

Village of North Prairie

POLICY – GEN #2025-01

OFFICIAL TRICK-OR-TREATING POLICY

Section 1: General Provisions

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish official guidelines for trick-or-treating within the Village of North Prairie, ensuring a safe and organized experience for residents and participants.

Section 2: Designated Day and Time

- **Designated Day:** The official day for door-to-door trick-or-treating shall be Saturday before October 31st.
- **Designated Time:** The official hours for trick-or-treating shall be from 4 p.m. to 7 p.m. on the designated day.

Section 3: Participant and Resident Guidelines

- **Residential Participation:** Residents who wish to participate in handing out candy should signal their willingness by turning on their porch or exterior lights. Homes with their lights off should not be approached by trick-or-treaters.
- **Trick-or-Treater Etiquette:** Participants must respect the designated hours and the wishes of residents. Do not ring doorbells or knock on doors of homes with exterior lights turned off.
- **Costume Visibility:** All participants are encouraged to enhance their visibility by incorporating reflective tape, glow sticks, or flashlights into their costumes, especially as it gets dark.
- **Safe Walking:** All trick-or-treaters should use sidewalks whenever possible and only cross streets at designated crosswalks.
- **Property Respect:** Participants must stay on designated walkways and driveways and avoid cutting across lawns or entering private areas of the property.

Section 4: Safety Recommendations

- **Adult Supervision:** It is highly recommended that children under the age of 12 be accompanied by a responsible adult.
- **Candy Inspection:** A parent or guardian should inspect all collected treats before consumption. Do not eat any unwrapped or suspicious-looking candy.
- **Safe Costumes:** Costumes should be flame-resistant and should not obstruct the child's vision or movement.
- **Pet Safety:** For the safety of both residents' pets and trick-or-treaters, pet owners are encouraged to keep their animals secured and away from the front door during event hours.

Section 5: Enforcement and Public Communication

- This policy is designed for community safety and organization. The Village of North Prairie will promote these guidelines through its website, social media, and community newsletters.
- Police and emergency services will be notified of the official hours to increase patrols and ensure a safe environment for all participants.

Section 6: Enactment

This policy will be effective immediately upon its adoption by the Village of North Prairie's Governing Body, Village Board.

Adopted and approved by the Village of North Prairie Board on 10/9/25.



Dan Miresse, Village President



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