – [www.belding.mi.us](http://www.belding.mi.us), or at City Hall – 120 S. Pleasant Street, during regular business hours. Please contact the City Clerk at 616-794-1900, ext. 210, or by emailing [j.ortego@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:j.ortego@ci.belding.mi.us) for additional information. Please submit applications to the City Clerk.

**THANK YOU**

The City of Belding would like to thank everyone who donated their time, and/or made monetary donations or donations of goods and/or services to our 9th Annual Tree Lighting ceremony!

**Do-It-Yourself Snow Globe**

- 1 small knick-knack of your choice
- 1 Mason Jar
- 2-3 tablespoons white glitter
- 2-3 tablespoons clear glue
- Hot Water
- Hot Glue Gun



Make sure that your knick-knack fits into the mouth of the Mason Jar. Use the hot glue gun to secure your knick-knack to the inside of the lid of a Mason Jar. It should be finished drying by the time you finish the next steps. Pour the clear glue and white glitter into the bottom of the Mason Jar. Pour hot water to the bottom of the neck of the mason jar. Stir well. If the glitter and glue clump up, you can place the jar in the microwave for 30 seconds at a time, stirring between each interval until the clumps disappear. Add hot glue to the inside of the jar lid and screw it on very tight before the glue dries. Let cool in the fridge. When fully cooled to the touch, shake and enjoy the magic of your snow globe!

# Belding Bugle



January-March  
2024 Edition  
Snow Globes  
& Gold Galore!

## MUSEUM

### **BEL-Belding Exploration Lab**

The hands-on children's museum is open the first Sunday and Wednesday of each month from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Children must be accompanied by an adult. Admission is free, but your donations support our programs. For the most current information, please check our Facebook page: BEL-Belding Exploration Lab.

### **Belding Museum**

Spend an afternoon with us the first Sunday of each month from 1:00-4:00 p.m. Admission is free, but your donations support our programs. Handicapped parking and an elevator are available for those needing assistance.

Watch for our upcoming speaker series, beginning on January 30, when Captain Timothy Alfson will speak about his experiences on the Great Lakes freighter, Edwin H. Gott.

For the most current information, please check our Facebook page: Belding Museum.

2024  
happy new year

## LIBRARY

### January

January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31 @ 10:30 AM, Story Time  
January 3 @ 2 PM, Senior Social Bingo  
January 3, 17 @ 5-7 PM, TEENS & TWEENS Gaming Night  
January 8 @ 6 PM, Family Night, Life Size Candy Land  
January 11 @ 2:45 PM, TWEEN, Diamond Painting  
January 24 @ 6 PM, EVENING Book Club, The Dutch  
January 25 @ 10 AM, MORNING Book Club, March  
January 25 @ 3:45 PM, TEEN, Perler Beads  
January 26 @ 3-4:30 PM, ADULT, Sew and Tell  
January 30 @ 3:30 PM, YOUTH, Fiber Arts Night

### February

February 1 @ 2:45 PM, TWEEN, Perler Beads  
February 5 @ 6 PM, FAMILY NIGHT, Super Mario Bros. Movie Night.  
February 7, 14, 21, 28 @ 10:30 AM, Story Time  
February 7 @ 2 PM, Senior Social Bingo  
February 7 @ 5-7 PM, TEENS & TWEENS, Gaming Night  
February 12 @ 5 PM, ADULT, Craft Rag Wreaths (Registration Required)  
February 15 @ 3:45 PM, TEEN, Trivia Night. Marvel Movie Trivia on the big screen.  
February 22 @ 10 AM, MORNING Book Club, The Dry  
February 23 @ 3-4:30 PM, ADULT, Sew and Tell  
February 27 @ 3:30 PM, YOUTH, Fiber Arts Night  
February 28 @ 6 PM, EVENING Book Club, Deacon King

### March

March 6, 13, 20, 27 @ 10:30 AM, Story Time  
March 6 @ 2 PM, Senior Social Bingo

**Other events to be announced.**

### Meet the Mayor

Beginning in January, 2024, Mayor Bruce Meyers will be holding monthly meetings welcoming citizens to sit down with him to openly discuss any topic of interest regarding local issues. There will be no set agenda. The meetings will be held on the second Saturday of the month from 9:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the Pere Marquette Depot located at 100 Depot Street. The first meeting will be Saturday, January, 13, 2024.



## PARKS & RECREATION DEPARTMENT

### **Line Dancing Lessons!**

#### **Line Dance for Fitness! Line Dance for Fun!**

Every Monday and Thursday 5:30 p.m. to 6:30 p.m. Classes begin Monday, January 15th and continue through Thursday, February 22nd at the Belrockton, 108 Hanover Street.

Only \$10 per class or pay \$110 in advance for 6 weeks and get the 12th class FREE!

Wear shoes that easily slide on the floor such as cowboy boots, dress shoes, etc. No experience necessary. Contact the City Clerk at 616-794-1900, extension 210 or [j.ortego@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:j.ortego@ci.belding.mi.us) for more information. Additional classes may be offered based on interest.



## ASSESSOR



## HOUSING COMMISSION



## FIRE DEPARTMENT

Towards the end of February, you will get an Assessment Change Notice from the City of Belding. On the right side of this notice, in the second box, you will see the heading 'Principal Residence Exemption'. If this property is your primary residence, you are entitled to a Homeowner's Principal Residence Exemption (PRE) and the % exempt shown should be 100%. If this is not the case, please call me so I can get this corrected.

The middle of the Assessment Change Notice will show the Taxable Value on the first line. The Taxable Value (TV) can only increase by 5% or the Cost of Living. Last year the Cost of Living was 7.9% so everyone's TV increased by 5%. This year the Cost of Living is 5.1% so everyone's TV will increase 5%, (the maximum allowed by the law). If you added value to your property, such as a new outbuilding, new concrete, or an addition to the house, 50% of the value of these improvements will be added to the Taxable Value as well. The only other factor that will result in the TV increasing more than the 5% is if you purchased your house in 2023. A transfer of ownership to a non-family member will result in what is called an 'uncapping', causing the Taxable Value to equal the State Equalized Value. Line 5 of the Assessment Change Notice indicates whether there was a transfer of ownership.

An accurate property record card and a study of sales in the City of Belding from April 1, 2021, till March 31, 2023, will provide me with the necessary data to establish the 2024 State Equalized Value (SEV). This amount should be half the True Cash Value (what you would expect to get for your property if you put it up for sale). This information is found on line 4 of the Assessment Change Notice. When you double this figure, it should be close to what you believe you could sell your property for. If the value listed is much higher than you believe you could sell it for, give me a call. If your phone call with me does not result in a value that you believe is fair, you are entitled to bring your concerns to the March Board of Review. The specific days and times that the March Board of Review meets is located at the bottom of the Assessment Change Notice. The City Council appoints the Board of Review members each January. Currently the Board of Review consists of Douglas Lamborne, Marjorie Hansen, and John Niemela. If you are interested in serving on the Board of Review, contact me. Again, you can expect to receive the Assessment Change Notice in late February/early March.

If you have other questions or concerns, please contact me at 616-794-1900 Ext 201, or email me at: [assessor@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:assessor@ci.belding.mi.us)

Bob Naumann,

Michigan Certified Assessing Officer



*Happy New Year from Belding Housing Commission!* Michigan winters can be brutal and certainly more challenging when faced with increased costs and inflation. No one is spared from greater expense for food, shelter and clothing. While waiting for decisions to be implemented that could lessen the impacts of inflation, available local resources can help with needed assistance. All in the community are reminded about **mi211.org**. In partnership with Michigan Association of United Ways, mi211.org holds information on thousands of health and human service agencies and programs across Michigan. Persons needing assistance with bill paying, food, transportation, health care, housing, crises or other services may visit the website at **<https://www.mi211.org>** or **dial 211** - 24 hours per day, 7 days per week to get fast, free and confidential help.

In-person gatherings for interested community members continue several days each week, excluding holidays, in the Belhaven Community room. Ionia County Commission on Aging hosts the Nutrition Lunch Program on Tuesday and Thursday at noon, and the euchre club gathers on Monday afternoons. The facility is available for use by community and civic members with a need for meeting, networking, or gathering space.

Recently enacted regulatory requirements will have an impact on future eligibility for subsidized housing and on property inspection protocols. Belding Housing Board of Commissioners is working toward policy updates to incorporate required changes in the administration of the program. While applicants must continue to meet income eligibility requirements and pay rent based on 30% of adjusted monthly income, asset limitations will be imposed moving forward.

Inquiries regarding space availability or housing assistance may be made by contacting Belding Housing Commission administrative office at 616-794-1740 or by email at [info@beldinghousing.org](mailto:info@beldinghousing.org). Those wishing to visit the office may do so during window hours Monday through Friday 1:00 p.m. to 4:30 p.m. excluding holidays. Contact information is also available on request for all other Michigan housing commissions offering rental assistance.

Sharon Carlson, Director

Belding Housing Commission is an Equal Housing Opportunity agency.



### **BE SAFE!**

#### **Using proper heat sources**

Please only use proper heat sources for your homes. Your stove or oven are not to be used as heat sources ever. They can produce carbon monoxide as a byproduct of combustion. There is no proper ventilation for your stove or oven when used in this manner.

Small electric heaters are OK if used per the manufacturer's recommendations. You will need to verify that your electrical system can support these types of heaters due to the large draw that they have.

If you have chimneys, please verify that they are clean of any debris or other combustibles. They may cause fires or allow for CO to enter back into your residence.

#### **Smoke and**

#### **Carbon Monoxide Detectors**

We just had October as Fire Awareness Month. This was the time to check your batteries in your smoke detectors and CO detectors. Be sure to do that. If you have an alarm from one of your detectors, leave your residence and call 911. If you open your doors or windows, we will not be able to locate the source.

Have a great Holiday season! Enjoy your family and spend lots of time together. Get out and enjoy the snow. Everyone likes to go sledding. Please be careful and check the ice thickness if you are a fisherman or like to take ORV's on the ice.

Tim Lubitz, Fire Chief







## FINANCE DEPARTMENT



A friendly reminder to please make all payments for taxes on a SEPARATE check or money order from water/sewer payments as they are deposited into different banks. Payment will be returned to be separated if they are combined on one payment.

### Happy New Year from the Finance Department

You can make payments for taxes or water/sewer bills with cash, checks, or money orders at the City Hall office during business hours, via the drop box outside city hall, or the USPS mail.

If you are mailing your payments or utilizing bill pay through your bank account, we recommend planning ahead and scheduling those payments or mailing them at least 7-10 business days prior to the due date to ensure we receive them on time. Payments are applied the day they are received in office. We cannot accept postmark or check dates as date of payment.

You can also pay online by visiting the city's website at [https://belding.mi.us/bill\\_pay.php](https://belding.mi.us/bill_pay.php). There are separate links for Taxes and Utilities (which refers to the water/sewer billing). If you have any questions regarding the payment website, do not hesitate to contact us at 794-1900 ext. 217 and we will be happy to help.

If you choose to pay online through the City of Belding's website or with debit or credit card in office, there is a 3% service fee charged by the card processing company.

### Taxes:

The 2023 winter property tax bills were mailed December 1, 2023, which are due in office by Wednesday February 14, 2024. After this date a 3% late penalty will be added to the remaining winter property tax balance. If you are paying taxes between 2/15/2024 to 2/29/2024 please call the office at, 616-794-1900 ext. 203, to inquire the exact amount of any outstanding taxes to insure you are paying the full total owing. Any unpaid 2023 summer or winter taxes, including late fees, will be sent to the Ionia County Treasurer's office at the beginning of March 2024 and must then be paid directly to the county.

*Please avoid "rounding up" when making out a check or money order for your property taxes. Tax payments must NOT exceed the total amount due for taxes. When paying the full amount, please write checks for the EXACT amount due.*

### Water/Sewer QUARTERLY BILLING CYCLE DATES AND MONTH BILLED:

January 1<sup>st</sup> Bill: (September 1 through November 30 cycle dates)  
Due by January 30<sup>th</sup>

April 1<sup>st</sup> Bill: (December 1 through February 28/29 cycle dates)  
Due by April 30<sup>th</sup>

July 1<sup>st</sup> Bill: (March 1 through May 31 cycle dates)  
Due by July 30<sup>th</sup>

October 1<sup>st</sup> Bill: (June 1 through August 31 cycle dates)  
Due by October 30<sup>th</sup>



**Did you know** that you do not have to wait until you receive your bill to make payment to your water/sewer account? Several residents take advantage of sending in smaller payments bi-weekly or monthly PRIOR to when the bills are mailed to build a credit on their account. A total of any payments made prior to the bills being printed will appear as a credit on the bill, leaving a smaller balance to be paid at that time.

The January 2024 water/sewer bills were mailed at the end of December. If you have not received your bill by the end of the first week of January, feel free to contact the office at 616-794-1900 ext. 217 to receive the total amount owing.

Payment can be made anytime between the 1<sup>st</sup> and 30<sup>th</sup> of the month, but must be received **in office BY the 30<sup>th</sup>** to avoid late fees. If unpaid by the 30<sup>th</sup> of the billed month, a ten percent (10%) late penalty on the unpaid balance is added to the bill. If the bill continues to be unpaid a "shut-off notice" is issued, and a fifteen (15) day grace period is instituted. If unpaid by the 16<sup>th</sup> day, a \$75.00 shut-off listing charge is added to the bill and the water service discontinued. Services so discontinued shall not be restored until payment is made in full, including penalties and late fees. Partial payment does not cancel the shut-off action (Section 86-291b).

Becky Schlienzy, Finance Director & Treasurer



## ADMINISTRATIVE OFFICE HOURS & SERVICES

City Hall Administrative offices are open Monday through Thursday (excluding holidays/observed holidays) from 7 a.m. to 6 p.m. offering our citizens the unique opportunity to conduct business face-to-face before or after work! In most instances, calls are answered by one of our dedicated staff, not by an automated service where it is near impossible to ever get to speak with a live person. Payments can be made online, with the credit card vendor assessing a nominal fee. Our website and Facebook page provide a vast array of information, answering most of your questions—or you can always email us. We are proud to be a business that continues to offer a mix of old-fashioned personal service along with modern-day technology to our residents!



## DEPARTMENT OF PUBLIC WORKS

**Winter Reminders:** Please be reminded that street parking is not permitted overnight from 2:00 a.m. to 6 a.m. through March 31<sup>st</sup>. This is to make it easier for snow and ice removal crews to do a thorough job in making our roadways safe. Vehicles should also be removed from the street during the day when it is snowing or there is freezing rain.

The sidewalks adjacent to your property must also be shoveled and salted within 24 hours of a snow event or 12 hours of an ice event. If not cleared, the city could have the walks cleaned at the owner's expense.


Please be reminded that during exceptionally cold winters, underground water lines or plumbing lines in your exterior walls can freeze. If you suspect that your plumbing or service line is freezing, please contact city hall right away at (616) 794-1900.



**CHANGE IS COMING**

## CITY CLERK

### Michigan Constitutional Amendments and Local Changes



Michigan registered voters will be seeing many changes in our election processes beginning in 2024 as a result of the passing of Proposal 22-2 calling for amendments to the Michigan Constitution at the November 2022 General Election. Registered voters in the City of Belding will be seeing additional changes due to new precinct boundary lines and a new voting location.

**Items in yellow are new to the Michigan election process beginning January 1, 2024.**



#### Early Voting

The constitutional amendment allowing nine days of Early In-Person voting will take place in Ionia at the Ionia Community Library (Mercantile Bank Location, formerly Ionia County National Bank), 302 West Main Street, Ionia, beginning Saturday, February 17th through Sunday, February 25th from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.

#### New Precinct Boundary Lines and Polling Location for Belding

The City of Belding Election Commission voted 3-0 on May 15, 2023 to draw new precinct boundary lines and eliminate Precinct 3, effective January 1, 2024. The new boundary line is simply down the middle of Bridge Street; Precinct 1 being west of the center line of Bridge Street to the west City limits, Precinct 2 being east of the centerline of Bridge Street to the east City limits. New voter ID cards have been mailed to all registered voters. Additionally, ALL Election Day voting will take place at the Belding Community Center, 108 Hanover Street. For your convenience, you may utilize the parking lot at the Masonic Lodge or the Library while voting on election day.

#### Closed Primary Election

Please be advised that every four years at the Presidential Primary Election, voters must declare the type of ballot they wish to vote. This is not a new law. Republican candidates and Democratic Candidates are not on the same ballot; each party will have their own, including proposals, if any. You may only vote one ballot, one party. If you do not want to vote for either party or do not wish to disclose a party, you may vote a Nonpartisan Ballot, meaning proposals only. Belding Area Schools have a proposal on the February 27, 2024 ballot.

#### Absentee Ballot APPLICATION List (This "past practice" is the option that most absentee voters are still currently using)


If you are a resident of Belding and are on the **Permanent Absentee Ballot Application List**, you will be receiving an **application** in the mail to request an absentee ballot for the February Presidential Primary Election. **YOU MUST SELECT THE TYPE OF BALLOT YOU WANT TO VOTE by checking REPUBLICAN PARTY, DEMOCRATIC PARTY OR NONPARTISAN (PROPOSALS ONLY).** You will not be issued an absentee ballot unless we receive the completed application. The postage on the application return is pre-paid or you may use the water bill drop box at city hall or return the application in person to city hall. Please do not submit multiple requests.

#### Permanent Absentee BALLOT List (This was an option that you could have selected on the August 2023 ballot for 2024)

If you are a resident of Belding and are on the **Permanent Absentee Ballot List**, you will be receiving a mailing via USPS advising that **YOU MUST SELECT THE TYPE OF BALLOT YOU WANT TO VOTE in the February Presidential Primary Election by checking REPUBLICAN PARTY, DEMOCRATIC PARTY OR NONPARTISAN (PROPOSALS ONLY).** If you do not make a selection, you will receive a nonpartisan ballot. A postage paid return envelope will be enclosed for you to return the Ballot Selection Form or you may use the water bill drop box at city hall or return it in person to city hall. Please do not submit multiple requests.

#### Absentee Ballots

Absentee ballots will be mailed out in mid-January, or as soon as they are received from the County Clerk's Office, provided you have submitted a fully executed Absentee Ballot Application or Ballot Selection Form to the City Clerk.



**Questions?** Contact the City Clerk at 616-794-1900, ext. 210 or by email at [j.ortego@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:j.ortego@ci.belding.mi.us). Janae Ortego, MiPMC, City Clerk



When voting in February, you **MUST** select a ballot type of **Republican Party, Democratic Party or Ballot Without Presidential Primary.**

**Be prepared to disclose this information!**

MCL 168.615c directs the conduct of the Presidential Primary. Election Workers are following Michigan Election Law!

## DIAL-A-RIDE



As the New Year approaches, Belding Dial-A-Ride will be researching and acquiring dispatch software that will automate how we offer services to you and ultimately make us more efficient. For those of you who are comfortable using a smartphone application, you will soon be able to schedule your rides with the ease of a keystroke! More details will follow throughout the next few months. This is an exciting time for us as we look to the future and offer more enhanced services to you. Of course, our customers can always call in for pick up & drop off services! Thank you for your continued patronage and support. Happy New Year to all! Tammy McCracken, Transit Director

## OPPORTUNITIES AVAILABLE

Applications are being accepted for Election Inspectors in the City of Belding. Election Inspectors must attend a 2-3 hour class at no cost to you to receive a certification to work in the polls. Election Inspectors are paid an hourly wage. Applicants must be at least 16 years old. Applicants age 17 1/2 must be registered voters. Please contact Janae Ortego, City Clerk at 616-794-1900, extension 210 or [j.ortego@ci.belding.mi.us](mailto:j.ortego@ci.belding.mi.us) for more information.

## POLICE DEPARTMENT



Take some simple preventative measures to deter crime.

- Lock your car doors and keep valuables out of sight
- Keep your home, garage and outbuildings locked.
- Make sure all of your home's outdoor lighting is working properly.
- Report suspicious activity in your neighborhood. Suspicious activity can be best described as conduct that causes a reasonable person to believe a crime is occurring or will occur.

If it looks suspicious, don't wait. Report it to the police by contacting Ionia County Central Dispatch at (616)527-0400 or 911 for in progress crimes.

If you're going away for an extended period of time, please contact the police department directly or visit us on the web at [www.belding.mi.us](http://www.belding.mi.us) and click on the Police Department link for a vacation house check form. Once the form is completed return it to the police department.

### **WINTER DRIVING**

Preventive maintenance before the winter season is the best way ensure safe travel. Check your vehicle's tire tread and fluid levels. Use a winter blend windshield washer fluid. When traveling give yourself plenty of time. Drive slowly when it is foggy, raining or snowing and conditions are hazardous. Remember to turn your headlights on for safety!

### **PARKING**

**No Parking on City streets 2:00 a.m. to 6:00 a.m.** November 1<sup>st</sup> through March 31<sup>st</sup>. The signs are posted on the major streets entering the city. There is no parking between the curb and the sidewalk. Front Yard Parking is prohibited under the Zoning Ordinance. Vehicles shall be parked in the driveway or garage.

## CODE ENFORCEMENT/ANIMAL CONTROL

### **SIDEWALKS and SNOW**

Please keep sidewalks clear of ice and snow. Remove accumulated snow within 24 hours and ice within 12 hours.



#### **Sec. 74-128. Snow and ice removal.**

(a) No occupant of any premises or owner of premises or property shall fail to keep the sidewalks in front of or adjacent to such premises or property clear of ice and/or snow, so far as to facilitate pedestrians use. When there are no sidewalks, no such occupant or owner shall fail to clear a path free from snow and ice, when such a path will provide an extension of existing sidewalk on an adjacent property.

(b) Whenever any snow has fallen or accumulated, it shall be cleared from the entire sidewalk or pathway within 24 hours.

(c) When ice is formed on any sidewalk, such owner or occupant shall, within 12 hours after the ice has formed, cause salt, chloride or sand to be strewn on the entire sidewalk or pathway.

(d) In the event that snow or ice on a sidewalk has become so hard that it cannot be removed without likelihood of damage to the sidewalk, the owner or occupant of such premises shall within 24 hours cause enough sand or abrasive to be strewn on the sidewalk as to make travel thereon reasonably safe, and shall as soon as weather permits, cause a path in said sidewalk to be cleared in its entirety.

**(e) A person who violates any provision of this section, is responsible for a municipal civil infraction, subject to payment of a civil fine, plus costs and other sanctions, for each violation as provided by section 1-19(c)(1). Repeat offenses shall be subject to increased fines as provided by section 1-19(c)(2). (Ord. No. 448, § 27, 6-16-98; Ord. No. 506, 12-16-08)**

State law prohibits the deposit of snow onto or across a street so please keep this in mind while clearing your driveway and sidewalk.

#### **257.677a Obstruction of safety vision by removal or deposit of snow, ice, or slush prohibited.**

(2) A person shall not remove, or cause to be removed, snow, ice, or slush **onto** or **across** a roadway or the shoulder of the roadway in a manner which obstructs the safety vision of the driver of a motor vehicle other than off-road vehicles.

(3) A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice, or slush **onto** or **across** a roadway or the shoulder of the roadway in a manner which obstructs the safety vision of the driver of a motor vehicle.

(4) A person shall not deposit, or cause to be deposited, snow, ice or slush on any roadway or highway.

(5) **A person who violates this section is responsible for a civil infraction and shall be ordered to pay a civil fine of more than \$100.00.** Dion Sower, Chief of Police







**Pet/Animal Survey**

The City of Belding Planning Commission is currently reviewing the City’s Animal Control Ordinance. Your participation in the following survey would help the commission develop an ordinance that best meets the city’s needs. **Please return this survey to City Hall no later than Monday, January 22, 2024.**

1. Currently, the City’s Ordinance allows for no more than two (2) cats and two (2) dogs per household. Is this number: Just Right \_\_\_\_\_ Too Many \_\_\_\_\_ Too Low \_\_\_\_\_  
If too low, how many of each do you think are appropriate? \_\_\_\_\_

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2. Service dogs are now more common. Should these animals be included in the maximum number of animals per household?  
Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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3. Currently the fine for having a dog running-at-large is \$25 for the first offense, \$100 for the second offense and \$250 for the third offense.

Is this amount: Just Right \_\_\_\_\_ Too Much \_\_\_\_\_ Too Low \_\_\_\_\_

If too low, how much should the fine be? \_\_\_\_\_

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4. Would you like to see the City develop a dog park? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If yes, where in town would you like to see the park located? \_\_\_\_\_

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5. Currently the City does not allow the keeping of chickens or other fowl within the city limits.

Do you agree with this prohibition? Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

If no, should there be a limit on the number of birds kept and specific rules for housing them? Please explain. \_\_\_\_\_

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6. Feral cats are more prevalent in rural areas. Should the City allow cat rescue facilities within the city limits if specific regulations were required and enforced?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

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Place  
Postage  
Here

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Attn: City Clerk  
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