

# CITY OF YREKA BUSINESS NEWSLETTER

November 2014



## City Hall

Office hours are

Monday through Thursday

8:00 am to 5:00 pm

Closed

to the public on

Fridays

## QR Codes

consist of black modules  
(square dots) arranged in a  
square grid on a white  
background.

(See article to the right)



QR Codes can be read by an imagine  
device such as a iPhone or  
Smartphone

## BUSINESS LICENSE RENEWAL

The City of Yreka's annual business licenses expires on December 31<sup>st</sup>. Business License renewal fees are due by January 1<sup>st</sup>, but do not become delinquent until April 1<sup>st</sup>. Please notify us if your business has closed so we can update the business license renewal list. If there are any changes to your business name, address, telephone numbers, or other information, an updated business license application is required. The business license applications are available on our website:

[www.ci.yreka.ca.us](http://www.ci.yreka.ca.us)

Please complete and return the business license applications to the City in person, by mail to 701 Fourth Street, Yreka, CA 96097, fax (530) 842-4836 or email to [kim@ci.yreka.ca.us](mailto:kim@ci.yreka.ca.us)

## BUSINESS EMERGENCY CONTACT LIST FORM ENCLOSED

Yreka Police Department is asking local business owners to complete and return the enclosed business emergency contact list form to the Yreka Police Department or to City Hall with your annual renewal payment. This contact information is used to contact a responsible person after business hours in case of an emergency.

## SB 1186 BUSINESS LICENSE REMINDER

SB 1186 is a state fee of \$1.00 which is added to all business license renewals. This state fee supports the Certified Access Specialist (CASp) Program. The CASp Program is designed to train and equip local entities in order to help businesses better comply with Americans with Disabilities Act (ADA) requirements. For more information visit: [ccda.ca.gov](http://ccda.ca.gov)

## SIGN PERMITS

Always check with the Planning Department before installing any type of sign, flag or banner. Permanent and temporary signs require review and approval prior to issuance of permits and installation. However; temporary signs promoting short-term retail sales programs, special products, activities, or events are exempt if they comply with Yreka Municipal Code Chapter 13.16.020 (D) Exempt Signs. If you're not sure, please give us a call.

For businesses located within the Historic District, sign permits are subject to the provisions of [Yreka Municipal Code Title 17](#) and any regulations adopted pursuant thereto in addition to the provisions of Title 13 and the Building Code.

## QR CODES – (QUICK RESPONSE CODE)

The Yreka Historic Alliance members are visiting local businesses to place signs with QR Codes for visitors and residents to learn more about the history of buildings and places in Yreka. These signs are used to promote the City's Historic Landmarks. A member of the Historic Alliance may be visiting your business soon.



*Shop, Dine & Stay Local*

Contact US

City of Yreka  
701 Fourth Street  
Yreka, CA 96097  
(530) 841-2386  
[ci.yreka.ca.us](http://ci.yreka.ca.us)

Planning Department  
(530) 841-2324

Business Licenses  
(530) 841-2325

Building Department  
(530) 841-2322 or  
(530) 938-4441

## NATIONAL SMALL BUSINESS SATURDAY

Our community promotes “buy-local’ and people respond. Residents support the local economy. They realize that having a strong small business core leads to robust economic development and healthy communities. It is equally important for businesses to buy local to further strengthen our business community. Businesses that buy from each other, cross-market, share information of successful endeavors, pitch in with ideas to help each other address unique issues, and make community areas attractive to customers and visitors, will foster overall local small business stabilization and prosperity.

November 29<sup>th</sup> is the day to encourage people to shop local small businesses. This event has grown into a powerful movement, and more people are taking part than ever before.

## BUILDING INSPECTIONS

The City’s Building Inspector is available Monday through Thursday afternoons by appointment only. To schedule an inspection or ask a building question, call Dave Smith at (530) 841-2322 or (530) 938-4441. Building Inspections require a twenty four hour notice.

## CREDIT CARD PAYMENT & ONLINE UTILITY SERVICES

The City is now accepting Visa & MasterCard payments for utility bills. Visit our online utility billing portal to pay your utility bill or view utility account information. Account information includes twelve months of past water usage and billing history. The web based utility billing portal is secure and easy to use. For more information or to sign up for an online account, visit the City’s website at [ci.yreka.ca.us](http://ci.yreka.ca.us)

## FATS, OILS AND GREASE (FOG) FACTS

- Fats, oils, and grease (FOG) clog sewer lines. Sewage backups and overflows can be the result of grease buildup that can cause property damage, environmental problems, other health hazards, and can result in fines or penalties.
- All too often, fats, oils, and grease are washed into the plumbing system, usually through the kitchen sinks and floor drains found in food preparation areas. FOG sticks to the inside of sewer pipes, over time FOG builds up and can block the entire pipe, causing sewage backups and overflows.
- FOG gets into the sewers primarily from commercial food preparation establishments that do not have adequate grease control measures in place, such as grease interceptors.

As sewer pipes back up, the sewage and food particles that accumulate can attract insects and other vermin, cause unpleasant odors, and could create health hazards. Property damage can also result from sewage backups and lead to expensive cleanup and plumbing repairs. Health code violations or closures can greatly impact your business. Contact the city about ways you can reduce FOG in your establishment.

## THINKING OF EXPANDING, RELOCATING, OR STARTING A NEW BUSINESS?

The City of Yreka is committed to serving the public and improving how information is provided to its citizens. City staff is available to assist you with your questions and concerns. Give us a call at (530) 841-2324 or stop by City Hall between 8:00 am and 5:00 pm Monday – Thursday.

