

CENTER REPUBLICAN PUBLIC NOTICES

ABBREVIATED NOTICE OF INTENT TO AMEND ADMINISTRATIVE RULES RELATING TO CERTIFICATION OF WATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS, WATER DISTRIBUTION AND STORAGE SYSTEM OPERATORS, WASTEWATER TREATMENT FACILITY OPERATORS, AND WASTEWATER COLLECTION AND TRANSFER SYSTEM OPERATORS

TAKE NOTICE that the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality ("Department") will hold a public hearing to address amendments to North Dakota Administrative Code (N.D. Admin. Code) chapter 33.1-19-01 regarding certification of water treatment facility operators, water distribution and storage system operators, wastewater treatment facility operators, and wastewater collection and transfer system operators at the following time and location:

2nd Floor Conference Room
North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality
4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324
December 30, 2025
10:00 AM CST

A copy of the proposed rule amendments may be requested by writing the North Dakota Department of Environmental Quality, operator certification program, 4201 Normandy St, Bismarck, ND 58503-1324 or calling (701) 328-5150. Written comments on the proposed rule amendments may be submitted to the above mailing address or by email to DEQ-MF-Inspection@nd.gov until January 9, 2025.

If you plan to attend the public hearing and will need special facilities or assistance relating to a disability, please contact the Department at the above address or telephone number below at least two days prior to the public hearing. The Department will consider every request for reasonable accommodation to provide an accessible meeting facility or other accommodation for people with disabilities, language interpretation for people with limited English proficiency (LEP), and translations of written material necessary to access programs and information. Language assistance services are available free of charge to you. To request accommodations or language assistance, contact the Department's Non-discrimination/EJ Coordinator at (701) 328-5150 or deqEJ@nd.gov. TTY users may use Relay North Dakota at 711 or 1-800-366-6888.

There will be real time public streaming of the public hearing through a Microsoft Teams meeting. No testimony will be accepted through the Microsoft Teams meeting. Information concerning listening access by telephone or through Microsoft Teams can be obtained by calling (701) 328-5150 or can be found on the Department's website at: <https://deq.nd.gov/PublicNotice.aspx>.

Dated this 25th day of November, 2025.
L. David Glatt, P. E.
Director, Department of Environmental Quality

AMENDMENT 2025 03 TO AMEND THE ENFORCEMENT SECTION OF THE OLIVER COUNTY PLANNING & ZONING ORDINANCE

The Oliver County Commission has approved Amendment 2025-03 to amend the Enforcement section of the Oliver County Planning & Zoning Ordinance. The full language

of the amendment can be seen in the Oliver County Auditor's office.

(12-04-2025) (12-11-2025)

RESOLUTION NO. 2025-01 BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CENTER OLIVER COUNTY, NORTH DAKOTA

WHEREAS, a Notice of Hearing requesting that a portion of a certain public street be vacated has been published in the Center Republican for four (4) consecutive weeks, as required by law. Said street is more particularly described as follows:

The portion of Main Street located between Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, Block 9, Original Townsite of the City of Center, Oliver County, North Dakota AND Outlot "H" located in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 15, Township 142 North, Range 84 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Oliver County, North Dakota as shown on Corrective Irregular Plat recorded as Document No. 74402 in Book C of Plats Page 86 and Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, Block 4 and the N1/2 of the alley adjoining Block 4, Original Townsite of the City of Center, Oliver County, North Dakota. The City Council met at the time set in said Notice, to wit: At the regular City Council meeting on the 1st day of December, 2025, at the hour of 6:00 p.m. (CT), in the evening, and the City Council held a hearing upon the matter of vacating the above described portion of the public easement, hearing testimony and evidence thereon as prescribed by Section 40-39-07 of the North Dakota Century Code. At this public hearing, the City Council took this matter into consideration, and it appearing that the property owners affected by the portion of the easement to be vacated, consented that said portion be vacated.

WHEREAS, no one voiced any objection to the approval of said street vacation request, and

WHEREAS, it appears that the Petitioners have complied with the provisions of Chapter 40-39 of the North Dakota Century Code, and

WHEREAS, a Notice in accordance with the North Dakota Century Code, Section 40-39-06 was published in the Center Republican, the official newspaper of the City of Center, on October 16, 2025; October 23, 2025; October 30, 2025; and November 6, 2025, in accordance with the law.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Center, North Dakota, as follows:

1. That the above-described portion of street is hereby vacated, and this Resolution shall be published in the Center Republican, a weekly newspaper, which is the official newspaper of the City of Center, and thereafter, a transcript of this Resolution duly certified by the City Auditor,

shall be filed for record and duly recorded in the Office of the County Recorder in the County of Oliver, and shall have the effect to convey to the abutting property owners, all of the right and title of the City of Center, to the property so vacated, subject to the reservations, as set out herein.

2. That said street described herein is vacated, subject to the rights of any franchisees, their successors and assigns, including utility easements heretofore granted to the City of Center, and not heretofore waived or abandoned. This reservation includes, but is not specifically limited to all utility franchises, including a perpetual easement for maintenance of any and all sewers, water mains, or other pipes, or telephone, electric, or cable television lines, of the City of Center or the City's grantees of the right of way therefore.

3. It is further determined by the City Council that the portion of the street being vacated shall attach and become a part of the abutting properties legally described as follows:

The portion of Main Street located between Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, Block 9, Original Townsite of the City of Center, Oliver County, North Dakota AND Outlot "H" located in the NE1/4SE1/4 of Section 15, Township 142 North, Range 84 West of the Fifth Principal Meridian, Oliver County, North Dakota as shown on Corrective Irregular Plat recorded as Document No. 74402 in Book C of Plats Page 86 and Lots 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, and 9, Block 4 and the N1/2 of the alley adjoining Block 4, Original Townsite of the City of Center, Oliver County, North Dakota. The foregoing Resolution was introduced by Lisa Gusewelle and seconded by Troy Hatzenbihler and upon roll call vote, the following voted in favor thereof: Lisa Gusewelle and Troy Hatzenbihler.

The following voted against same: None. The following were present: Mayor John Lee, Lisa Gusewelle, and Troy Hatzenbihler.

The following were absent: Eric Casson. That this Resolution shall become effective upon its publication and recording as provided by law.

Dated this 1st day of December, 2025.

/s/ John Lee
John Lee, Mayor
ATTEST: /s/ RaShell Simenson
RaShell Simenson, City Auditor
(12-04-2025)

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ing issues of keeping its street sweeper up and running, Gusewelle presented council with an idea it could look into to possibly purchase new machinery.

"When I was at League of Cities, I learned about this. It's a customizable machine with a variety of attachments," Gusewelle said.

She said the machine could be used for multiple jobs, including street sweeping.

Lee asked about the cost of the machine, but Gusewelle said there was no cost included at this time.

"It would be something that would be expensive, and with attachments there would be additional money to put towards it," Gusewelle said. "I just wanted to bring this to council's attention and see if we wanted to look into it and get more information. We have to get a new street sweeper anyway."

City requests residents clear areas where signs are placed on properties

Mayor John Lee announced that the city is encouraging residents to clear areas from snow around any street signs that may be on their property to assure drivers – including first responders – are able to see signs clearly during the winter.

"We're getting ahead of it if we can, so please clear areas next to signs on your property," Lee said.

Simenson also suggested to city residents to be sure house address signs are up and clearly visible, as well, to allow first responders to see them with no difficulty.

In other business, council:

- Was informed by city custodian Kayla Plesuk that she has decided to retract her resignation and asked to retain her position, which council agreed

- Transferred \$150,000 from city savings account to the city's checking account to cover October expenses

- Heard from CB Accounting representative Tray Brownlee, who said he is preparing balance sheets for council to review at some point

- Approved a \$12,000 invoice for studies done by its engineering firm, Moore Engineering

- Approved the 2026 residential prebuy propane contract from Ruds Oil and Gas; Simenson noted the city was credited \$2,904.50, which was put towards the city's 2026 usage

- Approved renewal of CD 9267

- Was informed by Simenson a new dog grooming business will be opening in the area in December

City to apply for energy efficiency block grant

COMPILED BY RYAN SCHLEHUBER
CENTER REPUBLICAN EDITOR

The city of Center is expected to apply for a grant that will fund a project to replace all streetlights with LED lights within the city.

During its regular meeting Nov. 10, City Auditor RaShell Simenson informed council the city is

eligible to apply for a state energy efficiency community block grant specifically to replace streetlights with more energy-efficient lights.

Grants are up to \$225,000 and match requirements are waived this year. These grants are available to 43 counties and 356 cities within North Dakota. It excludes the 10 largest counties and 10 largest cities by population as well

as tribal government (all of which are eligible for direct formula block grants from the U.S. Department of Energy).

The city can submit an application at any time and only needs to complete an Energy Savings Analysis to be added to the application. Grants will be submitted until funding is exhausted.



2025 Annual Meeting

DECEMBER 15 | 10AM

MOUNTRAIL COUNTY SOUTH COMPLEX
8103 61ST ST NW
STANLEY, ND 58784

All are welcome to attend the Northwest Landowners Association annual meeting. This event is an opportunity to learn more about landowners' rights and current issues affecting our region.

The Annual Meeting is free to NWLA members and \$25 for non-members, with lunch included.

SPEAKERS:

- **Derrick Braaten** - General Counsel for Northwest Landowners Association, Lawsuit update and open forum for landowner questions
- **Basin Electric Representative** - Discussion on future power needs, projected costs, and impacts on local property owners
- **Rugby Area Property Owners Panel** - Concerns about potential future radioactive waste and community impacts
- **North Dakota Department of Mineral Resources Representative** - Overview of rare earth elements, critical minerals, and related development topics

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