

City of Forsyth

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Please print the following article in the July 2 edition of the paper. Thanks.

With the support of the City Council and the Police Commission the Rosebud County Sheriff's Officers will begin to increase the issuance of citations, starting July 14, for violations of city code associated with municipal infractions. During the days leading up to July 14 efforts will be made to alert community members regarding the code enforcement. As can be seen from the municipal infractions examples several involve safety issues. Typical Municipal Infractions would include:

- improper turns (example, turns from the east bound lane of Main Street, across the west bound lane, into a business); be alert to vehicles traveling in the west bound lanes;
- failure to obey traffic signs; stop, yield, other; be alert in intersections;
- parking against the flow of traffic, this would include boats, trailers, campers, RV's, stored vehicles, other vehicles;
- diagonal parking where horizontal parking is required on city streets;
- Abandoned/junk vehicles being stored on city right of way;

The fine for an initial violation is \$25.00; for second and repeat violations the fine is \$50.00. All fines and related issues will be filed into the city court

The RCSO has also been asked to address speeding and vicious dog issues and issue citations in line with city and state code.

- speeding on city streets; general speed limit is 25 mph but 15 mph on all city streets adjacent to city parks and schools (24/7, 365 days a year); be alert, slow down and protect children, walkers, bikers, others
- Vicious dogs; report all situations to the RCSO;

Fines and penalties will be assessed in accordance with city and state code.

Community members can view city code on the Chamber website (www.forsythmt.com, Resources, City Council Information);and at Forsyth City Hall. For more information contact the mayor at 346-2521. The next city council meeting will be held on Monday, July 13, 7:00 PM at City Hall.