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

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<td>Gas</td>
<td><strong>CenterPoint Energy Minnegasco</strong>&lt;br&gt;Shelly Houde&lt;br&gt;800 LaSalle Avenue&lt;br&gt;Minneapolis MN 55402</td>
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<td>Electric</td>
<td><strong>Princeton Public Utilities Commission</strong>&lt;br&gt;907 1&lt;sup&gt;st&lt;/sup&gt; Street&lt;br&gt;Princeton MN 55371</td>
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<td>Sewer</td>
<td><strong>City of Princeton</strong>&lt;br&gt;705 2&lt;sup&gt;nd&lt;/sup&gt; Street North&lt;br&gt;Princeton MN 55371</td>
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<td>Telephone</td>
<td><strong>NorthStar Access</strong>&lt;br&gt;Russell Vance&lt;br&gt;&lt;br&gt;<strong>QWEST</strong>&lt;br&gt;</td>
<td>763-262-4722&lt;br&gt;1-800-526-3557</td>
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<td>Cable T.V.</td>
<td><strong>U.S. Cable</strong>&lt;br&gt;P.O. Box 496&lt;br&gt;Cold Spring MN 56320</td>
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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.

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<th>If Tank Was Installed:</th>
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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 likely 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.