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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR LUCAS COUNTY (JUVENILE DIVISION)
In the Interest of M.H., a child To: Evan Halsted

To the above-named necessary parties, by this reference made a part of this original notice: You are notified that a Petition for Child In Need of Assistance in the above-entitled action has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court by the State of Iowa, by and through the Lucas County Attorney. You and each of you are further notified that you are a necessary party to this action, and that said petition asks no claim of personal judgment against you, and said petition seeks to find the child identified in the caption of this notice is a Child in Need of Assistance.

Petitioner prays to the Court for an order finding the child is a Child in Need of Assistance.

The attorney for the Petitioner is Brandon J. Shelton, whose address is 1920 Court Avenue Chariton, IA 50049. That attorney's phone number is (641) 774-5965; facsimile number (877)572-4461. A hearing on this petition is scheduled for the **27th day of March, 2026, at 9:00 A.M.** You must serve a motion or answer within twenty (20) days after service of this Original Notice upon you, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer, with the Clerk of Court of Lucas County, at the county courthouse in Chariton, IA if you do not judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the petition.

If you require the assistance of auxiliary aids or services to participate in Court because of a disability immediately call your district ADA coordinator at (515)286-3394. (If you are hearing impaired, call Relay Iowa TTY at 1-800-735-2942.)

Lucas County Attorney,
Brandon Shelton

ORDINANCE #950 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 18.40 AND 18.42 OF THE CHARITON MUNICIPAL CODE TO ESTABLISH SETBACKS FOR FENCES, HEDGES AND ACCESSORY BUILDINGS AND STRUCTURES

Be It Enacted by the Council of the City of Chariton, Iowa:

Section 1. Purpose. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Chapters 18.40 to specify setback requirements for accessory building and structures and to amend Chapter 18.42 to clarify setbacks for fences and hedges on property lines.

Section 2. Amendment. Chapter 18.40 of the Chariton Municipal Code is hereby amended by adding the following new provision:

18.40.080 Accessory Buildings and Structures.

A. Intent. Principal uses specified as permitted uses or special uses for a district shall be deemed to include accessory buildings and uses that are necessary and customarily associated with and are appropriate, incidental, and subordinate to such principal or special exception uses. These accessory buildings and structures include: free standing garages for automobiles, trash enclosures, sheds, play structures, gazebos, free-standing patios, pergolas, trellises, underground shelters, and above-ground and in-ground pools and hot-tubs. It is the intent of these standards herein this section to establish the basic regulations for accessory buildings and structures.

B. General Provisions. No accessory structure shall be constructed upon a lot until the construction of the main or principal building has been commenced, and no accessory structure shall be used if the main or principal building has been unused for a period of six (6) months or longer. Accessory buildings shall not be used for dwelling purposes, except for approved accessory dwellings as defined in this chapter.

C. Applicability. The following regulations shall apply to all accessory buildings and structures for agricultural uses, single-family dwellings, two-family dwellings, townhouse or row dwellings, and manufactured home parks. Accessory buildings and structures for all other uses shall comply with the regulations and standards as established for principal structures.

D. Location and Setbacks. The following location and setback requirements shall apply to all accessory buildings and structures:

(1) Accessory buildings and structures shall only be erected to the rear of any principal building. No accessory structure shall be located between any principal building and any street. A detached, private garage may be constructed along the side of a principal building provided that said garage is no closer than ten (10) feet from the principal building and does not extend past the front face of the principal building.

(2) When located upon a corner lot, the front yard regulation shall apply to each street frontage and no accessory building or structure shall be located within either of these front yards.

(3) When located on a double frontage or through lot, the

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Zoning Officer shall determine which street frontage serves as the rear yard, which shall generally be the street frontage adjacent to the street with the higher street hierarchy classification and for which no driveway access is provided.

(4) No accessory building or structure shall be located closer than ten (10) feet from the street or alley right-of-way line of the street located along the designated rear yard as determined by the Zoning Administrator, except that when any vehicle entrance to an accessory building faces the street, said accessory building shall be setback at least twenty (20) feet from the alley line.

(5) Accessory buildings and structures shall maintain a minimum distance of five (5) feet from any lot lines, alley lines and any adjoining lots, except that when any vehicle entrance to an accessory building faces the street or alley, said accessory building shall be setback at least twenty (20) feet from the alley line.

(6) Accessory buildings and structures within ten (10) feet from any principal structure must meet setback standards required of the principal structure.

(7) All accessory buildings and structure setbacks and building separations shall be measured from the closest building point extension, including projection of roof-overhangs, which may not extend into the required setback.

E. Area and Height Limit. (1) Detached accessory buildings and structures shall be limited to a maximum of two (2) total buildings, including detached garages, sheds, and above-ground pools, but not including play structures, trellises, hot tubs, or underground shelters. In total, detached accessory buildings shall not occupy more than ten (10) percent of the total lot area nor exceed a total square footage of 1,800 square feet. However, this regulation shall not prohibit the construction of at least one detached garage not to exceed six hundred (600) square feet gross building area and at least one detached accessory storage building not to exceed one hundred twenty (120) square feet gross building area.

a. On properties zoned agricultural that have a minimum lot size of 15 acres, detached accessory buildings may exceed 1,800 square feet, given the detached accessory buildings shall not exceed a total square footage of 1.5 times the total gross living area of the principal structure. (2) Detached accessory buildings and structures shall not be taller nor encompass more floor area than the principal structure that is located on the same lot and shall in no case be more than one and one-half (1.5) stories in height and shall not exceed a height of 24-feet.

(3) Attached garages in residential districts shall not extend above the roofline of the principal structure.

F. Exempt Structures. Ground mounted play structures no taller than ten (10) feet with a footprint of no more than 400 square feet, shall be exempt from permit requirements. These structures must conform to all setback requirements. The square footage of these structures shall be included in the maximum cumulative area requirements of this Chapter.

Section 3. Amendment. Chapter 18.42 of the Chariton Municipal Code now in effect is hereby amended by adding the following additional provision:

18.42.165 Fences and Hedges - Setbacks.

Except as otherwise provided in this Chapter, all fences, walls and hedges in residential zones shall be constructed no less than two feet (2) from a lot line except in the event of written agreement between the parties effected thereby.

Section 4. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Severability. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be in effect after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed by the Council the 3rd day of March, 2026, and approved this 3rd day of March, 2026.

Jayma Davis,
Mayor

ATTEST:
Christy Metzger,
City Clerk

COUNCIL MEETING City of Chariton, Iowa March 2, 2026 5:00 P.M.

The City Council of the City of Chariton, Iowa, met in regular session in the Council Chambers in City Hall of said City on March 2, 2026, at 5:00 p.m. The meeting was called to order by Mayor Jayma Davis. Present for the meeting were Council Members Jayma Davis, Stephen Fenton, Jarrett McGee, Gary Shutt and Cameron Storm. Absent None.

Also present for the meeting was City Manager Douglas Anderson, City Clerk Christy Metzger, Fire Chief Steve Davis, and Parks and Recreation Director Hannah McGourty.

It was moved by McGee,

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seconded by Shutt, to approve the March 2, 2026, Council meeting agenda. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None
It was moved by Storm, seconded by Shutt, to approve the consent agenda consisting of the approval of the minutes of the City Council meetings held on February 13, 2026 and February 17, 2026. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None
It was moved by Fenton, seconded by McGee, that the resolution authorizing the payment of claims be adopted. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None
Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and numbered 2026-12 and signed her approval thereto.

Steve Gerdes, RGE and Associates, presented the 2025 audit to the Council. After discussion, it was moved by Fenton, seconded by Shutt, to accept and place on file the audit for Fiscal Year 2025. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None

After having been read and approved on its first reading, it was moved by Shutt, seconded by Storm, that an ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Chapters 18.40 and 18.42 of the Chariton Municipal Code to Establish Setbacks for Fences, Hedges and Accessory Buildings and Structures, be given its second reading and placed on file. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None

After having been approved on its second reading, it was moved by Davis, seconded by McGee, that the rule requiring that an ordinance be received and placed on file at two (2) Council meetings prior to final action be suspended and that the above ordinance entitled, An Ordinance Amending Chapters 18.40 and 18.42 of the Chariton Municipal Code to Establish Setbacks for Fences, Hedges and Accessory Buildings and Structures, be adopted. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None

Thereupon the Mayor declared the ordinance duly adopted and numbered 950 and signed her approval thereto.

It was moved by Fenton, seconded by Storm, to approve the Property Rehabilitation Bid and Timeline as presented, with the clarification under electrical permits that if the house is not owner-occupied, a permit is required. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None

It was moved by Storm, seconded by Davis, to approve the purchase of two computers for the City Clerk and Deputy Clerk, from Mainstay Systems of Iowa, LLC, in the amount of \$2,956.00. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None

It was moved by Fenton, seconded by Storm, to purchase an automated external defibrillator (AED), with an extra set of pads, for the community center and City Hall, from Cardio Partners. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None

It was moved by Shutt, seconded by Storm, to accept with regret the resignation of Joe Sellers from the Housing Board of Chariton, Iowa. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None

There being no further business to come before the meeting, it was moved by Fenton, seconded by Shutt, that the meeting be adjourned until 5:00 p.m., March 16, 2026, in the Council Chambers in City Hall, Chariton, Iowa. The roll was called and the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None
The meeting adjourned at 5:43 p.m.

Christy Metzger,
City Clerk

RESOLUTION NO. 2026-12 BE IT RESOLVED by the City Council of the City of Chariton, Iowa, that the following claims be approved and payment authorized:

GENERAL
ABBAS, CALE,
BAKSETBALL REF.....\$192.00

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ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....\$15,980.34
AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, OPERATING SUPPLIES.....\$535.47
ANDERSON, DOUG, IMMI REGISTRATION.....\$400.00
ASCENDANCE TRUCK CENTERS, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.....\$37.10
BOMGAARS, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.....\$252.47
CHARITON NEWSPAPERS, LEGAL PUBLICATIONS.....\$790.68
CITY OF CHARITON, CENTRAL FUEL.....\$1,849.30
DINGES FIRE COMPANY, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.....\$644.57
DONNIE MCGEE, DEMOLITION 609 S 8TH ST.....\$8,000.00
ENVIRONMENTAL EDGE, ASBESTOS TEST 609 S 8TH ST.....\$1,275.00
HEIMAN INC, NEW EQUIPMENT.....\$17,100.00
INFOMAX OFFICE SYSTEMS, COPIER LEASE.....\$461.51
IA DEPT OF AG & LAND STEWARD, LICENSE RENEWAL -2026.....\$75.00
JENSEN PROMOTIONS, COUNCIL APPAREL.....\$68.00
KARL EMERGENCY VEHICLES, UPFITTING FIRE TRUCK.....\$2,136.87
LOCKRIDGE INC, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.....\$38.84
LUCAS COUNTY, DISPATCHER SALARY.....\$8,541.67
MIDWEST OFFICE TECHNOLOGY, COPIER CONTRACT.....\$354.25
NORRIS, VERLE, LEGAL FEES.....\$19,441.50
SIRCHIE ACQUISITION CO LLC, OFFICE SUPPLIES.....\$40.86
FEBRUARY 20 PAYROLL, SALARIES.....\$26,720.59
TOTAL.....\$104,936.02
CEMETERY MAINTENANCE ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....\$98.11
BOMGAARS, NEW EQUIPMENT.....\$64.71
CITY OF CHARITON, CENTRAL FUEL.....\$173.50
FEBRUARY 20 PAYROLL, SALARIES.....\$2,253.80
TOTAL.....\$2,590.12
COMMUNITY CENTER OPERATING AMAZON CAPITAL SERVICES, BUILDING MAINTENANCE.....\$381.90
FEBRUARY 20 PAYROLL, SALARIES.....\$1,238.63
TOTAL.....\$1,620.53
ROAD USE TAX ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....\$3,413.12
DIESEL TREATMENT.....\$212.85
CHARITON NEWSPAPERS, LEGAL PUBLICATIONS.....\$64.00
CITY OF CHARITON, CENTRAL FUEL.....\$1,384.45
NAPA AUTO PARTS, EQUIPMENT MAINTENANCE.....\$92.07
FEBRUARY 20 PAYROLL, SALARIES.....\$11,805.50
TOTAL.....\$16,971.99
HISTORIC PRESERVATION CHARITON NEWSPAPERS, LEGAL PUBLICATIONS.....\$63.44
TOTAL.....\$63.44
SEWER ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....\$8,772.97
BOMGAARS, MAINTENANCE SUPPLIES.....\$49.98
CHARITON WATER DEPARTMENT, SEWER BILLING.....\$1,591.35
CITY OF CHARITON, CENTRAL FUEL.....\$103.75
NORRIS, VERLE, LEGAL FEES.....\$399.00
USW UTILITY GROUP, WASTEWATER OPERATION.....\$24,073.14
FEBRUARY 20 PAYROLL, SALARIES.....\$232.21
TOTAL.....\$35,222.40
AIRPORT HANGER O&M ALLIANT ENERGY, UTILITIES.....\$579.65
MCLURE ENGINEERING CO, RWY10-28, TAXI A&B LIGHTS.....\$2,432.27
RATHBUN REGIONAL WATER ASSOCIA, AIRPORT WATER.....\$28.50
TOTAL.....\$3,040.42
RECYCLING CITY OF CHARITON, RECYCLING ADMIN.....\$450.00
TOTAL.....\$450.00
EMPLOYEE BENEFITS FEBRUARY 20 PAYROLL, TAXES & BENEFITS.....\$16,102.46
TOTAL.....\$16,102.46
GRAND TOTAL.....\$180,997.38
Council Member Fenton introduced the foregoing resolution and moved its adoption. Council Member McGee seconded the motion and upon the roll being called the vote was:

Aye: Davis, Fenton, McGee, Shutt, Storm
Nay: None

Thereupon the Mayor declared the resolution duly adopted and numbered 2026-12 and signed her approval there to this 2nd day of March, 2026

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING ON 2026-2027 SCHOOL CALENDAR

CHARITON COMMUNITY SCHOOL DISTRICT CHARITON, IOWA

Public notice is hereby given that the Board of Directors of the Chariton Community School District, Chariton, Iowa, will conduct a public hearing on the 2026-2027 School Calendar at 5:45 p.m. (CST), directly following the Property Tax Hearing, on March 26, 2026, at the Chariton CSD District Office; 140 East Albia Road; Chariton, Iowa. All interested individuals are invited to attend in person. This notice is given by order of the Board of Directors, Chariton Community School District, Chariton, Iowa. Chloë Trenary, Secretary of the Board of Directors Chariton Community School District in the County of Lucas, State of Iowa

THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR LUCAS COUNTY IN THE MATTER OF THE ESTATE OF LAWRENCE J SHAW, Deceased CASE NO. ESPR021658 NOTICE OF APPOINTMENT OF ADMINISTRATOR AND NOTICE TO CREDITORS

To All Persons Interested in the Estate of Lawrence J Shaw, Deceased, who died on or about February 10, 2026:

You are hereby notified that on March 6, 2026, the undersigned was appointed administrator of the estate.

Notice is hereby given that all persons indebted to the estate are requested to make immediate payment to the undersigned, and creditors having claims against the estate shall file them with the clerk of the above-named district court, as provided by law, duly authenticated, for allowance, and unless so filed by the later to occur of four months from the date of the second publication of this notice or one month from the date of the mailing of this notice (unless otherwise allowed or paid) a claim is thereafter forever barred.

Dated on March 6, 2026.

Tracy Backus, Administrator of the Estate
2907 39th St.
Des Moines, IA 50310

Tara J Higgins, ICIS#: AT0008830
Attorney for the Administrator
400 Locust Street Ste. 380
Des Moines, IA 50309

Date of second publication
March 20, 2026
Probate Code Section 230

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IN THE IOWA DISTRICT COURT FOR LUCAS COUNTY (JUVENILE DIVISION)

In the Interest of A.W., a child To: Lidia Wright

To the above-named necessary parties, by this reference made a part of this original notice: You are notified that a Petition for Termination of Parental Rights in the above-entitled action has been filed in the Office of the Clerk of this Court by the State of Iowa, by and through the Lucas County Attorney. You and each of you are further notified that you are a necessary party to this action, and that said petition asks no claim of personal judgment against you, and said petition seeks termination of the parental rights of both natural parents of said child identified in the caption of this notice.

Petitioner prays to the Court for an order terminating the parent-child relationship and parental rights of the parents of said child and transferring the guardianship and legal custody of said child to the Iowa Department of Human Services.

The attorney for the Petitioner is Brandon J. Shelton, whose address is 1920 Court Avenue Chariton, IA 50049. That attorney's phone number is (641) 774-5965; facsimile number (877) 572-4461. A hearing on this petition is scheduled for the **27th day of March 2026 at 1:00 P.M.** You must serve a motion or answer within twenty (20) days after service of this Original Notice upon you, and within a reasonable time thereafter, file your motion or answer, with the Clerk of Court for Lucas County, at the county courthouse in Chariton, IA. If you do not, judgment by default may be rendered against you for the relief demanded in the Petition.

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING - PROPOSED PROPERTY TAX LEVY		
Proposed CHARITON Property Tax Levy Fiscal Year July 1, 2026 - June 30, 2027		
Location of Public Hearing: Chariton District Office, 140 E. Albia Road, Chariton, IA 50049	Date of Public Hearing: 3/26/2026	Time of Public Hearing: 05:30 PM
Location of Notice on School Website: https://www.charitonschools.org/		

At the public hearing any resident or taxpayer may present oral or written objections to, or arguments in favor of the proposed tax levy. After the hearing of the proposed tax levy, the Board will publish notice and hold a hearing on the proposed budget.

	Current Year Final Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Dollar Levy (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Dollar Levy FY 2027
General Fund Levy	1	4,332,030	4,801,575
Instructional Support Levy	2	465,789	514,884
Management	3	409,899	685,440
Amana Library	4	0	0
Voted Physical Plant and Equipment	5	422,863	515,492
Regular Physical Plant and Equipment	6	134,988	156,696
Reorganization Equalization	7	0	0
Public Education/Recreation (Playground)	8	0	0
Debt Service	9	0	0
Grand Total	10	5,765,569	6,674,087
	Current Year Final Property Tax Rate FY 2026	Budget Year Effective Property Tax Rate (No change in Property Tax Dollars Levied) FY 2027	Budget Year Proposed Property Tax Rate FY 2027
Grand Total Levy Rate	14.15717	12.19715	14.11912
Property Tax Comparison	Current Year Property Taxes	Proposed Property Taxes	Percent Change
Residential property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$100,000/\$110,000	671	692	3.13
Commercial property with an Actual/Assessed Value of \$300,000/\$330,000	2,918	3,230	10.69

Note: Actual/Assessed Valuation is multiplied by a Rollback Percentage to get to the Taxable Valuation to calculate Property Taxes. Residential and Commercial properties have the same Rollback Percentage at 150,000 Actual/Assessed Valuation. The Proposed Property taxes assume a 10% increase in property values for the year as a comparison to the current year.

Reasons for tax increase if proposed exceeds the current: