

OUR COMMUNITY GUIDE



CITY COUNCIL

Craig Knight, Mayor
Javier Marquez, Mayor Pro Tem
Clyde Fannon, Council Member
Marcia Sablan, Council Member
Chris J. DeFrancesco, Council Member

City Council meets:

1st & 3rd Monday of each month at 7:30 pm, at
Andrew Firebaugh Historical Community Center,
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

To contact the Mayor or your City Council Members,
Call (559) 659-2043 and ask for City Clerk's office, or
Write to Firebaugh City Hall

PLANNING COMMISSION

Jim Lowe, Chair Person
David Flores, Vice Chairperson
Brent Kreaigbaum, Planning Commission Member
Esther Ramirez, Planning Commission Member
Mark A. Fickett, Planning Commission Member

Planning Commission meets:

2nd Monday of each month at 6:00 pm, at
Andrew Firebaugh Historical Community Center,
1655 13th Street, Firebaugh, CA 93622

City Staff

Staff at City Hall

Jose Antonio Ramirez, City Manager
Laura Rios, Assistant City Manager
Rita Lozano, Executive Admin. Assistant
Jose B. Garay, Finance Director
Ben Gallegos, Public Works Director
Isabel Saldivar, Building Clerk
William VanRyn, Building Inspector

Phyllis Baltierra, Community Services Coordinator

Firebaugh City Hall
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Firebaugh, CA 93622
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Code Enforcement/Fire Chief

John Borboa **ph (559) 659-2061**

Police Department Staff

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Elsa Lopez, Chief of police
Nora Aquino, Community Svcs Officer

Contractual Staff

Dale Bacigalupi, City Attorney
Fred Rabe, City Engineer
Karl Schoettler, Planning Consultant

Contact City Hall **(559) 659-2043**

Dear Residents,

This Firebaugh Community Guide was developed to assist you in understanding City ordinances and knowing who to call to obtain a particular service or receive additional information. Working together we can make our community a better place to live for ourselves and for our families.

ANIMALS

The city will enforce the violation of animal regulations.

Farm animals such as rabbits, ducks, chickens, pigs, goats and cows are not permitted in residential districts (FMC 6-7).

Dogs – Dog owners have a responsibility to control their dogs and obey the leash requirements (FMC 6-1.3).

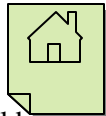


Owners can be cited to court and/or have their dog impounded. The City has a “vicious dog” ordinance (FMC 6-4) that will address dog attacks to any person or to another animal. Regarding barking dogs, please see the section on Noise. Dog bites should be reported to the Police Department immediately at (559) 659-3051.

BUSINESS

If you have a business, you must obtain a license at City Hall and renew the license each year. Door-to-door, or mobile sales, is prohibited without first securing an Itinerary License from City Hall.

BUILDING DEPARTMENT



If you are going to build or remodel any structures, you must obtain a building permit. Please contact Building Inspector or Clerk at City Hall, (559) 659-2043.

CODE ENFORCEMENT

The city enforces any violation of codes regarding Public Nuisance – abandoned buildings which may attract malicious mischief activity or trespassing should be reported to Police Department or Code Enforcement at (559) 659-3051.

Health Hazards – Lead-based paint poisoning is especially dangerous

to children under the age of seven. If you suspect your child or another member of your household has ingested lead-based paint, paint chips, or dust particles containing lead, contact Police Department at (559) 659-3051, or call Fresno County Health Department at (559) 445-3330.

CITY FESTIVALS/EVENTS

Annual

Cantaloupe Round-Up

Festival – the City celebrates Cantaloupe Round-Up Festival in



Summer; starts last Thursday through Sunday of July, each year at City Dunkle Park at 15th – 16th “Q” & “S” Streets. The event includes, carnival, food, music, dance, games and commercial & informational booths and more.

Annual **Farmers Market** – the City sponsors a Farmers Market in the downtown area from April through October from 5:30 pm – 9:30 pm. There are many food and retail vendors, music, and informational and commercial booths.

Annual Electric Light Christmas Parade & Festival

– the City celebrates Christmas Parade & Festival at the first Saturday of December, each year. The event includes parade, music, food & commercial booths and more.

FENCES

See rule and regulations for building fences, please contact building department.

FIRE DEPARTMENT

Fire Suppression

In case of a fire in your home or neighborhood, or if you have



a medical emergency, please call 911, for non emergency please call Fire Department (559) 659-2601, or Police Department (559) 659-3051. Give the operator your address and tell them what the problem is.

Fire Prevention. The Department provides Fire Prevention programs at local schools.

GARBAGES

New residents – Garbage Pick-up Please contact Firebaugh Disposal Services at (559) 659-2501.

All residents of Firebaugh are required to separate Recycling Items into Blue Containers from regular garbage.

The City of Firebaugh has annual clean-up days, twice in a year, a notice and flyer will be out prior to those events.

GRAFFITI

The City believes that graffiti on public and privately owned property is obnoxious in that it enhances blight, encourages more acts of vandalism and depreciates the value of surrounding properties. Graffiti needs to be removed quickly or it tends to begin community discontent and contempt for the law, therefore; it is the duty of every property owner to remove graffiti promptly from their property (FMC 3-11). To report a “tagger” please call the police department immediately.

HOUSING PROGRAMS

City of Firebaugh has a first-time home buyer

program and a Housing Repair

Program. For any questions regarding this, please call (559) 659-2043.



Housing Assistance

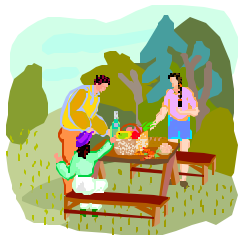
Fresno County Housing Authority offers a number of housing assistance programs. For information please call Housing Authority Office. They also provide migrant housing program. (559) 659-3084.

NOISE



Excessive noise can detract from the quality of life in a neighborhood. It is important that neighbors work together, privately, to solve minor problems like barking dogs. The Firebaugh Police Department does not want to get involved in these minor disputes but, if courteous communications are not successful, the police can enforce Ordinance 3-1, which prohibits excessive noise in a residential area after 9:00 pm on weekdays and 10:00 pm on weekends. The police can also recover the expense of responding to “loud and unruly assemblage” (FMC 3-2.4)

PARK USE



The City parks are open to the public from 6:00 am to 10:00 pm.

Certain City-sponsored functions are allowed until 12:00 midnight.

City Park/Dunkle Park – at the corner of 15th Street and “Q” Street

Enclosed Area – “S” Street to the grassy enclosed area of the park, requires use fees – contact City Hall

Maldonado Park – Currently the rehabilitation plan is on the way to build a new playground, restroom, picnic areas, landscaping and

vehicle parking area. The park will also build Sports facilities; basketball, softball, soccer, and skateboard park.

POLICE DEPARTMENT

Neighborhood

Watch

Although the community does not currently have an organized Neighborhood Watch Program, all it involves is watching out for your neighbors and reporting suspicious activity that you observe. There are many crimes that occur under the eyes of neighbors who either don’t want to get involved or are scared of retaliation. The police cannot be everywhere; we need you in the community to be our eyes and ears and to report any activity that seems suspicious, so that you can do your part in keeping our community safe. If you are interested in forming a Neighborhood Watch Program, contact the Police Department Community Service Officer at 659-3051.



Community Oriented Policing (COP)

The Firebaugh Police Department is one of the main components of the Community Orientated Policing. This program utilizes assistance from other city departments, the public and community organizations to remove the criminal element and stabilize the area. The program identifies targets based on the number of calls for service or evidence that criminal activity is occurring. If you believe you have a problem in your neighborhood, please call the police department.

Police Activities League (PAL)

The Firebaugh Police Department’s youth program PAL has a summer soccer league for kids

ages 5-17. Flyers are distributed through the schools just before school ends.

PAL also has an annual CAR SHOW that is held the first Saturday in September at the Firebaugh City Park.

PUBLIC WORKS DEPARTMENT

Street Flooding – contact City Hall (559) 659-2043



Street Lights - If a street light is out, please call Police Department (559) 659-3051 or report it in the PG&E website, www.pge.com

Street Sweeping - Public Works Department provides Street Sweeping on the following dates:

Monday - Hwy 33 , City Streets 8th Street through 15th Street

Wednesday - 13th Street from “Q” St. to the City Limit City Streets south side of town from 15th Street

Friday - North side of town from 8th Street, and Del Rio

RIVER CLEAN – UP

The City of Firebaugh has Annual Spring River Clean-Up Day with participation of other organizations along Keep California Beautiful. The City will send a notice and flyers and will post it in the city prior to the event. Anyone wishing to volunteer, please contact City Hall at (559) 659-2043.

SENIOR CENTER



Phyllis Baltierra, Community Service Coordinator, Firebaugh Senior Center is providing

services below:

1. Employment – Low Income Programs & IHSS
2. Financial/Emergency Assistance
3. Forms Assistance – Homeowners/Renters Assistance
4. In Home Service – Disabled Services/Equipment – Home Delivered Meals
5. Health & Wellness – Congregate Nutrition, Community, Exercise/Fitness, Immunization Clinics, Firebaugh Regional Health Council, Fresno County Counseling
6. Information & Referral – Printed Material, General Information, Other I & R Programs, & other
7. Community Services – Head Start, Trips, Bingo, Crafts, Pot Luck Meals, Summer time cooling area, Winter time warming area.
8. Insurance – HICAP
9. Transportation – Public Transportation (Fresno County Transit)

For any questions, please call Senior Center at (559) 659-3536

STREET ADDRESSES

Police, Fire or Ambulance responding to your residence and/or business can get there much faster if your address is properly marked and visible from the street. If you need help on how to properly mark your address, please call the police department.

TIRES

It is unlawful to store or dump tires on residential and vacant lots of the San Joaquin River.

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Tree branches -- you can take them to Mendota Biomass

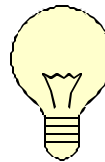


Power, LTD with no charge, Monday through Saturday. Call (559) 655-4921.

Unlawful to plant willow, cottonwood or poplar trees anywhere in the city unless the public works director approves the site, in writing, as one where the tree roots will not interfere with a public sewer.

UTILITY PAYMENT

Due Date - Last business day of the month, payment must be received by 4:00 pm



Late Payment - will be added 10% to the delinquent bill

New account requires \$80.00 deposit at opening of account

Types of accounts - Meter or non-meter (Flat rate)

VEHICLES

Parked vehicles -

Vehicles parked on private residential property must be parked on driveways, in a garage or a carport. Vehicles cannot be parked on dirt, lawn or landscaped areas (FMC 7-3.6.5).



Abandoned vehicles/parts - The accumulation and storage of abandoned, wrecked, dismantled or inoperative vehicles or parts on private property is found to create a condition tending to reduce the value of property, promote blight and deterioration and to create a hazard to the health, safety and general welfare. The police

department will abate and remove these vehicles in accordance to FMC 3-3. If you have a vehicle in these conditions and wish to have it abated and removed, please call the police department and we will work with you.

Commercial vehicles - No



commercial truck shall use, pass over or park upon any street, other than a designated truck route.

(FMC 7-6.1) Some streets, although truck routes, can prohibit truck parking (Clyde Fannon and certain areas of "N" Street - Highway 33). These areas will be posted with "No truck parking" signs.

Vehicle theft - The police department wants to prevent as many car thefts as possible; you are reminded to properly lock and secure your belongings. Call the police department immediately to report any suspicious activity seen or heard. If it is an emergency, call 911.

Vehicle repairing - It is unlawful to construct, repair, grease or wash any vehicle upon any public street when a charge is made for such service (FMC 7-8.4). You may add fluids, change a flat tire, jump start, and repair your own personal vehicles.