



### Pet Owners

We would like to take this time to remind all pet owners that they must have their pets, especially dogs, contained on their property at all times. When walking animals, they must be on a leash.

All animals must be in a secure location away from electric, gas and water meters. This will assure your meters are read properly.

It is unlawful for any owner to allow an animal to run at large in the corporate limits of the city. Animals found running at large will be seized and impounded. If the owner fails to redeem the animal, or if the owner cannot be located within seven (7) days, the animal shall be disposed of in accordance with law or destroyed by euthanasia.

### Utility Billing

It is the responsibility of the landlord to contact City Hall whenever a tenant moves in or out. The account will remain in the landlord's name until City Hall has been contacted and a deposit has been paid by the tenant. **As a reminder, bills are due on the 10<sup>th</sup> of the month.**

The City has the ability to directly deduct the utility bills from checking accounts at any bank. Email the city clerk at [cityclerk@terril.net](mailto:cityclerk@terril.net) or call and leave a message at 853.6227 if you would like to make this change to your account.

### Planning & Zoning

The city has an opening on the Planning and Zoning Board. Persons interested in serving should contact the city clerk at [cityclerk@terril.net](mailto:cityclerk@terril.net) or call and leave a message at 853.6227.

### City Recycling

For your convenience, Terril offers citizens a 5 compartment (Plastic, Glass, Tin, Newspaper & Cardboard) recycling bin located at the corner of North 3rd Street and Main Street which is emptied twice a month.



### Police Department

The Dickinson County Sheriff's Department has been contracted to provide law enforcement services in the City of Terril. For non-emergency services, please call the Communication Center at 712.336.2525; and as always, in an emergency, call 9-1-1.

### Sanitary Sewer Improvement Project

The city has hired an engineering firm and has completed the testing and planning phase of a sanitary sewer improvement project. The city has submitted grant/loan applications for funding assistance and has been added to the Governor's list of possible projects for consideration in any upcoming federal infrastructure stimulus package.

### Residential Trash Collection

You may have noticed the city has recently placed a new garbage truck in service. Due to constant need of repairs and maintenance, it was time for an upgrade. Street-side garbage collection is regularly scheduled for every Thursday morning unless it falls upon a holiday. On those occasions pickup will be postponed until Friday.

### Dickinson County Recycling Center

For a small fee, the Dickinson County Recycling Center accepts electronic waste (i.e. TVs, CPUs, VCRs, stereos,) tires, white goods (i.e. stoves, refrigerators, dryers, freezers,) and yard waste.

The recycling center has available, free of charge, wood chips and compost. Call to check on availability.

Household Hazardous Materials are also accepted **by appointment only** and upon completion of a self-inventory sheet.

The recycling center is located on County Road A-34 one-half mile east of Highway 71 in Milford. If you have any questions or to arrange for an appointment to drop off hazardous materials, please call 712.338.2549.



### Terril Fun Days

August 7 & 8, 2009

Planning has begun for the 2009 Terril Fun Days. If you are interested in getting involved, contact Jeri at 853.6468. Future meeting notices will be posted on Channel 2. **Volunteers are needed.**

## ROAD RIGHT OF WAY

All public roads are located within land, which is referred to as road right-of-way. Within a typical road right-of-way, the following public facilities can be found: the driving surface, roadside shoulders and ditch, public utilities, sidewalks, and traffic signs to name a few. Road right-of-way width is established by deed, statute, or through the platting process. Regardless, lands within the road right-of-way are reserved for use of the traveling public and maintenance of city streets.

### What cannot be done within the road right-of-way?

In general, any activity that creates an unsafe condition for those using city streets will not be permitted. Activities not permitted include, but are not limited to: the placement of signs, fences, retaining walls, landscaping rocks, berms, filling of roadside ditches, trees, shrubs, bushes, lighting, structures, or any other item the City Council would consider hazardous or a maintenance problem.

### How much road right-of-way does the city have along my property?

The road right-of-way is generally 66 feet wide (33 feet on each side of the "centerline" of the road), but could be narrower or wider in certain locations. To prevent serious injury or damage, before you dig, contact IOWA ONE CALL at 800.292.8989 to locate and mark any buried facilities such as gas, electric, and communication lines that may be in the right-of-way.

### Who is responsible for maintaining the road right-of-way?

It shall be the responsibility of the abutting property owner to maintain all property outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines upon the public streets. Maintenance includes timely mowing, trimming trees and shrubs and picking up litter.

Your cooperation will help keep our roadsides free of obstacles and hazards and ensure safer travel and more efficient maintenance on the streets in Terril.

## SNOW REMOVAL

### Q. Why does the city push snow back into my driveway?

A. In our efforts to keep the streets cleared, snow ends up in driveway approaches. It's likely that several passes will be made on most streets to clear accumulated snow.

This is a frustrating situation that cannot be prevented. To avoid doing double work, shovel snow from your driveway after a plow has been by. Shovel it to the right of your driveway as you face the road.

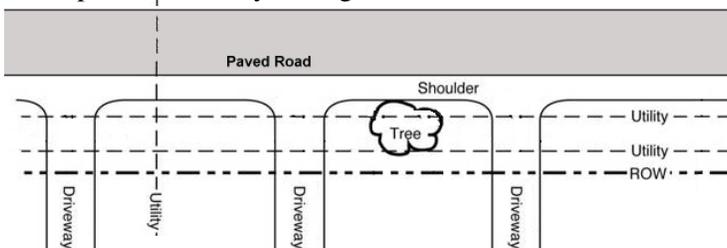
### Q. What can I do to help?

A. One major problem that works against snow removal operations is people shoveling or blowing snow back onto the street after it has been plowed. City ordinance prohibits placing snow back onto the roadway once it has been plowed. Snow that has been deposited onto the street could refreeze and cause a hazardous condition for you or your neighbors. Please place the snow that you shovel off of your driveway and sidewalk onto the adjacent parkway and not back onto the street.

When it starts to snow, park your vehicle off the street. This protects the car from being splashed with slush, prevents the car from being plowed in, or from receiving a ticket and being towed.

If there is a fire hydrant in front of your home, please try to clear the snow around the hydrant. It is there for your protection and that of your neighbors.

Keep vehicles and personal property out of the street right of way. If they are left in an area where they can be damaged by our snow removal operations, we will not be responsible for any damage.



Copies of all  
City Ordinances  
are available online at:  
[www.terril-ia.us](http://www.terril-ia.us)

**69.09 SNOW REMOVAL.** No person shall park, abandon or leave unattended any vehicle on any public street, alley, or City-owned off-street parking area during snow removal operations unless the snow has been removed or plowed from said street, alley or parking area and the snow has ceased to fall.

**135.12 DUMPING OF SNOW.** It is unlawful for any person to throw, push, or place or cause to be thrown, pushed or placed, any ice or snow from private property, sidewalks, or driveways onto the traveled way of a street or alley so as to obstruct gutters, or impede the passage of vehicles upon the street or alley or to create a hazardous condition therein; except where, in the cleaning of large commercial drives in the business district it is absolutely necessary to move the snow onto the street or alley temporarily, such accumulation shall be removed promptly by the property owner or agent. Arrangements for the prompt removal of such accumulations shall be made prior to moving the snow.

**136.03 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND ACCUMULATIONS.** It is the responsibility of the abutting property owners to remove snow, ice and accumulations promptly from sidewalks. If a property owner does not remove snow, ice or accumulations within a reasonable time, the City may do so and assess the costs against the property owner for collection in the same manner as a property tax.

