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Occupancy Limits 101: Renting in the Right Zone

With rental season upon us, here are a few reminders of specific rules regarding occupancy limits in Cheney. The City of Cheney regulates the number of unrelated persons allowed to reside in a dwelling located in Single-Family (R-1) and Two-Family (R-2) residential zones.

In an **R-1 zone**, a housing unit may be occupied by:

- A family (or functional family)
- Plus one additional unrelated person

In an **R-2 zone**, the unit may be occupied by:

- A family (or functional family)
- Plus two additional unrelated persons



A functional family is "... a group of unrelated persons, limited to not more than two adult persons (together with their respective family members), living together as a single housekeeping unit, and sharing and operating a unified and common household."

Regardless of whether you are a homeowner, property manager, or renter, it is your responsibility to ensure compliance with all City codes. We hope that providing you with this information will help to prevent problems.

For more information on **occupancy limits**, see Section 21.48.027 of the Cheney Municipal Code at www.cityofcheney.org/laws-and-regulations.

To find out **which zone your home is in**, visit www.cityofcheney.org/community-development, then select Maps from the column on the left.

For additional information, call **(509) 498-9240**.

Energy Assistance Appointments

SNAP's (Spokane Neighborhood Action Partners) Energy Assistance program helps to ease the financial impact of winter heating costs for income-eligible households. Energy Assistance appointments open three times each season. The first round of appointments will open on Tuesday, October 4, at 8:30 a.m. Additional appointments will open in December and February. There will also be walk-in days available later in the program year; call (509) 456-SNAP (7627) for additional information.

To make an appointment, call **(509) 242-2376** (from 8:30 a.m. to 3:00 p.m.) or visit www.snapwa.org. Funding is limited, which means not all qualified households will receive assistance. Households are eligible for this program once per heating season (October to June) or while funding is available.



School is back in session ... please drive safely!

Meeting Dates & Events

- Sept 5 — Labor Day, City offices closed; garbage pickup one day late
- Sept 12 — Planning Commission, 6:00 pm, Council Chambers
- Sept 12 — Cheney Merchants' Association, 6:30 pm, Holiday Inn Express
- Sept 13 — City Council, 6:00 pm, Council Chambers
- Sept 21 — Fall Quarter Begins at EWU
- Sept 27 — City Council, 6:00 pm, Council Chambers

Home Fire Preparedness Campaign

The American Red Cross is joining forces with the Cheney Fire Department and community partners on a five-year initiative to reduce deaths and injuries from home fires.

The Home Fire Preparedness Campaign encourages Cheney residents to check or install smoke alarms in their homes, and to develop and practice an emergency escape plan.

When fire strikes, you have about two minutes to escape a burning building. A working alarm reduces the chance of you dying in a fire by nearly half, and an escape plan ensures your family will know the best way out of the house and where to meet once outside.

If you live inside the boundaries marked on the below map, here is what will happen:

On Monday, September 12, from 9 to 11 a.m., community volunteers will go door-to-door handing out flyers about smoke detectors.

On Saturday, September 17, from 8 a.m. to 4 p.m., free smoke detectors will be installed by trained Red Cross volunteers, and education will be provided.

If you have any questions, please contact Rebecca Routh at the American Red Cross, (509) 474-9144 or visit www.redcross.org, and type "smoke detector" in the search box.



A "Fast-Moving" Cheney

Cheney is a very busy place! Hundreds of cars travel between here and Spokane daily. Whether it is for work or school, our transportation system has a big impact on local residents.

Our Planning Department wants your input on our local transportation. Do you get tired of being stuck behind slow drivers on SR 904 and wish there was another lane? Maybe you would like to see a passenger rail line in the city. Making Cheney a more bike friendly place might be on your wish list as well. Whatever your ideas or concerns are, we want to hear them!

On September 12th, the Planning Commission will be discussing amendments to the Transportation chapter of the Comprehensive Plan and your feedback is important to us. Please join us at 6:00 pm and help make Cheney even better than before.

For more information, go to cityofcheney.org/compplan; or stop by the City of Cheney Planning Department at 112 Anderson Rd to view a paper copy.

September Recreation Programs

For more information or to register, contact Cheney Parks & Recreation, 498-9250, www.cityofcheney.org/recreation.

- Sept 1: ECHO Before & After School Program starts
- Sept 1: POUND, 6 pm, City Hall (every Thur)
- Sept 2: Senior Light Fitness, 9:30 am, WPCC (every Fri)
- Sept 6: Cheney ABC Preschool starts
- Sept 6: Youth Sports League Practices start
- Sept 6: Zumba, 5:30 pm, WPCC (every Tue)
- Sept 6: POUND, 6 pm, WPCC (every Tue)
- Sept 6: Dance Fitness, 7:30 pm, WPCC (every Wed)
- Sept 6: Senior Light Fitness, 9:30 am, WPCC (every Tue)
- Sept 6: Knitting Group, 9:30 am, WPCC (every Tue)
- Sept 6: Bridge, 11:30 am, WPCC (every Tue)
- Sept 7: Yoga, 4 pm, WPCC (every Wed)
- Sept 7: POUND, 8:30 am, WPCC (every Wed)
- Sept 8: Cribbage, 1 pm, WPCC (every Thur)
- Sept 8: Special Olympics Bowling
- Sept 9: Texas Hold 'em, 1 pm, WPCC (every Fri)
- Sept 10: POUND, 7 am, Snowdon (every Sat)
- Sept 10: POUND, 7:30 am, WPCC (every Sat)
- Sept 12: Special Olympics Flag Football
- Sept 12: POUND, 5 pm, City Hall (every Mon)
- Sept 12: Country Quilters, 12:30 pm
- Sept 12: Adults 50+ Dominoes, 1 pm, WPCC
- Sept 12: Zumba, 5:30 pm, WPCC (every Mon)
- Sept 13: Ages 50+ Trip, Lunch & Bingo
- Sept 14: Specialized Rec Trip to Spokane Interstate Fair
- Sept 26: Fall Swim Lessons begin
- Sept 30: Cornhole Tournament