

Zero-Waste Plan

In June of 2015 the Minneapolis City Council established a goal to recycle and compost 50% of its citywide waste by 2020 and 80% by 2030. The resolution also called to achieve zero-percent growth in the City's total waste stream from levels set in 2010. In 2015 the city of Minneapolis formed the Zero Waste team to develop a plan to meet those goals and set new ones. And now the city is has begun the drafting of a zero-waste plan.

This plan addresses the different sectors that produce waste and outlines targeted strategies to divert, reduce or recycle as much as possible. Last September, my office partnered with the office of Council Member Gordon to host a public engagement session with the main objective of gathering community feedback on this plan. We are currently in the process of incorporating that feedback.



The final plan will be presented to the Transportation & Public Works Committee in late November, with a final City Council vote currently scheduled for December 8th. To view the proposed Zero Waste Policy, visit: <http://www.ci.minneapolis.mn.us/mayor/ZWM/index.htm>.

Volunteers Needed for Free Tax Site

Join the Tax Assistance Program at CAP-HC

Every year, CAP-HC (Community Action Partnership of Hennepin County) offers a Free Tax Assistance Program to assist low-income individuals and families file their tax returns.

CAP-HC is currently recruiting tax volunteers for the program to serve as tax preparers, reviewers and greeters. No experience with tax preparation is necessary. CAP-HC will provide the necessary training and certification.

The tax clinics are held in various locations throughout Hennepin County and volunteers will be able to choose the dates/times/ and locations that work best with their schedules.

For more information, please send an email to cwatson@caphennepin.org or call 952.697.1395



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Newsletter

A Message from Council Member Warsame

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Greetings,

My heart goes out to the victims and family members of the many victims affected by the terrorist attacks in Mogadishu, Somalia on October 14th. The City Council condemned the deadly Oct. 14 terrorist bombings in Mogadishu, and supported the victims and families affected by that attack. The [resolution](#), which received unanimous approval on October 20th, also called on the U.S. to increase its assistance to Somalia and lift a travel ban to that country.

At least 327 people were killed and nearly 400 were injured when a massive truck bomb exploded in a busy intersection in Mogadishu. The bombing is the deadliest terrorist attack in Mogadishu's history.

I want to express my deepest gratitude to my constituents, residents and people beyond the City who reached out to express their sincere solidarity. My heart is deeply touched by all the support. It is still my hope that leaders and community members will work together to promote inclusion and respect for one another.

Thank You,

Council Member Abdi Warsame, Ward 6

November 8th: Your City, Your Vote

Minneapolis Elections & Voter Services is responsible for administering elections in the City. The City has sent a voter guide to every household in Minneapolis to help voters understand their rights, how they can register and vote, and what's on the ballot.

Things Every Voter Should Know:

- If you are eligible to vote, you still need to get registered before you vote.
- The early voting center is available every day until November 6. Any Minneapolis voter can vote early in person or by mail. In-person voting is at the Early Vote Center, 217 S. Third St., at the corner of Third Avenue South and Third Street South, one block from City Hall. In-person early voting expanded hours are:
 - ◆ 7 a.m.-6 p.m. Monday-Friday Oct. 23-Nov. 5.
 - ◆ 9 a.m.-4 p.m. Saturdays (Oct. 28 and Nov. 4).
 - ◆ Noon-5 p.m. Sundays (Oct. 29 and Nov. 5).
 - ◆ 7 a.m. to 5 p.m. Monday, Nov. 6.

- Minneapolis voters will use ranked-choice voting this fall to elect a mayor and members of the City Council, Board of Estimate and Taxation, and Park and Recreation Board. More information on ranked-choice voting is available at vote.minneapolismn.gov/rcv.

- For more information about voting in Minneapolis, residents can visit vote.minneapolismn.gov or call 311 or 612-673-3000.

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Prepare for Snow Season

Snow season is here, and Minneapolis residents should watch their mail over the next several days for information that could help them avoid tickets and tows when enough snow falls to warrant a complete plowing of our streets. The City of Minneapolis is sending out more than 196,000 Snow Emergency brochures, one to each household in the city. The brochure has graphics and text showing where to park during the three phases of a Snow Emergency. . The brochure contains the Snow Emergency parking rules and lists ways people can find out when the City of Minneapolis declares a Snow Emergency. The more people follow the Snow Emergency parking rules and help their neighbors and visitors do the same, the easier snow season is on everyone.

Snow Emergencies are declared whenever there's enough snowfall to warrant a complete plowing of our streets. To get that done, people need to follow the parking rules and move their vehicles so crews can plow the full width of the street. When the snow flies, City Public Works crews have enormous jobs to do, with more than 1,500 miles of streets, parkways and alleys that need to be cleared. It's important for drivers to follow the Snow Emergency parking rules so plows can do the best job possible clearing snow. Vehicles parked on the street in violation of Snow Emergency rules can be ticketed or towed.

Getting drivers to follow Snow Emergency parking rules helps the City too. Towing and impounding vehicles is expensive and makes plowing inefficient, so it's in everyone's interest to help drivers follow the parking rules and avoid a ticket and tow.

Sign up now, stay informed throughout the season:

Residents, workers and visitors have a number of ways to learn when Snow Emergencies are declared and what to do when they are. The more ways people use to learn about a Snow Emergency, the more prepared they will be to do their part, and the less likely they will be towed because they didn't know one was declared.

- ◆ **Hotline:** By calling the automated 612-348-SNOW hotline, folks can find out if a Snow Emergency has been declared. If a Snow Emergency is in effect, the hotline will have information on that day's parking restrictions that drivers need to follow to avoid tickets and tows. The hotline includes information in English, Spanish, Somali and Hmong.
- ◆ **The City's website:** Go to www.minneapolismn.gov/snow to find out whether a Snow Emergency has been declared and for a wealth of information on Snow Emergencies in many languages. Also, check out the [street lookup](#), which lets you put in an address or a neighborhood to see where you can park during a Snow Emergency.
- ◆ **Phone alerts:** Minneapolis uses a phone alert system to notify residents when Snow Emergencies are declared. It is an automated notification system that can place thousands of calls per hour. You can add your cellphone or unlisted landline number to the alert system by signing up at www.minneapolismn.gov/snow.
- ◆ **Email alerts:** You can sign up to get Snow Emergency alerts automatically emailed to you. Go to www.minneapolismn.gov/snow/snow_esubscribe for more details.
- ◆ **App for Android devices and iPhones:** Drivers who have Android devices or iPhones can download the Snow Emergency app. During a Snow Emergency, the app will tell them the parking rules for that day. It also has a street lookup, which lets them see where they can park on that day by street address or by having the device's GPS pinpoint their location.



City Approves Short Term Ordinances

The City Council has approved two ordinances regulating short-term rentals in Minneapolis — a rapidly growing part of the sharing economy.

The new regulations will allow the City to track the number of short-term rental units in Minneapolis and require hosting platforms, such as Airbnb and VRBO, to advertise only units that have registered or obtained a rental license.

Under the short-term rental ordinance, rental properties are categorized as follows:

- ◆ A short-term rental property registration or rental license is not required for an owner who lives at the property, rents a room and stays at the property during the rental period.
- ◆ A short-term rental property registration is required for an owner who lives at the property, rents out an entire unit and leaves the property during the rental period.
- ◆ A short-term designation on the rental license is required for the owner of a non-occupied rental property who rents out an entire unit. Only [Tier 1 or Tier 2 rental licenses](#) are eligible for this designation.

The ordinance applies to dwelling units rented for a period of fewer than 30 consecutive days per leasing period. The short-term rental registration fee is \$46. Rental licenses for Tier 1 properties will range from \$70 to \$175, plus \$5 for each additional unit, and \$112 to \$350 for Tier 2 properties, plus \$5 for each additional unit. You do not need to reapply if you have a valid rental license and are a Tier 1 or Tier 2 property. For more information about rental licensing fees, visit the [Rental Licensing Fees webpage](#). The City will begin accepting short-term rental registration and license applications Dec. 1, 2017.

Short-term rental hosting platforms, which collect a fee for booking services and often provide an online platform for property owners to advertise a dwelling unit, will be required to submit an annual business license application. The annual license fee for a platform with fewer than 150 active dwelling unit listings will be \$630, and for a platform with 150 or more active listings will be \$5,000. The City's Business License division will start accepting license applications for hosting platforms Dec. 1, 2017. For more information, go to the City's web page on [short-term rentals](#).

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Find Information on the 35W@94: Downtown to Crosstown Project

Find information on closures related to the 35W@94: Downtown to Crosstown project, a four-year reconstruction project of I-35W between 43rd Street and downtown Minneapolis. The project will improve accessibility, safety and mobility in the project area with better access to the Lake Street business district and transit service on I-35W and Lake Street. Work is expected to be complete in fall 2021.

More information can be found:

- ◆ Visit the project website: www.mndot.gov/metro/projects/i35wminneapolis.
- ◆ Follow on Twitter [@mndotnews](#).
- ◆ Email the project team at info@35w94.com
- ◆ Call the project hotline at 612-284-6125.

