Mission Statement

The foundation of Jordan is built on a small town historic presence that supports quality services, collaboration, leadership, and a well-planned future.

Home Occupations

Are you considering working from home? Depending upon the nature of the business, you may be eligible to operate it from home with receipt of a permit or license. A Home Occupation Permit is issued administratively to residents who are able to meet the following criteria:

- No person other than those who reside on the premises are employed on the premises.
- The business is primarily conducted within the home (as opposed to the garage or other accessory building).
- No more than two (2) vehicles are on site at any given time, and parking is accommodated in an existing driveway.
- If required to obtain a license by state regulations, proof of license must be provided.
- No interior or exterior alterations or construction features not customarily found in a dwelling.
- The business does not produce light glare, noise, odor or vibration that will in any way have an objectionable effect upon adjacent or nearby property.
- The business is incidental and secondary to the residential use of the premises and does not change the residential character thereof, nor does it result in incompatibility or disturbance to the surrounding residential uses.
- No exterior storage of equipment or materials except personal vehicles used in the occupation (which must be parked on site).
- The floor area devoted to the occupation, other than day care, does not exceed 25% of the building footprint total.
- There is no display or evidence apparent from the exterior of the lot that the premises are being used for any purpose other than that of a dwelling.
- The business does not involve any of the following:
  1. Repair service or manufacturing which requires equipment other than that which would ordinarily be found in a home.
  2. Teaching which customarily consists of more than two (2) pupils at a time.
  3. Over-the-counter sale of merchandise produced off the premises, except those for those brand name products that are not marketed and sold in a wholesale or retail outlet.

A Special Home Occupation License can be issued for certain businesses that do not meet the criteria and are therefore ineligible for a Home Occupation Permit. Examples include: barber shop and beauty services, day care, carpentry or woodworking, bed and breakfast, pet grooming, art studio, small appliance and small engine repair. The nature of these types of businesses is more intensive and therefore careful consideration must be taken to ensure that their operation is compatible with the surrounding residential area. For this reason, obtaining a Special Home Occupation License requires a public hearing and approval of the City Council.

For more information on this license and to learn about the opportunities that are available to you to work from home, please contact City Hall at 952-492-2535.
In a fire, seconds count. Seconds can mean the difference between residents of our community escaping safely from a fire or having their lives end in tragedy.

That's why this year's Fire Prevention Week theme: “Every Second Counts: Plan 2 Ways Out!” is so important. It reinforces why everyone needs to have an escape plan.

- Draw a map of your home with all members of your household, marking two exits from each room and a path to the outside from each exit.
- Practice your home fire drill twice a year. Conduct one at night and one during the day with everyone in your home, and practice using different ways out.
- Teach children how to escape on their own in case you can't help them.
- Make sure the number of your home is clearly marked and easy for the fire department to find.
- Close doors behind you as you leave—this may slow the spread of smoke, heat, and fire.
- Once you get outside, stay outside. Never go back inside a burning building.

Fire Prevention Week is October 8th-14th. The Jordan Fire Department will have an Open House on Friday, October 13th from 10 a.m. to noon at the Jordan Fire Station located at 501 Varner Street N. Tours and activity bags will be given.

**COMMUNITY CRIME MAPPING AVAILABLE TO OUR CITIZENS**

The Jordan Police Department now provides a new way for the public to stay informed about crime in Jordan. All of the law enforcement departments in Scott County now have an online crime map that maps and analyzes crime data, alerts citizens about crimes in their area, and allows law enforcement to quickly alert the public about crimes as they occur.

“This new crime map enables citizens to see crime activity in their own neighborhoods or throughout the county,” said Chief Brett Empey. “By providing our citizens with this crime map, we’re hoping the information we have on current crime activity will empower our citizens to better understand and hopefully take relevant actions to prevent crime activity in their neighborhood.”

Citizens can view a map and grid with all of the crimes in their area, sign up for neighborhood watch reports that automatically email a breakdown of recent crime activity, and submit an anonymous tip about a crime directly to their law enforcement agency. The new map is called Community Crime Map and automatically syncs with the Scott County Sheriff’s Office’s records system to keep crime information updated online.

“Community Crime Map cleans and geocodes the crime data, then displays all of the incidents on a map, grid and analytics dashboard along with some basic information about each crime,” said Chief Empey. “But in order to protect citizens’ privacy it will not include incidents concerning juvenile crimes, sexual offenses, domestic abuse, vulnerable adults, papers served, or suicide related calls.”

http://communitycrimemap.com/

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**STREET RUNOFF DRAINS TO PONDS, LAKES AND RIVERS: PLEASE KEEP THEM CLEAN**

Grass clippings and leaves contain phosphorus, the nutrient that can turn our surface waters (ponds, lakes and rivers) green with algae. When you mow and rake your lawn this fall, help protect our surface water resources by keeping grass clippings, leaves, soil and other material off the streets.

When it rains, the water that doesn’t soak into the ground becomes runoff that drains onto streets from connected impervious surfaces such as driveways and rooftops. The streets then carry this runoff into the storm sewer system. Grass clippings and leaves lose their phosphorus as they break down. If they are allowed to wash into our storm sewer system, excess phosphorus will enter our surface waters and contribute to excessive algae growth. Excess algae growth makes water-related activities like boating, fishing, and swimming much less enjoyable.

For more information visit www.cleanwatermn.org.

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**POLICE CREATE “SAFE EXCHANGE ZONES” TO KEEP CRAIGSLIST DEALS FROM GOING BAD**

The Jordan Police Department has created a “safe exchange zone,” in the lobby of the police station at 705 Syndicate Street, for people to meet and sell their goods. The lobby is open from 8:00 a.m.—8:00 p.m. and is monitored by surveillance cameras.