



"It takes everyone in a community to keep our homes, schools, offices, stores and other buildings safe."

City of Highland Building and Zoning

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Feel free to contact Building and Zoning at 2610 Plaza Drive, (618)654-7115 or via e-mail at highlandzoning@highlandil.gov should you have any questions or comments

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From The Ground Up

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City of Highland's Community Development Mission Statement:

To ignite positive change through orderly development and revitalization of quality construction while serving in a courteous professional, and ethical manner.

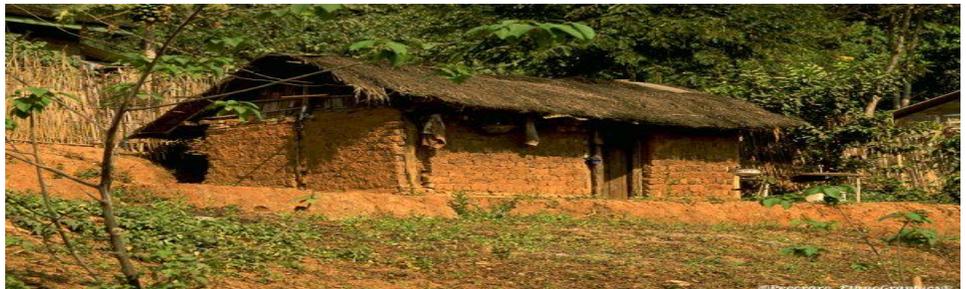
Distressed Properties!

Even Highland is not immune from property foreclosures and property owners feeling they have no choice but to "walk away" from their homes.

The Building & Zoning department has seen a substantial increase in the number vacant homes and buildings within the City limits. With this increase come property maintenance concerns such as high grass and weeds, trash and debris around the property, deterioration of the structures, vandalism, etc.

If you happen to have a vacant home or structure in your neighborhood you can help by contacting our office at either 654-7115 or via email highlandzoning@highlandil.gov . You may remain anonymous.

By asking for your help our department hopes we may be able to address property maintenance and/or zoning issues before they become major problems.



A Few Property Maintenance Tips

- Keep all trash in proper containers
- Take a walk around your property and pick up any dead limbs, branches, trash, junk or debris
- Keep walkways free of clutter, fix steps and railings if needed
- Fix broken windows (plywood, plastic bags and duct tape don't count)
- Keep gutters and downspouts free of leaves, debris and those pesky little maple trees
- Make sure downspouts are properly connected and secured
- If you have a fence make sure all boards are in place and secured
- Keep weeds and grass trimmed (8" or higher and you'll get a notice from us to please cut the grass)
- If you just can't bear to part with your "treasures" (you know....the stuff you may need one day) keep it neatly stacked and properly enclosed
- A fresh coat of paint works wonders
- Make sure your address posted and is clearly visible from the road right of way

SAVE SAVE SAVE

Here are a few tips to help you save your hard earned dollars this summer.

- Turn your lights off when leaving a room
- Dial the thermostat up a few degrees
- If cool weather is predicted turn off the A/C and open the windows
- Use drapes or shades to keep the heat from the sun outside
- Drink plenty of water - you'll feel cooler
- Take short timed showers
- Install a water reducing device on your faucets
- Turn off your appliances/computers, etc when not in use
- Coordinate your trips in a vehicle to once a day
- Keep the heat outside, cook on your grill
- Wash dishes by hand instead of using dishwasher
- Collect rainwater for use in
 - washing the outside of your vehicle
 - watering your garden



The City of Highland Electric Department recently purchased several "Kill A Watt" electricity monitoring devices which can help you identify where you are using electricity and how much it is costing you. These devices are available for checkout from either the electric department or the library.

If you would like to check out one of these devices or need assistance in the operation, or have a simple question; contact Dan Cook at Highland Electric Department (Light and Power) at 618-654-7511.

