

**CITY OF FORSYTH**

**INFORMATION  
PACKAGE**

OPEN HOURS:

CITY HALL MONDAY-FRIDAY 7:30 A.M. TO 4:00

BUILDING INSPECTOR AND FIRE CHIEF 8:00 A.M. TO 4:00

PHONE NUMBERS NON EMERGENCY

CITY HALL 546-4763

TREATMENT PLANT 546-3555

FIRE DEPARTMENT 546-3074

SHADOWROCK PARK 546-2876

POLICE DEPARTMENT 546-3731

EMERGENCY 911

OTHER HELPFUL NUMBERS

CENTURYTEL – PHONE 1-800-201-4099

EMPIRE ELECTRIC 1-800-206-2300

WHITE RIVER ELECTRIC 335-9335

LICENSE BUREAU 546-3085

FORSYTH SCHOOL 546-6381

CABLE – MEDIACOM 1-800-234-2157

TAX COLLECTOR 546-7216

Trash pickup is on Thursdays and a bin is provided to every customer. Curbside recycling is available. Call Forsyth City Hall 546-4763 for more information and to begin service.

#### WATER AND SEWER CHARGES:

Forsyth's annual water quality report is available at City Hall. The water rate for water service to customers of the waterworks system of the City of Forsyth, Missouri, shall be as follows:

\$12.60 for the first 1,000 gallons

\$4.50 for each additional 1,000 gallons over the first 1,000 gallons

A rate of \$25.00 to have water disconnected and then turned back on.

A rate of \$50.00 reconnect fee if water is turned off due to the non-payment of a water bill, plus the amount on the bill before service will be restored.

Sewer for residential usage is charged by totaling the water used for the three (3) winter months (January, February, and March), then dividing by three (3) to determine the average monthly usage.

The base sewer rate is \$13.60, with \$4.50 per 1,000 gallons of average monthly usage for the next twelve (12) months.

New customers are charged a minimum rate for the first three (3) months of service, then an average is calculated for those three months and the sewer rate is applied to that average. Sewer rates are refigured each year.

Commercial users are charged on the actual amount of water used each month.

#### OTHER REGULATIONS

**Building Permits** are required for construction projects within the city limits of Forsyth. Fees and inspections are required. Application forms are available at City Hall.

Residents may have two (2) yard sales in any twelve (12) month period and must obtain a **Yard Sale Permit** at City Hall. There's no charge for the permit.

Homes are required to have **911 addresses** posted on the house and/or next to the street for emergency located. 911 addresses are available through Taney County 911 office at 546-7255.

Animals kept within the city limits are required to be restrained or confined upon the premises occupied by the owner or keeper. Animals must be leashed and under the control of the owner/keeper when walking. No more than two (2) dogs or cats over the age of six (6) months are permitted. All animals kept within the city limits must be vaccinated and owner/keeper must be able to display proof of vaccination from a veterinarian.

**Dog tags** are required for all dogs in the city limits and are available at City Hall for \$2 per dog per year. Proof of vaccination is required.

Horses/rabbits/pigs are not allowed to be housed in the city limits. Chickens (no roosters) are allowed with a permit.

For more information, contact Forsyth City Hall at 546-4763.

## Outdoor Weather Warning System:

The City of Forsyth has four (4) outdoor weather warning sirens located within the city limits. They are located in Skyline Hills, Shadowrock Park Campground, the downtown area, and at the north city limits. These sirens are designed to alert residents and visitors who are participating in outdoor activities off the approach of dangerous storms. If you are inside your residence, with the television on, you may not hear the sirens unless you live near a siren.

It is the policy of the City to activate these sirens when Taney County and/or Forsyth is placed under a Severe Thunderstorm Warning and/or Tornado Warning. These sirens will be activated immediately upon notification of a Severe Thunderstorm and/or Tornado Warning threatening Taney County and/or Forsyth, issued by the National Weather Service, the Missouri State Highway Patrol, Forsyth Weather Spotters, and/or competent Fire or Law Enforcement Personnel.

It is not the intent of the City to overly alarm its citizens but to give them advanced warning of these storms. The City must also take into consideration notification of approaching weather for campers and fishermen who use the City facilities. The National Weather Service has recommended that the sirens be activated for Severe Thunderstorm Warnings as these storms usually contain straight-line winds in excess of 50 miles per hour and hail. In this area, more damage occurs from these winds and over a larger area than from tornadoes.

Upon the issuance of a Severe Thunderstorm and/or Tornado Warning, the outdoor weather sirens will be activated in the 'Wail' mode. The sirens will sound for a full three (3) minute cycle, at which time they should automatically cycle down.

Upon the sighting of a 'Funnel Cloud' by trained weather spotters, fire, or law enforcement personnel, the report of damage in surrounding communities, or when Doppler radar depicts cloud rotation or other tornadic activity approaching the City, the outdoor weather warning sirens will be activated in the 'Steady' mode. The sirens will sound for a full three (3) minutes, at which time they should automatically cycle down. If the threat still persists, the sirens will be reactivated.

Upon hearing the sirens, residents and visitors should tune into a local radio or television station for storm information. If you are a Mediacom customer, tune into Channel 38 (The Weather Channel). **Please do not call 9-1-1 or City Hall, as you will only tie up necessary phone lines.**

The City of Forsyth outdoor weather warning system will be tested monthly on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month, at 10:00 am unless severe weather threatens. If the test cannot be conducted as scheduled, it will be rescheduled for the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of the month.

Remember, if you hear the siren, except for test days, go inside and tune to local radio or television or The Weather Channel. **Please do not call 9-1-1.**