

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS



Regular City Council Meeting
In the City Hall, 108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT
Monday, November 10, 2025, at 6:00 P.M.

AGENDA

OPEN MEETING - Call to order

ROLL CALL OF THE COUNCIL

PLEDGE OF ALLEGIANCE

SET THE AGENDA

CONSENT AGENDA – Claims, Minutes, Financial Reports, Court Report, & Water Shut-off List/Arrangements

COMMUNITY DECAY AND VIOLATIONS LIST REPORT - Attached

ENGINEER'S REPORT - Attached

STANDING COMMITTEE REPORTS - Attached

INFORMATION:

Growth Policy Open House

ACTION ITEMS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Adoption of Municipal Speed Limit Code
2. Water Leak Credit: Blakney \$90.00
3. Yield Sign
4. Parking Ordinance
5. Conditional Use Permit
6. Update Water Regulation Policy
7. Montana League of Cities and Towns Contract Amendment
8. Water Project Amended Bond Anticipatory Note Resolution
9. Water Project Contract Award
10. Term Extension for ARPA Grant AMC-23-0068
11. Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application
12. Water Project Pay Application for Reimbursement

UNSCHEDULED PUBLIC COMMENT - The public may speak for up to 3 minutes about items not on the agenda.

MAYOR'S REPORT - Mayor Rusti Leivestad's updates.

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CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

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Council Members Present: Raoul Ribeiro, City Council President; Hayley Allen-Blakney, City Council Vice President; Katherine Maudrone, Earlene Powell, and Larry Lack. The City Council meeting was recorded via audio and is available for review on the city website.

City Officials Present:

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

Others signed in: The sign-in sheet is attached.

Rusti Leivestad opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m. with the Pledge of Allegiance.

Kelliann Barton noted who was present.

The Council passed a motion 5-0 to approve setting the Agenda. (Powell, Ribeiro)

The Council passed a motion 5-0 to approve the Consent Agenda. (Allen-Blakney, Maudrone)

Standing Committee Reports: Growth Policy Open House will be on October 29th, 6-7:30 pm at the Community Center. Karren McKinzie gave a presentation about the Montana Clean Air Act.

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council motioned 5-0 to send the vaping ordinance to the Recreation/Public Properties committee. (Allen-Blakney, Ribeiro)
2. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the closing of Broad St on Halloween for a trunk or treat. (Ribeiro, Powell)
3. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Haun water leak credit. (Maudrone, Lack)
4. The Council motioned 5-0 to send the adoption of the Municipal Speed Limit Code to the Committee of the Whole. There were public comments. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
5. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Kegel Easement. (Ribeiro, Lack)
6. The Council motioned 5-0 to issue a Notice of Award for the Water Project Contract to TCI for \$4,267,898 pending the Agency concurrence to award. (Ribeiro, Powell)

7. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the DNRC Renewable Resource Grant Request for Extension. (Ribeiro, Powell)
8. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application. (Allen-Blakney, Maudrone)
9. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the Water Project Pay Application for Reimbursement. (Ribeiro, Maudrone)
10. The Council motioned 5-0 to approve the SLIPA Streets Pay Application for Reimbursement. There was public comment. (Ribeiro, Powell)

Unscheduled Public Comment: None.

MAYOR'S REPORT –

- Had meetings with various residents of Pine Tree Hollow
- A resident called me about all the feral cats in her neighborhood.
- Reviewed draft Growth policy
- Discussion about some violations on placement permit and lack of one
- Meeting with Rich Wallace about Big Sky Passenger Trains – passed that information along to Planning Committee for Growth Policy discussion
- Had correspondence with a resident concerned about the Antimony Mine
- Meeting with funding agencies about status of Phase 3&4 Wastewater and Water projects – one major topic is ARPA funding deadline.
- Attended Phase 3&4 Wastewater construction meetings
- Attended bid opening for Water project – TCI was selected low bidder
- I have written a letter to Department of Commerce to ask if they would consider using unapplied CDBG funds to help residents who qualify in Phase 1 & 2 with SID payments. A copy of the letter is on the website.
- A copy of the City's Budget Message has been included in packet. This is a good summary of where we stand. The entire budget will be uploaded when approved by the state.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:19 p.m.

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

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Montana Clean Air Act presentation – Karren Mckinzie

ACTION ITEMS:

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Vaping Ordinance
2. Budget Amendment Resolution Amending Fiscal Year 2025
3. Permission to close Broad St for Trunk or Treat
4. Haun Credit – broken pipe \$2,669.23
5. Adoption of Municipal Speed Limit Code
6. Kegel Easement
7. Water Project Contract Award
8. Community Development Block Grant Contract Request for Extension
9. DNRC Renewable Resource Grant Request for Extension
10. Wastewater Project Phases 3 & 4 Pay Application
11. Water Project Pay Application for Reimbursement
12. SLIPA Streets Pay Application for Reimbursement

Pat Mckinzie

Officer Michael Derry

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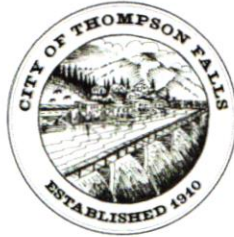
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Sign-in Sheet

NAME	WOULD YOU LIKE TO ADDRESS THE COUNCIL DURING THE PUBLIC COMMENT PERIOD, AND IF YES, WHAT AGENDA ITEM NUMBER?	STREET ADDRESS
Please Print	√ = yes	Please Print ~ thank you
Catherine Dewitt		102 N. Gallatin
Michael Derry		802 Main St.
Annie Wahlen		603 Main St
Ruth Cheney		1806 PTH
Kellee Drane		225 Greenwood St
Karen McKinzie		Sanders County Health Dept.
Pat McKinzie		" " "
Steve Oswald		203 S. Gallatin
Gussie Connor		501 Main
Cody Shaver		217 Park St
Randy Duffield		219 Park ST
Melinda Thompson		219 Park St
Rosa Sanders		408 Church
Toba Leiveslad		Maple St.

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS
SPECIAL CITY COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Monday, October 20, 2025



The City Council meeting was held at the City Hall, 108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, Montana.

Council Members Present: Hayley Allen-Blakney, City Council Vice President (via phone), Katherine Maudrone, Larry Lack, and Shawni Vaught

City Officials Present:

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

Others signed in: Sign-in sheet attached.

Rusti Leivestad opened the meeting at 5:20 p.m.

Kelliann Barton noted who was present.

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council made a motion 4-0 to approve the claims to be paid.
(Maudrone, Vaught)

The meeting was adjourned at 5:22 p.m.

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

City of Thompson Falls

Special City Council Meeting

Monday, October 20, 2025, at 5:15 p.m. in the City Hall,
108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT

Agenda: Claims

If you have any questions, please call

City Hall: 406-827-3557



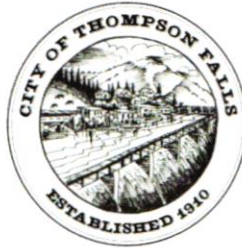
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Monday, October 20, 2025, at 5:15 P.M.

Sign-in Sheet

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**CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS
PUBLIC HEARING MINUTES**

Monday, October 27, 2025



The City Council Public Hearing was held at the City Hall,
108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT

Council Members Present:

Raoul Ribeiro, City Council President
Hayley Allen-Blakney, City Council Vice President via phone
Katherine Maudrone
Earlene Powell
Shawni Vaught
Larry Lack

City Officials Present:

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor
Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

Others signed in: Sign-in sheet is attached.

Rusti Leivestad opened the Public Hearing at 5:55 p.m.

Kelliann Barton noted who was present.

ACTION:

Six people were in favor of the proposed Budget Amendment

The meeting was adjourned at 5:59 p.m.

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

**NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025
BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION**

City Hall, 108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls

Monday, October 27, 2025, at 5:55 p.m.

Agenda: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget Amendment Resolution

Public Hearing Notice published in the Sanders County Ledger on September 25, 2025, October 2, 2025, October 16, 2025, and October 23, 2025.

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING FOR FISCAL YEAR 2024/2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION

City Hall
108 Fulton Street,
Thompson Falls, MT
Monday, October 27, 2025, at 5:55 p.m.
Agenda: Fiscal Year 2024-2025 Budget
Amendment Resolution

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Published in The Sanders County Ledger on 9/25, 10/2, 10/16,
& 10/23/2025.

Public Hearing

5:55 p.m. Agenda: Budget Amendment

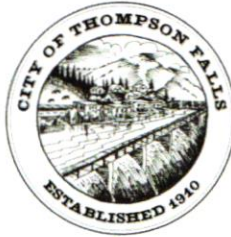
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Others signed in: Sign-in sheet attached.

Rusti Leivestad opened the meeting at 6:00 p.m.

Kelliann Barton noted who was present.

ACTION TAKEN

1. The Council made a motion 6-0 to approve the Budget Amendment for the fiscal year 2024-2025 (Maudrone, Lack)

The meeting was adjourned at 6:01 p.m.

Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kelliann Barton, Acting City Clerk/Treasurer

City of Thompson Falls

Special City Council Meeting

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108 Fulton Street, Thompson Falls, MT

Agenda: Budget Amendment

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Sign-in Sheet

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RESOLUTION NO. 859

**BUDGET AMENDMENT RESOLUTION
AMENDING FISCAL YEAR 2025**

WHEREAS, the City of Thompson Falls adopted all funds revenues and appropriations for fiscal year 2024-2025 on August 26, 2024; and

WHEREAS, it is necessary to amend certain budgets as required by MCA 7-6-4006 (4); and

WHEREAS, the increase in appropriations in the funds will be offset by either an increase in revenues, or a decrease in reserves.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the City Council of the City of Thompson Falls, Montana:

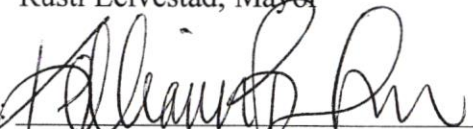
That the City Council hereby directs the Clerk to amend the budget as stated below in order to comply with MCA 7-6-4006 (4):

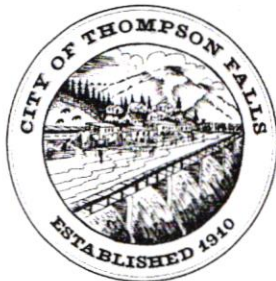
The City is amending the FY 2025 Budget reflected in Exhibit "A" attached.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the attached Exhibit "A" amendments shall become effective on October 27, 2025.

**PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL AND SIGNED BY THE
MAYOR OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS THIS 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 2025.**

By: 
Rusti Leivestad, Mayor

Attest: 
Kelliann Barton, Clerk



Budget Amendment Form - Compliance with Montana Local Budget Act: MCA 7-6-40

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS

EXHIBIT "A" FISCAL YEAR 2025 BUDGET AMENDMENT

Budget Amendment Documentation:

Fund Number	Fund Name	Original Budget Amount	Requested Amended Budget	Approved Final Amended Budget	Source of revenue/reserves to cover amendment	Date Approved by Governing Body	Comments
2820	Gas Apportionment Tax	53,000.00	218,000.00	271,000.00			
Totals:		53,000.00	218,000.00	271,000.00			

Budget amendment procedures: Determine the amount of the required additional appropriations and identify the fund reserves, unanticipated revenue, or previously unbudgeted revenue that will fund the appropriations. Prepare a budget resolution. Schedule the public hearing. Follow provisions of MCA 7-6-4021. Provide public notice by publishing the date, time and place of the hearing two times with 6 days separating publications. Prior to the hearing, a copy of the budget and budget amendments should be available for public viewing. After the hearing, update the final budget in the accounting software. Provide a copy of the budget amendments and resolution to DOA LGSB to accompany your budget on the public transparency site.

Notice of Public Hearing Publication Dates: 1st Publication: 10/16/25

2nd Publication: 10/23/25

Public Hearing Date: October 27, 2025

Time: 5:55 pm

Resolution Number: 859

Approval Date: 10/27/25

Governing Body Signature: [Signature]

Date: 10/29/25

Submit a copy of the amendment to the City/Town Clerk or County Clerk and Recorder to update the final budget in the accounting system and email to DOA LGSB to include with your budget on the public transparency site.

Montana Code Annotated - Title 7. Local Government - Chapter 6. Financial Administration - Part 40. Local Budget Act

MCA 7-6-4005. Expenditures limited to appropriations. (1) Local government officials may not make a disbursement or an expenditure or incur an obligation in excess of the total appropriations for a fund. (2) A local government official who violates subsection (1) is liable for the amount of the excess disbursement, expenditure, or obligation personally.

MCA 7-6-4006. (4)The governing body may amend the budget during the fiscal year by conducting public hearings at regularly scheduled meetings. Budget amendments providing for additional appropriations must identify the fund reserves, unanticipated revenue, or previously unbudgeted revenue that will fund the appropriations.

MCA 7-6-4012. Fee Based Budgets -adjustable appropriation. (1) In its final budget resolution, the governing body may authorize adjustments to appropriations funded by fees throughout the budget period. Adjustable appropriations are: (a) proprietary fund appropriations; or (b) other appropriations specifically identified in the local government's final budget resolution as fee-based appropriations. (2) Adjustments of fee-based appropriations must be: (a) based upon the cost of providing the services supported by the fee; and (b) fully funded by the related fees for services, fund reserves, or nonfee revenue such as interest. **Note: Ensure your budget resolution authorizes amendments to fee-based budgets.*

MCA 7-6-4021 Notice of preliminary or amended budget. (1) The governing body shall cause a notice of a public hearing on the preliminary or amended budget to be published. The notice must: (a)provide that the governing body has completed its preliminary annual budget for the ensuing fiscal year or intends to amend its annual budget; (b) state that the budget or budget amendment has been placed on file and is open to inspection in the county or municipal office designated in the notice; (c) designate the date, time, and place of the meeting at which the governing body will meet for approving a final budget or amended budget and making appropriations; and; (d) state that any taxpayer or resident may appear at the meeting and be heard for or against any part of the proposed budget or budget amendment. (2) The publication requirements must conform to the provisions of 7-1-2121 for a county or 7-1-4127 for a municipality.

MCA 7-6-4030. Final budget — resolution — appropriations. (1) The governing body may amend the preliminary budget after the public hearing and after considering any public comment. (2) The amended budget constitutes the final budget. The final budget must be balanced so that appropriations do not exceed the projected beginning balance plus the estimated revenue of each fund for the fiscal year. (3) The governing body shall adopt the final budget by resolution. The resolution must: (a) authorize appropriations to defray the expenses or liabilities for the fiscal year; and (b) establish legal spending limits at the level of detail in the resolution. (4) The effective date of the resolution is July 1 of the fiscal year, even if the resolution is adopted after that date.

MCA 7-6-4031. Budget amendment procedures. (1) The final budget resolution may authorize the governing body or a designated official to transfer appropriations between items within the same fund. (2) The annual budget appropriations may be amended as provided in 7-6-4006(3) and 7-6-4012. (3) Except as provided in 7-6-4006, 7-6-4011, 7-6-4012, 7-6-4015, and 7-6-4032 or in the case of an emergency under Title 10, chapter 3, a public hearing is required for an overall increase in appropriation authority.

MCA 7-6-4032. Emergency expenditures. (1) Emergency budget appropriations must be adopted by two-thirds of the members of a governing body who are present at a meeting. (2) Emergency expenditures are limited to and must be charged to the adopted emergency budget appropriations. (3) The governing body may submit the question of funding emergency warrants at an election as provided by law.

**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

I, Rusti Phone # _____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the November 10 2026, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: _____

Time: 6:00 pm

Action: Adoption of Municipal Speed
Limit Code

**All agenda requests must be submitted by Noon on
Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

I, Michael Derry Phone # _____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the September 2025, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: Adoption of a Municipal Speed limit
Code

Included: Copy of Municipal Code for City of Troy
Copy of Montana Supreme Court Bond Schedule
Financial Information from Thompson Falls City Court
MCA 61-12-101 and 7-14-4103 and 61-1-101

Time: 10 minutes

Action: _____

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6-3-1: - BASIC RULE:

Every person operating or driving a vehicle of any kind on a street within the municipality shall drive the vehicle in a careful and prudent manner, and at a rate of speed no greater than is reasonable and proper under the conditions existing at the point of operation, taking into account the amount and character of traffic, condition of brakes, weight of vehicle, grade and width of highway, condition of surface, and freedom of obstruction to view ahead, and so as not to unduly or unreasonably endanger life, limb, property or other rights of any person entitled to use of the street or highway.

(1982 Code § 10.20.010)

6-3-2: - COMPLIANCE REQUIRED:

Where no special hazard exists that requires lower speed for compliance with section 6-3-1 of this chapter, the speed of any vehicle not in excess of the speed limits specified in section 6-3-3 of this chapter, or established as hereinafter authorized in section 6-3-3 of this chapter, which limits are identical with state law or the limits authorized by section 6-3-3 of this chapter, or established as authorized in section 6-3-5 of this chapter, shall be unlawful.

(1982 Code § 10.20.020)

6-3-3: - DESIGNATED SPEEDS:

- A. The following speed limits apply to streets in the municipality, except for those streets or parts of streets where the limits have been altered in accordance with section 6-3-5 of this chapter:
 - 1. Twenty-five (25) miles per hour in any urban district;
 - 2. Thirty-five (35) miles per hour on any highways under construction or repair;
 - 3. Seventy (70) miles per hour in the daytime and sixty-five (65) miles per hour in the nighttime in such other locations.
- B. "Daytime" means from one-half hour before sunrise to one-half hour after sunset. "Nighttime" means at any other hour.

(1982 Code § 10.20.030; amd. 2013 Code)

MONTANA SUPREME COURT BOND SCHEDULE

January 2024

MCA's - Pages 1-81 CFR's - Pages 82-88	UVC Code	Points	MCA Description	Degree	(Recommended) Bond **Includes Surcharge	Min Fine	Max Fine	Surcharges	Must Appear	Min Jail	Max Jail	Penalty Section
			21-30 MPH Over Limit		\$70	\$0	\$0		N	0	0	
			31+ MPH Over Limit (See Judge)		\$100	\$0	\$0		N	0	0	
303(3) [1st]	V5140	2	Basic Rule - Reasonable And Prudent - 1st Offense	MISD	\$120	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	61-8-104 61-8-711(2)
303(3) [2nd]	V5140	2	Basic Rule - Reasonable And Prudent - 2nd Offense	MISD	\$160	\$25	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	61-8-104 61-8-711(2)
303(3) [3rd]	V5140	2	Basic Rule - Reasonable And Prudent - 3rd Offense	MISD	\$285	\$50	\$500	\$35	N	0	0	61-8-104 61-8-711(2)
308 [1]	V5130	5	Holding a Speed Contest Without A Written Permit	MISD	\$185	\$50	\$500	\$35	N	0	6 Mo	61-8-717
308 [2]	V5132	5	Aiding or Abetting in Speed Contest on Highway	MISD	\$185	\$50	\$500	\$35	N	0	6 Mo	61-8-717
308 [3]	V5133	5	Holding A Speed Contest Which Is Not Patrolled	MISD	\$185	\$50	\$500	\$35	N	0	6 Mo	61-8-717
309(1)	V5150	3	Speeding - Exceed Restricted/Special Zone Speed Limit Established By Department	MISD		See Miles Over Schedule						61-8-309(6)
			1-10 MPH Over Limit		\$55	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
			11-15 MPH Over Limit		\$65	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
			16-20 MPH Over Limit		\$85	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
			21-25 MPH Over Limit		\$95	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
			26-30 MPH Over Limit		\$105	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
			31+ MPH Over Limit (See Judge)		\$135	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
309(2)	V5150	3	Speeding - Exceed Temporary Restricted/Special Zone Speed Limit Established By Department	MISD		See Miles Over Schedule						61-8-104 61-8-711(2) 61-8-309(5) 61-8-725(1)(b)
			1-10 MPH Over Limit		\$55	\$10	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	
			11-20 MPH Over Limit		\$105	\$10	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	
			21-30 MPH Over Limit		\$155	\$10	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	
			31+ MPH Over Limit (See Judge)		\$235	\$10	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	
310(1)	V5160	3	Speed - Exceed Restricted Speed Limit Established Local Authority	MISD		See Miles Over Schedule						61-8-104 61-8-711(2)
			1-10 MPH Over Limit		\$55	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
			11-15 MPH Over Limit		\$65	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
			16-20 MPH Over Limit		\$85	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
			21-25 MPH Over Limit		\$95	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
			26-30 MPH Over Limit		\$105	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
			31+ MPH Over Limit (See Judge)		\$135	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	
310(1)(d)	V5161	3	Violating Speed Limit Near School Or Senior Citizen Center	MISD		See Miles Over Schedule						61-8-104 61-8-711(2) 61-8-726
			1-10 MPH Over Limit		\$75	\$20	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	
			11-15 MPH Over Limit		\$95	\$20	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	
			16-20 MPH Over Limit		\$135	\$20	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	
			21-25 MPH Over Limit		\$155	\$20	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	
			26-30 MPH Over Limit		\$175	\$20	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	
			31+ MPH Over Limit (See Judge)		\$235	\$20	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	
311(1)	V5170	2	Obstruct Traffic, Under Minimum Speed	MISD	\$85	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	61-8-104 61-8-711(2)
311(2)	V5171	2	Obstruct Traffic (Slow Vehicle Fail To Pull Over)	MISD	\$85	\$10	\$100	\$35	N	0	0	61-8-104 61-8-711(2)
312(1)(a)	V5178	3	Speeding - Truck Interstate Exceed Speed Limit Of 70 MPH	MISD		See Miles Over Schedule						61-8-725
			1-10 MPH Over Limit		\$55	\$10	\$200	\$35	N	0	0	

~See Section 46-9-301, MCA; see also applicable statutes for 2nd or subsequent offense.~
 SURCHARGES - \$35 (Misd-\$15, Tech-\$10, MLEA-\$10) \$85 (Misd-\$15, Tech-\$10, Vict Wit-\$49, Vict Wit Admin Fee-\$1, MLEA-\$10)

Information Regarding Bond Fees for Speeding Tickets

61-8-310 (1)

1-10 MPH Over Limit \$55.00

11-15 MPH Over Limit \$65.00

16-20 MPH Over Limit \$85.00

21-25 MPH Over Limit \$95.00

26-30 MPH Over Limit \$105.00

31+ MPH Over Limit (See Judge) \$135.00

All the Speeding Fines Have a flat \$35.00 surcharge. This is Split up with \$15.00 going to the State Department of Justice, \$10.00 Going to the State for Technology, and \$10.00 Going to Law enforcement. Anything Received above that goes to the city.

That is roughly:

64% of Speeding Fines For a \$55.00 Bond given to the State

54% of Speeding Fines For a \$65.00 Bond given to the State

41% of Speeding Fines For a \$85.00 Bond given to the State

The majority of speeding tickets given fall between 1-20 MPH or \$55.00 - \$85.00. Anything over that is rare and far between.

Kristina Quickenden

City Court Clerk

Montana Code Annotated 2023

TITLE 61. MOTOR VEHICLES

CHAPTER 12. MISCELLANEOUS PROVISIONS

Part 1. Powers of Local Authorities

Powers Of Local Authorities To Regulate Traffic

61-12-101. Powers of local authorities to regulate traffic. (1) The provisions of chapters 8 and 9 do not prevent local authorities with respect to sidewalks, streets, and highways under their jurisdiction and within the reasonable exercise of the police power from:

- (a) regulating the standing or parking of vehicles;
- (b) regulating the traffic by means of police officers or traffic control devices;
- (c) regulating or prohibiting processions or assemblages on the highways;
- (d) designating particular highways as one-way highways and requiring that all vehicles on those highways be moved in one specific direction;
- (e) regulating the speed of vehicles in public parks;
- (f) designating any highway as a through highway, as defined in **61-8-341**, and requiring that all vehicles stop before entering or crossing a through highway and designating any intersection, as defined in **61-8-102**, as a stop intersection and requiring all vehicles to stop at one or more entrances to stop intersections;
- (g) restricting the use of highways as authorized in **61-10-128(2)**;
- (h) regulating the operation of bicycles or mopeds, as defined in **61-8-102**, and requiring the registration and licensing of bicycles or mopeds, including requiring a registration fee;
- (i) regulating or prohibiting the turning of vehicles or specified types of vehicles at intersections;
- (j) altering the speed limits as authorized in Title 7, chapter 14, and Title 61, chapter 8;
- (k) regulating the operating of a vehicle by a person who is a habitual user of or under the influence of any narcotic drug or who is under the influence of any other drug to a degree that renders the person incapable of safely operating a vehicle within the incorporated limits of any city or town;
- (l) regulating or prohibiting a person who is under the influence of intoxicating liquor from operating or being in actual physical control of a vehicle within the incorporated limits of a city or town;
- (m) regulating or prohibiting the operation of a vehicle by a person in willful or wanton disregard for the safety of persons or property within the incorporated limits of a city or town;
- (n) enacting as ordinances any provisions of chapter 8 or 9 and any other law regulating traffic, pedestrians, vehicles, and operators of vehicles that are not in conflict with state law or federal regulations and enforcing the ordinances;
- (o) regulating the operation of motorized nonstandard vehicles on sidewalks, streets, and highways; and
- (p) regulating the operation of golf carts on streets and highways.

(2) The powers of a local authority to regulate traffic do not include the power to require a fee and a permit for the movement of a vehicle, combination of vehicles, load, object, or other thing of a size exceeding the maximum specified in **61-10-101** through **61-10-104** on a highway that is under the jurisdiction of an entity other than the local authority.

History: En. Sec. 28, Ch. 263, L. 1955; amd. Sec. 2, Ch. 201, L. 1957; amd. Sec. 1, Ch. 240, L. 1959; R.C.M. 1947, 32-2131; amd. Secs. 9, 11, Ch. 468, L. 2005; amd. Sec. 232, Ch. 542, L. 2005; amd. Sec. 9, Ch. 247, L. 2011; amd. Sec. 7, Ch. 173, L. 2015; amd. Sec. 14, Ch. 374, L. 2015.

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TITLE 7. LOCAL GOVERNMENT

CHAPTER 14. TRANSPORTATION

Part 41. General Provisions Related to Municipal Trafficways and Public Grounds

Regulation Of Motor Vehicles

7-14-4103. Regulation of motor vehicles. (1) Except as provided in **7-14-4116**, the council of an incorporated city or town may, by ordinance, regulate motor vehicles and their speed within the limits of the city or town and prescribe and enforce fines and penalties for violation of the regulations.

(2) As used in this section, the term "motor vehicles" has the meaning provided in **61-1-101**, except the term does not include authorized emergency vehicles as defined in **61-8-102**.

History: (1)En. Sec. 1, Ch. 49, L. 1917; re-en. Sec. 5041, R.C.M. 1921; re-en. Sec. 5041, R.C.M. 1935; Sec. 11-1002, R.C.M. 1947; (2)En. Sec. 2, Ch. 49, L. 1917; re-en. Sec. 5042, R.C.M. 1921; re-en. Sec. 5042, R.C.M. 1935; Sec. 11-1003, R.C.M. 1947; R.C.M. 1947, 11-1002, 11-1003; amd. Sec. 4, Ch. 173, L. 2015.

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TITLE 61. MOTOR VEHICLES

CHAPTER 1. DEFINITIONS

Part 1. Vehicles

Definitions

61-1-101. Definitions. As used in this title, unless the context indicates otherwise, the following definitions apply:

(1) (a) "Authorized agent" means a person who has executed a written agreement with the department and is specifically authorized by the department to electronically access and update the department's motor vehicle titling, registration, or driver records, using an approved automated interface, for specific functions or purposes on behalf of a third party.

(b) For purposes of this subsection (1), "person" means an individual, corporation, partnership, limited partnership, limited liability company, association, joint venture, state agency, local government unit, another state government, the United States, a political subdivision of this or another state, or any other legal or commercial entity.

(2) "Authorized agent agreement" means the written agreement executed between an authorized agent and the department that sets the technical and operational program standards, compliance criteria, payment options, and service expectations by which the authorized agent is required to operate in performing specific motor vehicle or driver-related record functions.

(3) "Autocycle" means a three-wheeled motorcycle that is equipped with safety belts, roll bars or roll hoops, a steering wheel, and seating that does not require the operator to straddle or sit astride it.

(4) "Bus" means a motor vehicle designed for carrying more than 10 passengers and used for the transportation of persons and any other motor vehicle, other than a taxicab, designed and used for the transportation of persons for compensation.

(5) (a) "Business entity" means a corporation, association, partnership, limited liability partnership, limited liability company, or other legal entity recognized under state law.

(b) The term does not include an individual.

(6) (a) "Camper" means a structure designed to be mounted in the cargo area of a truck or attached to an incomplete vehicle for the purpose of providing shelter for persons. The term includes but is not limited to a cab-over, half cab-over, noncab-over, telescopic, and telescopic cab-over.

(b) The term does not include a truck canopy cover or topper.

(7) "CDLIS driver record" means the electronic record of a person's commercial driver's license status and history stored as part of the commercial driver's license system established under 49 U.S.C. 31309.

(8) "Certificate of title" means the paper record issued by the department or by the appropriate agency of another jurisdiction that establishes a verifiable record of ownership between an identified person or persons and the motor vehicle specifically described in the record and that provides notice of a perfected security interest in the motor vehicle.

(b) The term does not include a bicycle or a moped as defined in **61-8-102**, an electric personal assistive mobility device, a motorized nonstandard vehicle, or a motorized wheelchair or other low-powered, mechanically propelled vehicle that is designed specifically for use by a physically disabled person and that is used as a means of mobility for that person.

(44) (a) "Motorboat" means a vessel, including a personal watercraft or pontoon, propelled by any machinery, motor, or engine of any description, whether or not the machinery, motor, or engine is the principal source of propulsion. The term includes boats temporarily equipped with detachable motors or engines.

(b) The term does not include a vessel that has a valid marine document issued by the United States coast guard or any successor federal agency.

(45) (a) "Motorcycle" means a motor vehicle that has a seat or saddle for the use of the operator and that is designated to travel on not more than three wheels in contact with the ground. A motorcycle may carry one or more attachments and a seat for the conveyance of a passenger.

(b) A motorcycle designed for use on highways is a motor vehicle unless otherwise prescribed.

(c) A motorcycle designed for off-road recreational use is an off-highway vehicle unless it has been modified to meet the equipment standards specified in chapter 9 and has been registered for highway use.

(d) The term includes an autocycle.

(e) The term does not include a tractor, a bicycle or a moped as defined in **61-8-102**, a motorized nonstandard vehicle, or a two- or three-wheeled all-terrain vehicle that is used exclusively on private property.

(46) (a) "Motor-driven cycle" means a motorcycle, including a motor scooter, with a motor that produces 5 horsepower or less.

(b) The term does not include a bicycle or a moped, as defined in **61-8-102**, or a motorized nonstandard vehicle.

(47) (a) "Motorized nonstandard vehicle" means a vehicle, on or by which a person may be transported, that:

(i) is propelled by its own power, using an internal combustion engine or an electric motor;

(ii) has a wheelbase of less than 40 inches and a wheel diameter of less than 10 inches; and

(iii) does not display a manufacturer's certification in accordance with 49 CFR, part 567, or have a 17-character vehicle identification number assigned by the manufacturer in accordance with 49 CFR, part 565.

(b) The term includes but is not limited to a motorized skateboard and a vehicle commonly known as a "pocket rocket".

(c) The term does not include a moped as defined in **61-8-102**, an electric personal assistive mobility device, or a motorized wheelchair or other low-powered, mechanically propelled vehicle designed specifically for use by a physically disabled person.

(48) "New motor vehicle" means a motor vehicle, regardless of the mileage of the vehicle, the legal or equitable title to which has never been transferred by a manufacturer, distributor, or dealer to another person as the result of a retail sale.

(49) "Nonresident" means a person who is not a Montana resident.

(50) (a) "Not used for general transportation purposes" means the operation of a motor vehicle registered as a collector's item, a custom vehicle, a street rod, or a custom-built motorcycle to or from a car or motorcycle club activity or event or an exhibit, show, cruise night, or parade, or for other occasional transportation activity.

- (iv) is fully enclosed and includes at least one door for entry;
- (v) has a wheelbase of 40 inches or greater and a wheel diameter of 10 inches or greater;
- (vi) exhibits a manufacturer's compliance with 49 CFR, part 565, or displays a 17-character vehicle identification number as provided in 49 CFR, part 565;
- (vii) bears a sticker, affixed by the manufacturer or dealer, on the left side of the rear window that indicates the vehicle's maximum speed rating; and
- (viii) as certified by the manufacturer, is equipped as provided in **61-9-432**.

(b) A medium-speed electric vehicle must be treated as a light vehicle for purposes of titling and registration under Title 61, chapter 3.

(c) A medium-speed electric vehicle may not have a gross vehicle weight in excess of 5,000 pounds.

(39) "Mobile home" or "housetrailer" has the meaning provided in **15-24-201**.

(40) "Montana resident" means:

- (a) an individual who resides in Montana as determined under **1-1-215**; or
- (b) for the purposes of chapter 3, a business entity that maintains a principal place of business or a registered agent in this state.

(41) (a) "Motor carrier" means a person or corporation or its lessees, trustees, or receivers appointed by a court that are operating motor vehicles on a public highway in this state for the transportation of property for hire on a commercial basis.

(b) The term does not include motor carriers regulated under Title 69, chapter 12.

(42) "Motor home" means a motor vehicle:

(a) designed to provide temporary living quarters, built as an integral part of or permanently attached to a self-propelled motor vehicle chassis or van;

(b) containing permanently installed independent life support systems that meet the NFPA 1192 standard on recreational vehicles; and

(c) providing at least four of the following types of facilities:

(i) cooking, refrigeration, or icebox;

(ii) self-contained toilet;

(iii) heating or air conditioning, or both;

(iv) potable water supply, including a faucet and sink; or

(v) separate 110-volt or 125-volt electrical power supply or a liquefied petroleum gas supply, or both.

(43) (a) "Motor vehicle" means:

(i) a vehicle propelled by its own power and designed or used to transport persons or property on the highways of the state;

(ii) a quadricycle if it is equipped for use on the highways as prescribed in chapter 9; or

(iii) a golf cart only if it is equipped for use on the highways as prescribed in chapter 9 and is operated pursuant to **61-8-391** or by a person with a low-speed restricted driver's license.

Chapter 10.12
TOWN SPEED LIMITS

Sections:

10.12.010 Town Speed Limits

10-12-010 Town Speed Limits. The base speed limit on all Town streets and avenues is twenty-five (25) miles per hour unless otherwise posted. Alleys and lanes are fifteen (15) miles per hour. Senior centers, parks, playgrounds and high pedestrian traffic areas may be posted at fifteen (15) miles per hour permanently or temporarily as determined by resolution of the Town Council with the advice of the Police Chief. Speed limits as set by the State of Montana have priority over the limits set forth herein.

Amended: August 7, 2014, Ord. # 260

ORDINANCE NO. 260

AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH SPEED LIMITATIONS ON
STREETS AND ALLEYWAYS

WHEREAS, the Town Council finds that the adoption of the State of Montana Traffic Code does not sufficiently define the required and mandatory speed limits within the Town;

WHEREAS, the Council, with concurrence of the Police Chief, believes it to be in the best interests of the Town to adopt a clearer statement of the required speed limits in the Town that is not in conflict with posted limits by the Montana Department of Transportation;

WHEREAS, it appears in the best public interest that the Town Council establish the limitations of vehicular speed within the Town of Plains;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, that the following new section shall be added to the ordinances of the Town of Plains:

10-12-010 Town Speed Limits; The base speed limit on all Town streets and avenues is twenty five (25) miles per hour unless otherwise posted. Alleys and lanes are fifteen (15) miles per hour. Senior centers, parks, playgrounds and high pedestrian traffic areas may be posted at fifteen (15) miles per hour permanently or temporarily as determined by resolution of the Town Council with the advice of the Police Chief. Speed limits as set by the State of Montana have priority over the limits set forth herein.

BE IT, FURTHERMORE, RESOLVED, that the Town Clerk is instructed to file this Ordinance in the Book of Ordinances established by this Town.

First reading 5___ayes ___nays 1___abstentions

Second reading 5___ayes ___nays 1___abstentions

Effective date: August 7, 2014

Mayor

Attest:

Clerk

Approved as to form:

Town Attorney

**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

I, _____ Phone # _____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the November 10 2025, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: _____

Time: 6:00 pm

Action: Water leak credit: \$90.00
Cheryl Blakney

**All agenda requests must be submitted by Noon on
Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

UTILITY BILLING SYSTEM Report ID: 1137
CUSTOMER WATER READINGS

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS

09:31:14 - 11/05/2025

Customer Name: BLAKNEY, CHERYL
Account: 601810-00
Route - Meter: 07-01810
Service Address: 1810 PINE TREE HOLLOW
Mtr Id - Type - Size: 12215891 B

From 4-2025 to 11-2025

0.750"

Meter Serial #:**(Readings in Actual Units)**

AP-Year	Reading	Reading Date	Monthly Usage	YTD Usage	Reading Type
11-2025	420800	11/03/2025	1900	83900	HANDHELD
10-2025	418900	10/01/2025	37200	82000	HANDHELD
09-2025	381700	09/02/2025	25800	44800	HANDHELD
08-2025	355900	08/01/2025	6400	19000	HANDHELD
07-2025	349500	07/01/2025	1500	12600	HANDHELD
06-2025	348000	06/02/2025	1900	11100	HANDHELD
05-2025	346100	05/01/2025	1900	9200	HANDHELD
04-2025	344200	04/01/2025	1700	7300	HANDHELD

10/1/25
35,800 October bill
\$54.00

23,900 9/2/25
September bill
\$36.00

total: \$90.00 credit

#601810

Cheryl Blakney

**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

I, _____ Phone # _____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the NOVEMBER 20 25, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: RESIDENT EXPRESSED CONCERN ABOUT
INTERSECTION OF ^{GALLATIN} ~~GALLATIN~~, PRESTON & OGDEN
COMING FROM DIRECTION OF WEST OFF RAMP

Time: _____

Action: ASKING IF A YIELD SIGN COULD BE PUT
@ ROAD LEADING UP FROM ~~OFF~~ WEST RAMP TO
PROTECT DRIVERS COMING DOWN HILL FROM GALLATIN

**All agenda requests must be submitted by Noon on
Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL

I, _____ Phone # _____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the Nov 20 25, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: This Request was on Feb 2023
agenda - no record of it being
addressed by streets/alley committee

Time: _____

Action: Several suggested changes to
Parking ordinance - see notes

All agenda requests must be submitted by Noon on
Wednesday before the Council Meeting.

Form 1

Indicate the following from the record of the meeting
the 11th City Council Meeting

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed
approximately thirty seconds or less. We would like to see

This Request was made on Feb 2003
Agenda - No record of it being
addressed by Streets/Highway Committee

Several suggested changes to
Parking ordinance - see notes

CHAPTER 1. PARKING

Sec. 6-1-1. No parking zones.

A. *Designated; signs.* "No parking" zones on the streets of the city shall be designated by appropriate signs being posted at the entrance and exit of such zones. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle within any such "no parking" zone.

B. *Zone established.* There shall be no parking of a wheeled vehicle on the north side of Main Street from the west boundary of the intersection of Gallatin and Main Streets, thence westerly for a distance of 200 feet.

(Ord. 298, 3-11-1991; Ord. 309, 11-1994)

Sec. 6-1-2. Time limitations.

A. *Two-hour limit.* It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle for a period of time exceeding two hours in the following locations in the city:

1. South side of Main Street;
2. West side of Mill Street from Main Street south one-half block to the intersection with the alley;
3. Both sides of Fulton Street from Main Street south one block to Maiden Lane;

These restrictions shall be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. each day, except holidays and Sundays.

B. *Fifteen minute loading zone.* There shall be a 15 minute loading zone on the east side of Mill Street south to the alley.

C. *Twenty-four hour limit.* There shall be a 24-hour parking limit in the following locations in the city:

1. On the north side of Main Street and all city maintained parking lots.
2. On both sides of South Jefferson Street from Main Street south one block to Maiden Lane.

D. *Exceptions.* The owners or occupants of the following real property shall have parking for one vehicle without any time restrictions on the south side of Main Street bordering the respective properties:

1. Lots 3 and 4 of Block 11, plat of Thompson Falls original Townsite, Sanders County, Montana.
2. Lots 5 and 6 of Block 11, plat of Thompson Falls original Townsite, Sanders County, Montana.
3. Lots 5 and 6 of Block 12, plat of Thompson Falls Original Townsite, Sanders County, Montana.

(Ord. 298, 3-11-1991; Ord. 346, 7-13-2020)

Sec. 6-1-3 Penalty.

Any person violating this chapter shall be punished upon conviction thereof by a fine not exceeding \$10.00 for the first offence and upon being convicted of a second or subsequent offense shall be fined in any sum not less than \$10.00 or more than \$50.00.

(Ord. 309, 11-1994)

CHAPTER 2. U-TURNS

Sec. 6-2-1. Prohibited.

U-turns are prohibited on that portion of Main Street from and including the intersection of Main Street with Wild Goose Landing Park to and including the intersection of Main Street with Pond Street. Appropriate signs shall be posted to inform motorists where U-turns are prohibited.
(Ord. 286, 8-10-1987, eff. 9-9-1987; amd. Ord. 319, 11-19-1998)

REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL

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Send to
Streets & Alleys

I, Mark Sheets Phone # _____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the 2-13 2023, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: _____

Time: _____

Action: Parking Ordinance - Repeals
Ordinance #355 & #346

All agenda requests must be submitted by Noon on
Wednesday before the Council Meeting.

CHAPTER 1. PARKING

Sec. 6-1-1. No parking zones.

A. *Designated; signs.* "No parking" zones on the streets of the city shall be designated by appropriate signs being posted at the entrance and exit of such zones. It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle within any such "no parking" zone.

B. *Zone established.* There shall be no parking of a wheeled vehicle on the north side of Main Street from the west boundary of the intersection of ~~Gallatin~~ and Main Streets, thence westerly for a distance of 200 feet.

(Ord. 298, 3-11-1991; Ord. 309, 11-1994)

Sec. 6-1-2. Time limitations.

A. *Two-hour limit.* It shall be unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle for a period of time exceeding two hours in the following locations in the city:

1. South side of Main Street: *from Gallatin St. to Ferry St.*
2. West side of Mill Street from Main Street south one-half block to the intersection with the alley;
3. Both sides of Fulton Street from Main Street south one block to Maiden Lane;
4. ~~Both sides of Jefferson Street from Main Street south one block to Maiden Lane.~~

These restrictions shall be in effect from 9:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m. each day, except holidays and Sundays.

B. *Fifteen minute loading zone.* There shall be a 15 minute loading zone on the east side of Mill Street south to the alley.

C. *Twenty-four hour limit.* There shall be a 24-hour parking limit on the north side of Main Street ~~and~~ *except during* all city maintained parking lots.

D. *Exceptions.* The owners or occupants of the following real property shall have parking for one vehicle without any time restrictions on the south side of Main Street bordering the respective properties:

1. Lots 3 and 4 of Block 11, plat of Thompson Falls original Townsite, Sanders County, Montana.
2. Lots 5 and 6 of Block 11, plat of Thompson Falls original Townsite, Sanders County, Montana.
3. Lots 5 and 6 of Block 12, plat of Thompson Falls Original Townsite, Sanders County, Montana.

(Ord. 298, 3-11-1991)

Sec. 6-1-3 Penalty.

Any person violating this chapter shall be punished upon conviction thereof by a fine not exceeding ~~\$10.00~~ *\$25.00* for the first offence and upon being convicted of a second or subsequent offense shall be fined in any sum not less than ~~\$10.00~~ *\$25.00* or more than ~~\$50.00~~ *\$100.00*.

(Ord. 309, 11-1994) *and the vehicle in violation*

is subject to towing at the owner's expense.

This ordinance repeals ordinance # 355, # 346, # 309, 298

6-1-2
Replace D.



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Montana's Municipalities*



D. Exception, For winter snowplowing
from November 15 until March 15
There shall be no parking on Main
street between the hours of 2:00am
and 6:00am.

Montana League of Cities and Towns
700 W Custer Ave | PO Box 7388 | Helena, MT 59604
(406) 442-8768 www.mtleague.org

Montana Municipal Interlocal Authority
700 W Custer Ave | PO Box 6669 | Helena, MT 59604
(800) 635-3089 www.mmia.net



To Add to 6-1-2

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E. Parking on City Street and Alley
Right of Way. There shall be no
parking of Camper trailers, trailers,
Inoperable vehicles, boats, boats
with trailers or any other materials
in the street or alley right of way.

Temporary parking of vehicles of
adjacent property owners or visitors
of the property owners/renters is
allowed. This parking is only allowed
if it does not pose a hazard to the
use of the street or alley or hamper
the snowplowing or maintenance of the
street or alley.

ORDINANCE NO. 355

AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA, IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON OVERNIGHT PARKING ON MAIN STREET/HIGHWAY 200

WHEREAS, State law allows the City to adopt an emergency ordinance to protect public safety, health, and welfare without following the procedures otherwise required preliminary to the adoption of an ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-5-104, MCA, provides that in the event of an emergency, the governing body of a municipality may waive the second reading of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance passed in response to an emergency shall recite the facts giving rise to the emergency and requires a two-thirds vote of the whole governing body for passage; and

WHEREAS, An emergency ordinance shall be effective on passage and approval and shall remain effective for no more than 90 days; and

WHEREAS, to protect the public health and safety, the council has determined that overnight parking on Main Street should be restricted during winter months.

WHEREAS, the Council finds the following facts give rise to an emergency: Snow buildup causing parking, pedestrian movement, street drain clogging to cause possible business flooding, causing traffic flow problems and Hazards for State Highway snow plow drivers; and

WHEREAS, a local government may fix penalties for the violation of an ordinance that do not exceed a fine of \$500 or 6 months' imprisonment or both the fine and imprisonment. § 7-5-109, MCA; and

WHEREAS, after first having provided lawful public notice, the City Council conducted a Special City Council meeting on December 22, 2022, with respect to this proposed Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thompson Falls, Montana, as follows:

There shall be no parking on Main Street between the hours of **2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.**

The penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be by a fine of \$100.00 and the vehicle in violation is subject to towing at the owner's expense.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Thompson Falls, Montana, and signing of the Mayor thereof.

Said ordinance shall remain in effect for a period of 90 days.

No second reading shall be required.

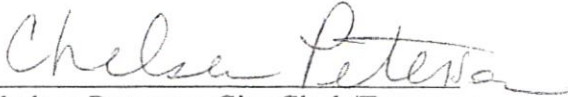
PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON

FALLS, MONTANA, THIS 22nd DAY OF DECEMBER, 2022.



Mark Sheets, Mayor

Attest:



Chelsea Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer



ORDINANCE NO. 346

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NUMBER 298 TO ALLOW 24-HOUR
PARKING ON BOTH SIDES OF SOUTH JEFFERSON STREET**

WHEREAS the City of Thompson Falls passed Ordinance No. 298 on 03/11/1999:

WHEREAS Ordinance No. Ord. 298 made it unlawful for any person to park a motor vehicle for a period exceeding two-hours on both sides of South Jefferson Street from Main Street south one block to Maiden Lane;

WHEREAS the City now wants to rescind the 2-hour parking limit and impose a 24-hour parking limit on both sides of South Jefferson Street from Main Street south one block to Maiden Lane;

WHEREAS Ordinance No. 298 was codified in The Code for City of Thompson Falls at Title 6, Chapter 1, Section 2(A)(4);

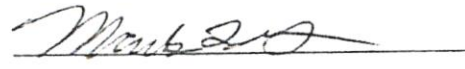
WHEREAS the City does hereby strike Section 2(A)(4) of Thompson Falls City Code Title 6, Chapter 1 and amends Thompson Falls City Code Title 6, Chapter 1, Section C to include a 24-hour parking limit on both sides of South Jefferson Street from Main Street south one block to Maiden Lane.

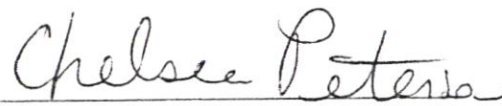
Effective date. [This Ordinance] is effective 30 days following passage and approval on the second reading.

First Reading: 6-8-2020

Second Reading: 7-13-2020

PASSED AND APPROVED BY THE CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA July 13, 2020.


Mark Sheets, Mayor

Attest: 
Chelsea Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer



ORDINANCE NO. 309

AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A SPEED LIMIT OF 15 MILES PER HOUR FOR ALL WHEELED VEHICLES TRAVELING UPON THE ALLEYS IN THE CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS, DECLARING AN EMERGENCY, AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT WITH THE PROVISIONS OF THIS ORDINANCE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA:

Section 1. It shall hereafter be unlawful for any person operating a wheeled vehicle to drive upon an alley in the City of Thompson Falls, Montana at a rate of speed in excess of 15 miles per hour.

Section 2. The City shall cause signs to be posted, as required by the Signing Regulations in effect in the State of Montana for cities with a population of less than 2,000.

Section 3. Any person violating the provisions of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor, and shall be punished by a fine of not less than \$ 35.00 nor more than \$ 115.00.

Section 4. That an emergency exists in that the present peace and safety of the inhabitants of the City of Thompson Falls, Montana, demand that this Ordinance be effective immediately from and after passage and approval. In addition to publication, copies of this Ordinance shall be posted in three (3) public places in the City of Thompson Falls, Montana.

Section 5. All ordinances and parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

PASSED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA, THIS 12th DAY OF September, 1994 BY A VOTE OF 4 IN FAVOR AND 0 OPPOSED.

Larry E. Ward
LARRY WARD
Mayor

ATTEST: Kathy Denke
KATHY DENKE
City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 298

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 275, AND PROVIDING FOR PARKING RESTRICTIONS ON THE STREETS OF THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA; AND PROVIDING A PENALTY FOR VIOLATION HEREOF.

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of Thompson Falls, Montana.

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There shall be a fifteen minute loading zone on the east side of Mill Street from Main Street south to the alley.

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repealed.

Section 4. VEHICLE LENGTH RESTRICTIONS: Section 10.02.040, Truck Parking, Chapter 10.02, Thompson Falls Municipal Code is hereby amended to read: It shall be unlawful for any vehicle or combination thereof in excess of 21 feet in length to park on the south side of Main Street.

Section 5. PENALTY: Section 10.02.050, Penalty Chapter 10.02, Thompson Falls Municipal Code, is amended to read: Any person violating this ordinance shall be punished upon conviction thereof by a fine not exceeding \$10.00 for the first offense and upon being convicted of a second or subsequent offense shall be fined in any sum not less than \$10.00 or more than \$50.00.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF the City Council of Thompson Falls, Montana has passed this ordinance this 11th day of March, 1991.

CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS

by Sterling J. Larsen
Sterling J. Larsen, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kathlyn Denke
Kathlyn Denke, City Clerk

ORDINANCE NO. 355

**AN EMERGENCY ORDINANCE OF THE
CITY OF THOMPSON FALLS, MONTANA, IMPOSING A MORATORIUM ON
OVERNIGHT PARKING ON MAIN STREET/HIGHWAY 200**

WHEREAS, State law allows the City to adopt an emergency ordinance to protect public safety, health, and welfare without following the procedures otherwise required preliminary to the adoption of an ordinances; and

WHEREAS, Section 7-5-104, MCA, provides that in the event of an emergency, the governing body of a municipality may waive the second reading of the ordinance; and

WHEREAS, an ordinance passed in response to an emergency shall recite the facts giving rise to the emergency and requires a two-thirds vote of the whole governing body for passage; and

WHEREAS, An emergency ordinance shall be effective on passage and approval and shall remain effective for no more than 90 days; and

WHEREAS, to protect the public health and safety, the council has determined that overnight parking on Main Street should be restricted during winter months.

WHEREAS, the Council finds the following facts give rise to an emergency: Snow buildup causing parking, pedestrian movement, street drain clogging to cause possible business flooding, causing traffic flow problems and Hazards for State Highway snow plow drivers; and

WHEREAS, a local government may fix penalties for the violation of an ordinance that do not exceed a fine of \$500 or 6 months' imprisonment or both the fine and imprisonment. § 7-5-109, MCA; and

WHEREAS, after first having provided lawful public notice, the City Council conducted a Special City Council meeting on December 22, 2022, with respect to this proposed Ordinance; and

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Thompson Falls, Montana, as follows:

There shall be no parking on Main Street between the hours of **2:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m.**

The penalty for violation of this Ordinance shall be by a fine of \$100.00 and the vehicle in violation is subject to towing at the owner's expense.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon its adoption by the City Council of the City of Thompson Falls, Montana, and signing of the Mayor thereof.

Said ordinance shall remain in effect for a period of 90 days.

No second reading shall be required.

PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF THOMPSON
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Attest:



Chelsea Peterson, City Clerk/Treasurer



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**REQUEST FOR ITEM TO BE PLACED ON AGENDA
THOMPSON FALLS CITY COUNCIL**

I, _____ Phone # _____

request the following item be placed on the agenda for
the NOVEMBER 2023, City Council Meeting:

Please give a brief description of the item to be discussed,
approximate time you need and the results you would like to see.

Information: A. CONDITIONAL USE PERMIT
ROUGH DRAFT

Time: _____

Action: ASK TO SEND TO ZONING & BOARD
OF ADJUSTMENT TO REVIEW & FINAIZE

**All agenda requests must be submitted by Noon on
Wednesday before the Council Meeting.**

Hi All

I'm sending this packet to the Zoning and Board of Adjustment members. You have two copies of a document that look very similar.

It was suggested that a format be developed and used to review a Variance Request so the steps would be consistent. Tim had given us a guideline of "How the Thompson Falls City Council Approves Conditional Use Permits (CUPS)". That is your first document.

I took those guidelines and used the recent Tim Hoyt application to see how we had done against the checklist. My comments are written after each bullet item. I had written in red which didn't copy as red but is indented.

Please look at this and see if it could be used as the checklist when a variance decision needs to be made. It would be good to have something that ensures we are consistent in our decisions. I would welcome feedback, suggestions and additional ideas.

Thanks

Rusti

How the Thompson Falls City Council Approves Conditional Use Permits (CUPs)

In Thompson Falls, Montana, the **City Council** serves as the final decision-maker for most land use matters, including **conditional use permits**. Here's a step-by-step overview of how the approval process typically works:

1. Application Submission

- The applicant submits a **formal CUP application** to City Hall or the Planning Department.
- The application must include:
 - Description of the proposed use
 - Site plan or layout
 - Justification for the non-conforming use
 - Any supporting documents (e.g., parking plans, access routes)

2. Public Notice & Hearing

- A **public hearing** is scheduled, and notice is posted at City Hall, local banks, the library, and online.
- Neighbors and interested parties may attend and provide input.
- The Planning Board or Zoning Commission may hold the hearing and make a recommendation.

3. Council Review & Decision

- The **City Council reviews the application**, public comments, and recommendations.
- They assess:
 - Compatibility with the **Growth Policy**
 - Impact on surrounding properties
 - Adequacy of access, utilities, and public services
 - Whether the use aligns with **health, safety, and welfare** standards
- The Council may:
 - Approve the CUP with or without conditions

- Deny the application
- Request modifications or further review

4. Conditions & Enforcement

- If approved, the CUP may include **specific conditions**, such as:
 - Time limits
 - Landscaping or screening requirements
 - Restrictions on occupancy or use
- Failure to comply may result in **revocation or enforcement actions**.

Standard Criteria for Granting a Conditional Use Permit

1. Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan

- The proposed use should align with the city's growth policy or comprehensive land use plan.
- It must support long-term goals for development, housing, transportation, and land use.

2. Zoning Compatibility

- The use must be conditionally allowed within the zoning district.
- It should not require rezoning or conflict with the district's primary purpose.

3. Impact on Surrounding Properties

- The use should be compatible with neighboring land uses.
- It must not create undue noise, traffic, odor, or visual disruption.
- Consideration of buffering, screening, and setbacks may be required.

4. Adequacy of Public Services

- The site must have access to necessary utilities (water, sewer, electricity).
- Emergency services, schools, and transportation infrastructure should be sufficient to support the use.

5. Traffic and Access

- The proposed use should not create unsafe traffic conditions.

- Adequate ingress/egress, parking, and pedestrian access must be provided.

6. Environmental Considerations

- The use should not negatively impact natural resources, drainage, or air quality.
- An environmental checklist or review may be required.

7. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

- The use must not pose a risk to public health or safety.
- It should enhance or maintain the general welfare of the community.

8. Public Input

- Comments from neighbors and stakeholders are considered during the public hearing.
- The council may weigh support or opposition in its final decision.

9. Conditions of Approval

- The council may impose conditions to mitigate impacts (e.g., time limits, landscaping, occupancy restrictions).
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Mr Hoyt supplied the description of proposed use, site plan, and justification for non-conforming use

2. Public Notice & Hearing

A **public hearing** is scheduled, and notice is posted at City Hall, local banks, the library, and online.

Neighbors and interested parties may attend and provide input.

The Planning Board or Zoning Commission may hold the hearing and make a recommendation.

Meetings were posted and held, there were members of the public that attended hearing.

3. Council Review & Decision

The **City Council reviews the application**, public comments, and recommendations.

They assess:

Compatibility with the **Growth Policy**

Impact on surrounding properties

Adequacy of access, utilities, and public services

Whether the use aligns with **health, safety, and welfare** standards

Application reviewed, first by Board of adjustment then Council, letters from adjacent landowners gave permission, the landowner will be hooking up to sewer and water. Fire chief site visit saw no issues for EMS.

The Council may:

Approve the CUP with or without conditions

Deny the application

Request modifications or further review

The Council approved with conditions as listed on resolution which included length of permit: renewable each January 1st, ends when Mr. Hoyt's sister vacates the RV, variance for size of property

4. Conditions & Enforcement

If approved, the CUP may include **specific conditions**, such as:

Time limits

Landscaping or screening requirements

Restrictions on occupancy or use

Failure to comply may result in **revocation or enforcement actions**.

As stated in #3, time limits are defined and will be renewed upon Mr Hoyt coming to City Hall each January 1st.. The restrictions are that it is specifically his sister Theresa as the sole occupant.

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1. Consistency with the Comprehensive Plan

The proposed use should align with the city's growth policy or comprehensive land use plan.

It must support long-term goals for development, housing, transportation, and land use.

With the exception that it is an RV, consideration was made for the fact that it is only 2 years old.

2. Zoning Compatibility

The use must be conditionally allowed within the zoning district.

It should not require rezoning or conflict with the district's primary purpose.

This is conditionally allowed because of the medical/emotional consideration of an immediate family member, the RV was the only property she has, housing was not available, there are no trailer rental spaces available, and permit will expire when Mr. Hoyt's sister is no longer living there.

3. Impact on Surrounding Properties

The use should be compatible with neighboring land uses.

It must not create undue noise, traffic, odor, or visual disruption.

Consideration of buffering, screening, and setbacks may be required.

It can be compatible with zoning district, is not disruptive, and with 1 ½ foot exception to setback is not in conflict with ordinance.

4. Adequacy of Public Services

The site must have access to necessary utilities (water, sewer, electricity).

Emergency services, schools, and transportation infrastructure should be sufficient to support the use.

All utilities are accessible and will be legally connected. Emergency infrastructure is sufficient.

5. Traffic and Access

The proposed use should not create unsafe traffic conditions.

Adequate ingress/egress, parking, and pedestrian access must be provided.

Traffic and pedestrian access is adequate

6. Environmental Considerations

The use should not negatively impact natural resources, drainage, or air quality.

An environmental checklist or review may be required.

Does not significantly impact environmental concerns

7. Public Health, Safety, and Welfare

The use must not pose a risk to public health or safety.

It should enhance or maintain the general welfare of the community.

Is not a risk to public health or safety

8. Public Input

Comments from neighbors and stakeholders are considered during the public hearing.

The council may weigh support or opposition in its final decision.

Public input both oral and written were definite considerations in Council decision

9. Conditions of Approval

The council may impose conditions to mitigate impacts (e.g., time limits, landscaping, occupancy restrictions).

These conditions must be reasonable, enforceable, and tied to the use.

The conditions are spelled out in CUP, time limits, use and occupancy restrictions

