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I hope you find this informational bulletin informative and helpful.

Many times, new residents moving to a new neighborhood do not have all the information needed regarding the various ordinances and codes. Each Village/City has different ordinances and codes and I have compiled a couple of the most common ones associated with Beecher. In March 2008, the Village Board passed an Ordinance increasing the fines to \$100.00 each but also imposed what is called a “compromise payment” option. All fines, except parking, are \$100.00 and in most cases, a person would be able to settle the ticket prior to any court proceeding and pay ½ of the fine, or \$50.00. All parking tickets remain at \$25.00, except handicap parking which is set by the State of Illinois at \$250.00. Please visit the police department website www.beecherpolice.org for more information.

PARKING OF BOATS, CAMPERS, TRAILERS RECREATIONAL VEHICLES AND 2ND DIVISION VEHICLES: No trailer, boat, camper, recreational vehicle or 2nd division vehicle, (trucks with a weight class over 8000 lbs.), may be parked on the street for more than 3 hours. Zoning also prohibits the parking of these vehicles in the front yard for more than 3 days.

PARKING ON CURBED STREETS: Not every sub-division has curbed streets and most of the sub-divisions with curbed streets restrict parking to only one side of the street. This restriction was imposed for public safety reasons and signs have been posted to indicate the side of the street where parking is prohibited.

OPEN BURNING: It shall be unlawful to cause or allow the open burning of refuse, leaves, or vegetation, conduct any salvage operation by open burning, or cause or allow the burning of any refuse in any chamber not specifically designed for the purpose and approved by the Environmental Protection Agency.

SOLICITORS: A permit is required for any person or firm to solicit in any residential neighborhood, with the exception of religious organizations, students high school age or under soliciting for the benefit of a school or community (scouts, little league, etc.) activity or program. These individuals do not need a solicitation permit from the Village, but shall instead display their student ID or an ID from their school or organization stating the student's name and the school or organization for whose benefit the student is soliciting. However, all solicitors must respect the wishes of residents who do not want to be disturbed.

NO LEFT TURN TO PARK: Whenever there is a double yellow line on the roadway, it is illegal to cross the double yellow line for parking. On Penfield Street you cannot turn left over the double yellow line to park at the post office. Anywhere there is a double yellow line, it cannot be crossed for PARKING. This does not apply to pulling into a private drive, alley, street or garage.

FIREWORKS: It shall be unlawful for any person to knowingly possess, offer for sale, expose for sale, sell at retail or use or explode any fireworks. The entire ordinance complete with definitions is available on the Village and police departments website.

PARKING REGULATIONS AFTER A SNOWFALL:

For a period of twenty-four (24) hours after a snowfall of two (2") inches or more, it is illegal to park on the Village streets or in any public parking space commonly maintained by the Village in the business district between the hours of 1:00 a.m. and 6:00 a.m. Violators are issued a ticket by the Police Department either before or during snow removal and vehicles that pose a traffic safety hazard may be towed. Additionally, Village Ordinance prohibits any person, firm or company from depositing snow on Village streets so please direct your snow thrower tube to the sides of the driveway and not into the street.

CURFEW:

In 1995 the Village of Beecher adopted an ordinance to coincide with Will County's curfew ordinance. A brief overview of the curfew times are as follows:

Age 16 or 17 - 10:00 pm Sunday thru Thursday & 12:00 am Friday & Saturday;
Age 13, 14 & 15 - 9:00 pm Sunday thru Thursday & 11:00 pm Friday & Saturday;
Age 12 or under - 8:00 pm Sunday thru Thursday & 10:00 pm Friday & Saturday.

Exceptions to the curfew times are; unless accompanied and supervised by a parent, legal guardian or responsible companion at least 21 years of age who has prior approval of the legal parent or guardian; or, if the minor is engaged in a business or occupation, attending an official school function, religious ceremony, activity or other event sponsored by a not for profit community organization, or is traveling directly to or from home for any event or activity specified above. A copy of the entire ordinance can be obtained online at the police department website.

DOG TAGS:

All dogs kept within the Village must have a valid rabies vaccination and be registered with the Village. Dog tags are \$10.00 each. Dogs must be leashed when out in public and person(s) in control of the dog are required to remove any excrement.

HOUSE NUMBERING:

It is the responsibility of the owner and occupant of every house in the Village to have house numbers at least two and one half inches high placed on their residence in a location visible from the street showing the proper street number of the house. This is for your own protection in the event public safety agencies are needed at your home.

HIGH GRASS AND WEEDS:

It is unlawful to permit any grasses or weeds to grow a height exceeding eight (8") inches anywhere in the Village