



# City of Ruthven, Iowa

"Come for a Visit, or Stay for a Lifetime!"

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April 27, 2015

During the April 21, 2015 Ruthven City Council Meeting, Resolution 12-2015 – A Resolution of the City Council of Ruthven, Iowa to Request the Assistance of the Staff of the Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission was adopted by the city council.

Resolution 12-2015 authorizes an intergovernmental cooperation agreement between the City of Ruthven and Northwest Iowa Planning and Development Commission (NWIPDC) for **Nuisance Abatement/Code Enforcement Services for Ruthven.**

NWIPDC staff will provide assistance for responsibilities outlined in Chapters 28H and 28I of the Code of Iowa. Effective May 1, 2015 NWIPDC staff will be conducting Property Inspections throughout the entire City of Ruthven. The inspections will be conducted in accordance with above mentioned Code of Iowa and Ruthven Code of Ordinance Chapters 50 and 51 on Nuisances.

As part of that effort, we are asking **all businesses and households in town** to start cleaning up your property to eliminate the need for NWIPDC to contact you with any nuisance violations. ***PLEASE take advantage of our City Wide Clean-Up Day on May 28, 2015.***

Here are examples of nuisance violations that NWIPDC will be looking for (these are only examples and do not include all possible violations):

Trees needing to be trimmed, Tree limbs or piles of limbs, Dead and/or dying tree in yard, Long grass/weeds, Carpet, Plumbing items, White goods/(Appliances), Household items/(Furniture), Auto parts, Unused/abandoned items, Lumber, Concrete blocks, Roofing materials, Tires, Paint cans/hazardous materials, Abandoned vehicles, Garbage/debris, Plastic, Wood, Metal, Sidewalk obstructions and Substandard buildings.

Nuisance Abatement Courtesy Letters will be sent out to first time violators and Abatement of Nuisance Letters to anyone that has received a nuisance violation letter from the city within the last two years.

If you have any questions regarding the information in this letter, please contact city hall.

Thank you in advance for your continued efforts in keeping our city clean and inviting.

Sincerely,

*Ruthven City Council*