

CITY OF MILLER NEWS TO KNOW

February 2026

February Calendar – February 16th – City Hall Closed for President’s Day

Building Inspector / Building Permits / Fees and building misc. info

- The “Office of Inspector” was created in 1978 for the City of Miller. Also in 1978, Ordinance 500.050 Permit Required for Certain Buildings was adopted. In 2007 the City adopted Ordinance 500.020 which assessed / assesses “fees”. This is not something new for the city. There have been times when the city did not have an inspector, therefore the cost for an inspector / inspection would not be applicable. When this happens, the building permit and fee associated with said permit are still expected to be paid to the city.
- Before you begin a project, it is imperative you know what the setback footage is (street, alley and perimeter). It is also important for you to know where alleys, utility easement, and rights-of-ways are located. If you are unsure what this is, when you apply for your building permit please ask. We are happy to explain what this is and why it is important.

If you have any questions on the building inspector, permits and or fees, please don’t hesitate to contact us. We want you to be very clear on what an ordinance(s) states so you know what to expect and you have the information to make an informed decision regarding your project.

City of Miller Website – Check out our newly updated website at: www.cityofmillermo.org The overall look of the site is the same. We have added more components to help the public find information regarding the city and city business. We have: expanded our forms and applications tab; included access to all our ordinances; all council meeting minutes; all city reports (CCR and annual audit); the monthly newsletter, and more.

Private Property Water Leaks – Reminder: if you have a water leak and it **does not go through the sewer** you can bring your receipts to City Hall showing repair to request a sewer charge adjustment. This request will be presented to the aldermen at the next council meeting.

CDBG LMI Survey – Thank you to those that returned the LMI Surveys. As we suspected, the MHI (Median Household Income) they have for Lawrence County, was high for Miller. Based on the results returned, we qualify to apply for CDBG funds. We are hopeful CDBG will invite us to apply. If we are invited to apply and are selected, we can receive up to \$750,000.00 for our drinking water project. We will update you as we receive more information.

TAP (Transportation Alternative Project) – We are working through the preliminary requirements since being notified this project was selected. We will keep you updated once we have a definite timeline. Per MoDOT this project will go to bid for construction in 2027.

Comprehensive Plan – The purpose of the City’s comprehensive plan is to provide community driven framework to guide growth, development, and preservation. This plan serves as an official guide for local leaders and residents to make informed decisions that strengthen Miller’s quality of life while preserving its rural character and small-town values.

Over the last 10 years, the City of Miller has been focused on completing reactive projects to maintain compliance while working to provide reliable utilities to the community. Miller faced challenges with limited resources and City official turnover. Through lessons learned and a proactive approach, the City saw a necessity for a living document to guide the City through long-term planning for the community and to serve as a source of information to future City Staff and City officials.

The key function of this Comprehensive Plan is to support the identification, prioritization, and coordination of capital improvement projects and asset management. The plan provides a strategic basis for long-term investments in infrastructure, enhanced community facilities, responsible land use and preservation of rural character. By establishing clear community priorities and implementation strategies, the plan assists local leaders in making fiscally responsible decisions and aligning limited resources with optimized community benefit.

Developed through public input and local stakeholder collaboration, the City of Miller Comprehensive Plan reflects the needs and shared vision of Miller residents for a connected and resilient community. It provides guidance for capital improvements, grant opportunities, and future policies. This plan is designed to strengthen Miller's competitiveness for state and federal funding opportunities and serves as a foundational tool to support grant applications, partnerships, and intergovernmental coordination to leverage external funding to implement priority projects, reduce financial burden, and advance long-term community goals.

Ultimately, this plan is to provide Miller with a source of data and practical roadmap that supports informed decision making, promotes economic resilience, enhance quality of life, and positions the community to respond proactively to future challenges and opportunities.

One segment of the Comprehensive Plan is a Land Use Map (what each parcel of land is currently within the city limits). A Land Use Map is necessary if the City would like to establish a Planning and Zoning Commission, which is something the City is considering if there is enough public interest.

There are many purposes for planning and zoning. The city's main concerns are; promote health and the general welfare of residents, current infrastructure capacity, character of the "districts" and peculiar suitability for particular uses, conserving the values of building and encouraging the most appropriate use of land throughout the municipality.

Zones are characterized into four categories: commercial, residential, industrial and agricultural.

For more information on planning and zoning and/or planning and zoning commission, contact City Hall at 417-452-3371.

After hours water / sewer emergencies only 417-205-5006.