

# NOTES

Population 4,000  
[www.cityoflarned.org](http://www.cityoflarned.org)

## **City Officers Governing Body**

Mayor.....	William Nusser
Council member 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward.....	Gary Rainbolt
Council member 1 <sup>st</sup> Ward.....	Carroll Bennett
Council member 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward.....	Terry Clark
Council member 2 <sup>nd</sup> Ward.....	George Elmore
Council member 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward.....	Jason Murray
Council member 3 <sup>rd</sup> Ward.....	Dennis Wilson
Council member 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward.....	Kim Barnes
Council member 4 <sup>th</sup> Ward.....	Sharon McGinness

City Elections are held every year. The Mayor is elected from the City at large for a two-year term. Council members are elected for a term of two years from their respective wards and serve staggered terms with an election of one position in each ward annually. There is no limit on the number of terms that may be served.

City Manager.....	Bradley Elts
Finance Director.....	Monica Steiner
City Clerk/Utilities.....	Kara Rath
Cemetery/Admin Assistant .....	Nora Schaller
Building Inspector .....	Frieda Smith
City Attorney .....	Ronald Smith
Municipal Judge.....	Julie Fletcher Cowell
City Treasurer.....	Joseph Simmons
Police Chief.....	Chuck Orth
Fire Chief.....	Randy Bird
EMS Director.....	Joe Dickinson

# City of Larned

## MUNICIPAL OFFICES

# City Clerk's Office

417 BROADWAY  
(620) 285-8500

Open 8:00 a.m. – 5:00 p.m. Monday thru Friday  
Night Drop Box is located near the front door and is available 24 hrs.

## Police Department

419 BROADWAY

**For Emergencies dial 911**  
(620) 285-8545 (administrative calls)

The Larned Police Department is responsible for law enforcement in the City. Dispatchers are on duty 24 hours a day.

## Fire Department

814 MAIN

**For Emergencies dial 911**  
(620) 285-8520 (administrative calls)

Fire protection is provided by the Larned Volunteer Fire and Rescue Department which consists of 17 members assisted by the Larned Rescue Squad of 6 members. Randy Bird is the Fire Chief.

## Emergency Medical Service

123 W. 9th

**For Emergencies dial 911**  
(620) 285-8505 (administrative calls)

Under the leadership of Joe Dickinson, EMS Director, the City of Larned operates the Larned Emergency Medical Service. Currently the City has three ambulances, four full-time employees and six volunteers. Dr. David Sanger serves as EMS Medical Advisor.

## OTHER FACILITIES

## Larned Community Center

1500 North Toles

The Community Center has a 778 seat auditorium, gymnasium, kitchen, and meeting facilities. Mike Seeman is the Larned Recreation Director and can be reached at 285-6002 for reserving the facility for special events. The recreation program includes intramural sports and other activities throughout the year for youth and adults.

## Larned Country Club

611 E. 14<sup>th</sup>

Manages nine hole golf course, club house located in Edwards Park.

## Moffett Stadium

318 Mann

Stadium has a seating capacity of 1,100 with a baseball diamond and tennis courts.

## Jordaan Memorial Library

724 Broadway

The library, located at 724 Broadway, is a fine asset to the community of Larned. It is a contracting member of the Central Kansas Library System and provides access to a number of research sources.

## **Larned Area Rich in History**

The City of Larned is situated along the Santa Fe Trail which was a thoroughfare for early expeditions, traders, and livestock movement. From 1822 to 1880, the Santa Fe Trail was one of America's most important trade routes, carrying millions of dollars worth of goods annually in commercial traffic between Independence, Missouri and Santa Fe, New Mexico.

A military establishment was needed along the trail and in October 1859, Camp Alert was constructed. It was renamed Camp on the Pawnee in 1860 and later that same year became known as Fort Larned. The fort became the principal guardian of Santa Fe Trail commerce.

In 1869 Captain Henry Booth was appointed Postmaster of Fort Larned. He also operated the post store. When the Santa Fe Railroad began to extend its rails westward toward Dodge City, he joined with several Topeka investors and originated the Larned Town Company in 1871. After a town site was selected in January 1872, the first building was built and was used for a saloon, eating house, school and as a church on Sundays. The first Santa Fe train whistled into Larned on July 20, 1872. The City of Larned was officially incorporated in February 1877 by a proclamation of the Governor.

Today the Fort is a part of the National Park Service. It was designated a National Historic Site in 1964 and underwent major renovations in the years that followed. It is one of the few frontier forts where the original buildings have been preserved. Many hours of dedicated research and work have gone into restoring the Fort. The Santa Fe Trail was established as a national historic trail in May 1987 and trail ruts made by the countless ox and mule drawn wagons can still be seen near the Fort.

The Santa Fe Trail Center, located four miles east of Fort Larned, is a regional museum telling the story of the Trail from the prehistoric Indians through the settlement era up to 1919. The Trail Center opened its doors in 1974 and was accredited by the American Association of Museums three years later. The Center was also certified in 1991 by the National Park Service as a site on the Santa Fe National Historic Trail. On April 27, 2001, the Governor of Kansas declared the Santa Fe Trail Center as the official museum of the Santa Fe Trail. A non-profit organization, the Center is locally owned and privately funded.

## **Municipal Court**

417 BROADWAY  
(620) 285-8500

Municipal Court is scheduled for docket cases the 1<sup>st</sup> and 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursdays of each month at 4:00 p.m for first appearance; 2:00 p.m. for trial on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday of the month. Fines may be paid in the City Clerk's Office.

## **Warning System – Siren Signals**

Every Friday, weather permitting; the City tests the sirens at 12:00 noon.

A 3 MINUTE, STEADY BLAST – is warning of impending natural disaster. Tune to KANS-KGTR 1510 AM radio station or the local TV channel for further information.

## **City Channel**

Watch Channel 20 to see what is going on in the City of Larned. Community happenings, weather cancellations, holiday schedule for City services, information on Pawnee County Health Department services, and numerous other types of information are televised as a public service.

# MUNICIPAL PARKS

## Schnack Park

544 W 1<sup>st</sup>

Shelter house, playground equipment, charcoal grills, picnic tables, restrooms, swimming pool, duck pond, skateboard park and train.

## Lowery Park

Park benches and glider, fountain, statuary and monuments, drinking water hydrant, off-street parking, playground equipment, basketball court, ball field, Zebulon Pike Plaza, Youth Building for rent.

## Doerr Vernon Park

1500 Carroll

Tennis courts, picnic shelter, playground equipment.

## Tera Jordaan Memorial Park

18<sup>th</sup> & Toles

Ball fields, Pawnee County Fair Facilities, John Haas Building for rent, walking path with exercise stations, and Community Center.

## South East Neighborhood Park

3<sup>rd</sup> & Park

Playground Equipment

## Larned Golf Course and Driving Range

East 14<sup>th</sup> Street

## Committees

Larned has many committees which oversee various activities and set policies. Some of these include: Board of Zoning Appeals, Planning Commission, Library Board, Recreation Commission, Airport Authority, Housing Authority, Tourism and Convention, Building Trades, and American Disabilities Act Committee.

## Cemetery

The city owns and maintains the cemetery located one mile west of Larned on 8<sup>th</sup> Street. Records and maps are located at City Hall.

## Airport

The Larned-Pawnee County Airport is located one mile north and one mile east of Larned. A 4,200 ft. paved and lighted runway is featured. Rental hangars and a self service credit card fueling facility is available.

## Miscellaneous

The Pawnee County Economic Development Commission was formed in 1989 and shares an office with the Larned Area Chamber of Commerce located at 502 Broadway.

The Jordaan Community Room is located in the Chamber of Commerce Building and is maintained by the City. It has kitchen facilities and is available for rent by the public for gatherings and meetings. For more information regarding the Community Room, contact the Chamber at 285-6916.

month and may call special meetings if needed. All citizens are encouraged to attend these meetings which are held at the City Office, 417 Broadway.

## General Information

### Dog/Cat Licenses

A yearly license is required for all dogs and cats within the City of Larned. Proof of rabies vaccination is necessary to obtain a license. Licenses are renewable in June and July with a late penalty fee charged after July 31<sup>st</sup>. Fees are \$6 for spayed/neutered animals and \$10 for those that are not spayed/neutered. Dogs and cats are not allowed to run at large and dogs must wear license tags.

### Permits and Inspections

Permits are required for building, electrical, mechanical and plumbing work. These may be obtained by contacting the Building Inspector (620) 285-8509. Questions regarding zoning and sub-division regulations should also be directed to the Building Inspector (620) 285-8509.

### Miscellaneous Licenses

Various licenses are required in the City of Larned including: Cereal Malt Beverage, Occupation Tax, Plumbing, Electrical, Mechanical, Solid Waste Hauling for commercial purposes, and Transient Vendor. Before engaging in a business activity or door-to-door solicitation, you should check with City Hall for information on permissible activities.

### City Government

The City is governed by the Mayor and City Council. The City Manager is hired by City Council and provides administrative services.

The Larned City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. on the 1<sup>st</sup> Monday of each

Agriculture is the leading industry for Pawnee County. There are approximately 1,280 farms in the area with major crops of wheat, grain sorghum, corn, soybeans and alfalfa. Several feed yards located throughout Pawnee County are a major source of income, jobs, and markets for the grain products.

Larned State Hospital, a psychiatric facility located 3 miles west of Larned is a major industry supplying jobs for approximately 850 employees. Larned Correctional Mental Health Facility located just north of the State Hospital employs approximately 200 people. In addition, the Larned Juvenile Correctional Facility employs 138 people. An indoor swimming pool is available at the Larned State Hospital for LSH employees, friends, and relatives and is open to the public on weekends during the fall, winter, and spring months.

Larned has sixteen churches, two long-term care facilities, one movie theater, over 80 retail establishments and 110 service establishments along with excellent dining and lodging facilities.

Pawnee County is serviced by two unified school districts. USD 495 serves Larned, Garfield, and Pawnee Rock. It has one high school, one middle school, four elementary schools and one parochial school (Grades K-8). Rozel and Burdett unified into USD 496 in 1966. Rozel has grades K-12.

Excellent medical facilities and services are available in the area. The Pawnee Valley Community Hospital is a facility that includes acute care beds, long-term care beds, and a 24 hour (physician staffed) emergency room. Four full-time Family Practice physicians, two mid-level practitioners, and several sub-specialty consultants serve the community. Pawnee County Health Department provides comprehensive preventive health care services for residents of all ages including a home health agency. Dental, chiropractic and optometric services are also available.

The Welcome Inn Senior Center offers several activities such as crafts,

bingo, cards, wellness program, blood pressure checks as well as a daily noon meal. Meals for the homebound are also available.

The General Public Transportation Service offers transportation for the elderly, handicapped and general public. Reservations can be made by calling the Welcome Inn at 285-3504 or after hours contact Jim Forrest at 285-5198.

## Contractor Licenses

(620)285-8509

General contractor/builder license.....	\$25.00
(first time and each year after)	
Electrical license - first time .....	\$100.00
Plumbing license – first time.....	\$125.00
Mechanical license – first time .....	\$125.00
Sprinkler installation license.....	\$25.00
(first time and each year after)	
Tree trimmer/removal license .....	\$25.00
(first time and each year after)	

License fees are for calendar year or major portion thereof and are non-refundable. License renewals are due by Dec. 31<sup>st</sup>. Cost is \$25 per consecutive year.

## Building Permit Fees

(620)285-8509

### Repair or Remodel:

Permit base fee.....	\$10.00
Plus (based on project cost):	
For projects not over \$1000.....	\$10.00
For projects not over \$1000 but less than \$10,000.00.....	\$15.00
After first \$10,000.....	\$15.00
plus \$2.00 additional per thousand	

### New construction:

Base permit fee.....	\$10.00
Plus \$.01 per sq. ft (residential)	
Attached garages – primary structures - base.....	\$10.00
Plus \$.03 per sq ft.	

Commercial - base..... \$20.00

    Plus \$2.00 per thousand

### Roofing:

Permit base fee..... \$10.00

Residential roofs – base plus \$10..... \$20.00

Commercial roofs – base plus \$20..... \$30.00

Use cost on commercial roofs to determine cost on roofs over \$1,000 and base cost at \$2 per thousand plus \$10 base permit fee

### Fences:

Residential ..... \$5.00

Commercial ..... \$10.00

### Demolition:

Residential ..... \$10.00

Commercial ..... \$20.00

### Curb Cuts:

Per cut ..... \$5.00

### Other Construction Related Fees:

Move a building ..... \$10.00

Excavation permits ..... \$10.00 - \$12.00

Sign permit - each sign..... \$10.00

Zoning appeals ..... \$75.00

Flood plain/variance (accessory buildings) ..... \$75.00

Special use permits ..... \$75.00

## Cemetery Fees

### City of Larned Cemetery

Burial Space..... \$250.00

Grave opening/closing (weekday)..... \$250.00

Grave opening/closing (weekday)commencing after 4:00pm ....

..... \$500.00

Grave opening/closing (Saturday)..... \$500.00

Cremation (weekday)..... \$125.00

Cremation ( Saturday)..... \$225.00

Disinterment/Reinterment w/in Larned Cemetery.....\$750.00  
Disinterment/Reinterment out of Larned Cemetery..... \$500.00  
Interment in Columbarium..... \$1000.00

Stone set permit..... \$20.00

No Burial on Sundays, Thanksgiving, Christmas, New Year's  
Day, Memorial Day or City Observed Holiday.