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City of Cheney - 609 Second Street, Cheney, WA 99004

## NOISE Violations

### THE LAW

- The City of Cheney's nuisance ordinance makes it unlawful for any person to cause or allow noise that is a public disturbance to originate from any property.
- Penalties for violations can range from a \$250 civil infraction to a misdemeanor conviction with up to a \$1,000 fine and 90 days in jail.
- It is a misdemeanor crime to refuse or fail to cooperate with an investigating officer if you are associated with the vehicle or property the complaint has been made on.

### POTENTIAL VIOLATIONS – 10 PM TO 7 AM

- Yelling, shouting, whistling, singing, etc. on or near public streets
- Loud parties or gatherings that are audible more than 50 feet away
- Home maintenance noises such as lawn mowers, chain saws, blowers, etc., unless they are being used in conjunction with an emergency

### WHAT TO DO

- Call Cheney Police Dispatch, **(509) 535-9233**, to document your complaint and initiate police response.
- Call when the noise problem is occurring.

- Tell the dispatcher what the noise is, such as a loud party.
- Tell the dispatcher where the noise is coming from, including the address of the source of the noise or the general area.

### WHAT HAPPENS NEXT

- An officer will be sent to the source of the noise and will determine if a violation of our noise ordinance is occurring.
- If a violation exists, the officer will contact the responsible person(s) and issue a formal warning, issue a citation, or make an arrest.
- If there is no violation, the officer will inform the person(s) that there are complaints and inform them of the City's noise ordinance.

### PLEASE NOTE

- EWU, Cheney School District, trains, normal business operations, events sanctioned by the City, and snow removal equipment are exempt from the noise ordinance.
- Noise ordinance exemptions for special events may be granted upon written application to the Chief of Police.
- For additional information, please visit our website, [www.cityofcheney.org](http://www.cityofcheney.org), then see our [Police Department page](#) and our [Laws & Regulations page](#).

## Cheney Youth Court

Cheney Youth Court is a teen peer-review court hearing civil infractions committed by youth within the Court's jurisdiction. Youth Court benefits both the offender and the community through a collaborative justice process.

Cheney Youth Court begins Thursday, September 20, at 6:00 pm, at Cheney Municipal Court, 611 2<sup>nd</sup> Street, and will be held every third Thursday throughout the school year. All positions on Youth Court are held by students selected through an application process. Students must be at least 13 years old, attend a local public school, or be home schooled.

For more information, and to volunteer for a judge or juror position, visit [www.cityofcheney.org](http://www.cityofcheney.org), and see the [Youth Court page](#) under the Government heading.



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

## Meeting Dates & Events

- Sept 3 — Labor Day, City offices closed; garbage pickup one day late
- Sept 5 — Cheney Merchants' Association, 6:30 pm, Holiday Inn Express
- Sept 10 — Planning Commission, 6:00 pm, Council Chambers
- Sept 11 — City Council, 6:00 pm, Council Chambers
- Sept 19 — Fall Quarter Begins at EWU
- Sept 25 — City Council, 6:00 pm, Council Chambers

## 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), Two-Family (R-2), and Multi-Family (R-3 and R-3H) 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**, a housing unit may be occupied by:

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

In an **R-3 or R-3H zone**, a housing unit may be occupied by:

- A family (or functional family)
- Plus three 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/319/laws-regulations](http://www.cityofcheney.org/319/laws-regulations).

To find out **which zone your home is in**, visit [www.cityofcheney.org/196/Maps](http://www.cityofcheney.org/196/Maps), and click on Official Zoning Map. For additional information, call **(509) 498-9240**.



## Glass No Longer Accepted at Cheney Recycling Facility

After careful and lengthy consideration, we have decided to no longer accept glass at the Cheney Recycling Facility, effective September 1, 2018.

We are making this change due to the limited availability of disposal centers that will accept glass items, as well as the expense associated with transporting glass to a recycling disposal center.

We are sorry for any inconvenience this causes our customers.

Please feel free to call the Public Works Department with any questions, at (509) 498-9293.

## September Recreation Programs

For information or to register, Cheney Parks & Recreation, (509) 498-9250, [www.cityofcheney.org](http://www.cityofcheney.org)

- Sept 1: Jazzercise, every Sat at 8:30 am
- Sept 4: ABC Preschool starts
- Sept 4: Jazzercise, every Tue at 6 am
- Sept 4: Knitters, every Tue at 9 am
- Sept 4: 50+ Light Fitness, every Tue at 9:30 am
- Sept 4: Bridge, every Tue at 11:30 am
- Sept 4: POUND, every Tue at 5:15 pm
- Sept 4: Specialized Rec Floral Class
- Sept 5: Jazzercise, every Wed at 6 am
- Sept 5: Jazzercise, every Wed at 8:30 am
- Sept 5: Senior Yoga, every other Wed at 10:30 am
- Sept 5: Beginning Yoga, every Wed at 6 pm
- Sept 6: Jazzercise, every Thur at 5:30 pm
- Sept 6: POUND, every Thur at 6 pm
- Sept 6: Zumba, every Thur at 6 pm
- Sept 7: 50+ Light Fitness, every Tue at 9:30 am
- Sept 8: Specialized Rec Trip to Spokane Interstate Fair
- Sept 10: Jazzercise, every Mon at 8:30 am
- Sept 10: Quilters, every Mon at 12:30 pm
- Sept 10: Spokane Interstate Fair Trip for 50+
- Sept 10: Zumba, every Mon at 5:30 pm
- Sept 10: Fall Youth Sports begin
- Sept 13: 50+ Farkle Game, every 2<sup>nd</sup> Thur at 10 am
- Sept 14: Special Rec Friday Hangout
- Sept 14: First Aid & CPR Class at 1 pm
- Sept 17: 50+ Farkle Game, every 3<sup>rd</sup> Mon at 11 am
- Sept 18: Dinner Club Trip for 50+ to Luigi's Restaurant
- Sept 22: Special Rec DIY Wood Project
- Sept 24: Pinot's Palette & Lunch Trip for 50+
- Sept 29: Doggy Dash at 9 am
- Sept 29: Special Rec Matinee & Dinner