

## City of Fremont Update

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To: City Employees/ City Boards/ Mayor & City Council

### Additional City Veteran to Honor

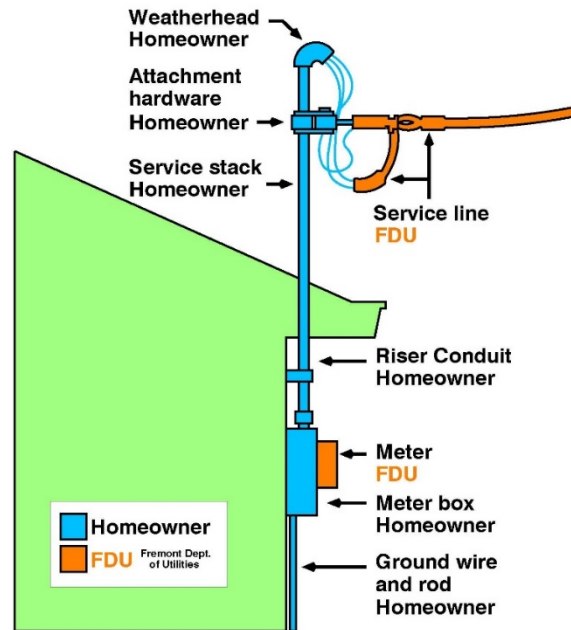
I missed Police Officer, Peyton Boston on my list of veterans last week. I apologize and thank Officer Boston for his service!

### Ice Storm Highlights Electric Service Responsibilities

Last week's ice storm highlighted the differences between the City and homeowners or businessowners when it comes to ownership and making repairs to the "**above-ground**" electric service line and service stack. As the drawing on the right shows, the electric meter and the overhead service line between the pole and service stack located on the home or business (shown in the color orange) is owned and maintained by the City. The electric service stack and all of its components (blue in color) is owned and maintained by the homeowner or businessowner. That means if the customer loses power when a storm causes a tree or tree limb to fall on the service line and damage the service stack, the homeowner must either fix or hire an electrician to fix the damage to the service stack before the City will turn the power back on. For example, if you look at last week's ice storm, more than 50 homeowners remained without power (after everyone else's power was restored) because their service stack had been damaged and they were waiting for an electrician to repair it.

## Damage Repair Responsibility

Above - ground service



To remedy this situation, homeowners and businessowners can choose to have the service line buried, thereby eliminating the risk of having a tree or tree limb fall on the line and breaking their service stack. The City's charge to convert the service line from overhead to underground is \$730 for residential customers and the actual cost of the work for businesses. In both cases, the customer pays the cost of the trench and for an electrician to install and connect the underground line to the home or business. For both types of customer, the cost of burying the service line might be less than the repair costs from a couple of storms. Anyone interested in converting from an overhead service line to an underground service line should call an electrician, who will coordinate the work with the City.

### News in Numbers

\$75,000 - The starting price of Rivian's electric truck that will begin taking orders this month with deliveries to begin in June. All models can travel more than 300 miles on a single charge and go from zero to 60 mph in three seconds.

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## State Aid to Local Political Subdivisions for Fiscal 2019-2020

According to the Nebraska Department of Revenue, the state paid \$2.2 billion in state aid to Counties, Cities and Villages, School Districts, and other state political subdivisions. Here is the information for Dodge County, as well as other similar sized counties.

| County Name  | County           | Cities/Villages  | School Districts  | Other State Aid* | Total             |
|--------------|------------------|------------------|-------------------|------------------|-------------------|
| Madison      | \$2,777,268      | \$4,439,265      | \$17,126,859      | \$6,268,066      | \$30,611,458      |
| Lincoln      | 4,063,520        | 4,058,164        | 17,725,902        | 7,542,412        | 33,389,997        |
| Buffalo      | 4,228,267        | 4,988,250        | 15,441,006        | 9,607,046        | 34,264,568        |
| Platte       | 3,828,751        | 3,291,550        | 20,920,568        | 7,704,644        | 35,745,512        |
| <b>Dodge</b> | <b>2,884,562</b> | <b>5,014,873</b> | <b>23,590,370</b> | <b>7,150,585</b> | <b>36,640,390</b> |
| Adams        | 2,557,068        | 4,812,157        | 25,860,929        | 5,911,872        | 39,142,025        |
| Dawson       | 3,071,897        | 4,132,867        | 27,934,065        | 4,927,314        | 40,066,144        |
| Dakota       | 1,500,461        | 3,132,297        | 33,543,903        | 2,797,885        | 40,974,546        |

\* Other State Aid includes homestead exemption reimbursement, real property tax credit, personal property exemption reimbursement, Resources Development Fund, Water Sustainability Fund, and community college aid.

Counties with state aid greater than those shown above include: Douglas, Hall, Lancaster, Sarpy, and Scotts Bluff. The County with the largest amount of State Aid is Douglas County totaling nearly \$271 million. This information was taken from the Department of Revenue's site at: [https://revenue.nebraska.gov/sites/revenue.nebraska.gov/files/doc/research/state-funds/2020/2020\\_state\\_aid.pdf](https://revenue.nebraska.gov/sites/revenue.nebraska.gov/files/doc/research/state-funds/2020/2020_state_aid.pdf)

### Sewer Line on Pierce Street Being Replaced

The picture on the right is an image of the inside of the sewer pipe on Pierce Street, between 10<sup>th</sup> and 11<sup>th</sup> Streets. The image was taken after we received a complaint from one of the residents attached to the line. As shown, there are two disturbing things the image revealed. First, the cement sewer pipe has nearly completely disintegrated from hydrogen sulfide. Second, the sewer pipe has nearly collapsed and only a small trickle of wastewater is flowing through the pipe. Both of these conditions are relatively new because this section of sewer pipe was checked a little more than one year ago and was found to be okay.



Unfortunately, the repair will require one-half of the street to be removed for the new pipe. Doyle Acker Excavating received the bid and work will start immediately. The repairs should be completed by Thanksgiving.

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