

MISCELLANEOUS

REVIEW AGENCIES, UTILITIES, AND UNITS OF LOCAL GOVERNMENT

Getting approval from the City of Princeton to start a project is often contingent upon the actions of various City Boards and other agencies. In addition, other units of government or utilities must often be contacted for permits in their areas of responsibilities.

Potential agency contacts are summarized below.

Mille Lacs County Highway Department

565 8th Street NE
Milaca MN 56353
Attention: County Engineer
320-983-8201

Sherburne County Highway Department

425 Jackson
Elk River MN 55330
Attn: County Engineer
763-241-7028

Princeton Public Utilities Engineers

Short, Elliott, Hendrickson (SEH)
3535 Vadnais Center Drive
St. Paul MN 55110
Attn: Tom Kaldunski
651-490-2096

Minnesota Department of Transportation

7694 Industrial Park
Baxter MN 56425-8096
218-828-2460

Minnesota Department of Natural Resources

1601 Minnesota Drive
Brainerd MN 56401
Attn: Lonnie Thomas
218-828-2605

Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

520 Lafayette Road
St. Paul MN 55155
651-296-6300

Minnesota Department of Health

Public Health Engineer
Section of Drinking Water Protection
PO Box 64975
St. Paul MN 55164-0975
651-215-0947 0792

U.S. Army Corps of Engineers

190 East 5th Street
St. Paul MN 55101
Brenda Miller 651-290-5375
Mille Lacs County – Kelly Urbanek 218-829-2711
Sherburne County – Yvonne Berner 651-290-5365

UTILITY INFORMATION

Utility	Owner/Address	Telephone
Gas	CenterPoint Energy Minnegasco Shelly Houde 800 LaSalle Avenue Minneapolis MN 55402	1-877-295-8630
Electric	Princeton Public Utilities Commission 907 1 st Street Princeton MN 55371	763-389-2252
Garbage	Princeton Public Utilities Commission 907 1 st Street Princeton MN 55371	763-389-2252
Water	Princeton Public Utilities Commission 907 1 st Street Princeton MN 55371	763-389-2252
Sewer	City of Princeton 705 2 nd Street North Princeton MN 55371	763-389-2040
Telephone	NorthStar Access Russell Vance	763-262-4722
	QWEST	1-800-526-3557
Cable T.V.	U.S. Cable P.O. Box 496 Cold Spring MN 56320	1-800-783-2356

UNDERGROUND TANKS

- A. The Environmental Protection Agency has adopted regulations that require underground tanks of 1,100 gallons or more either be:
1. Upgraded with corrosion protection, spill and overflow protection, and leak detection systems; or
 2. Be closed. The EPA regulations include deadlines for upgrading underground tanks.

<u>If Tank Was Installed:</u>	<u>It Must Be Checked For Leak Detection By:</u>
Before 1965 or unknown	December, 1989
1965 – 1969	December, 1990
1970 – 1974	December, 1991
1975 – 1979	December, 1992
1980 – 1988	December, 1993

3. Any storage tank leaks or spills must be reported to the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's Spills Line at 651-649-5451 or 800-422-0798.

BUILDING PERMIT INFORMATION

Princeton follows the Minnesota State Building Code. The fee for building permits is based on finished construction cost. There is also a “plan review” or “plan check” fee in the amount of 65% of the building permit fee.

Forty eight hours notice is required for building inspections. To arrange an inspection, call the Building Official’s office at 763-479-1720 or 1-800-223-1720.

TAX INCREMENT FINANCING POLICIES

Historically, tax increment financing has been used in Princeton with both commercial and residential development. For high priority projects, the City Council may authorize use of TIF again. The City is most like to use tax increment for:

1. Commercial redevelopment projects.
2. Residential project where there exists an especially difficult infrastructure problem.

At present the City does not have a formal tax increment finance policy and considers project submittals on their individual merit.

With the approval of the 1989 tax bill came further restrictions on tax increment. This seems to be the trend: more and more restrictions further reducing the applicability of the funding tool. Examples from the 1989 bill state that use of Redevelopment District Increments are permitted for acquiring and clearing substandard parcels or funding related street, utility, parking, and administrative expenses. Raw land acquisition is no longer fundable. In addition, 70% of the district must be occupied prior to redevelopment. To be considered occupied, at least 15% of the square footage of each parcel must be improved.

In another change, areas designated as Housing Districts must now meet the low to moderate income levels adopted from Federal law. Change can be expected in Minnesota's tax increment financing law each time the legislature meets. Princeton will, however, work with developers to the extent allowed by laws to promote worthwhile projects.