



# City of Kyle E-NEWSLETTER



For the week of October 2, 2015

This weekly Kyle E-Newsletter contains pertinent information about events and happenings in the City of Kyle. To subscribe, simply [click here](#) and put "Kyle Newsletter" in the subject line to be added to the distribution list.

## Lookin' good, Kyle! Part of the new "This is our town" series

Meet Lupe Gil. As the city of Kyle's Code Enforcement Officer for 10 years, she helps keep the city of Kyle looking attractive. How? By educating residents on city codes and seeking voluntary compliance with ordinances.

Gil speaks fluent Spanish and has an infectious smile. Her upbeat personality along with her no nonsense approach to code enforcement makes a powerful 1-2 combination.

Some people believe city ordinances are just more rules designed to take away freedoms and interfere with their rights as property owners. The truth is rules and regulations

exist everywhere, from elementary school on up to retirement communities, on our streets, in shopping centers, at sporting facilities and even in neighborhoods. The goal is to prevent one



*Kyle's Code Enforcement Officer Lupe Gil removing yard sale signs from street poles.*

person's rights from impacting another's.

Rules, schmules, right?

Consider a place with unmowed lawns, old cars on cinder blocks,

trash cans on the street, dogs roaming free and junk sitting on the sidewalk for weeks.

Is that a community you would be proud to call home?

Lupe Gil's job is to encourage Kyle residents to follow the rules so everyone can enjoy the benefits of a safe, attractive community. This helps keep down criminal activity and helps property values remain competitive. It's also just a nicer place to live and instills a sense of pride among neighbors.

Gil responds to complaints about code violations and is always looking for ways to keep things nice.

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## Upcoming Public Meetings

**Kyle City Council Meeting**  
Wednesday, Oct. 7 at 7 p.m.

**Planning and Zoning Commission Meeting**  
Tuesday, Oct. 13 at 6:30 p.m.

**Kyle City Council Meeting**  
Tuesday, Oct. 20 at 7 p.m.

## Can't make a meeting?

**Kyle City Council meetings are Streamed Live on the Internet**

## Stay Connected:

Find meetings, events, news and more at [www.cityofkyle.com](http://www.cityofkyle.com)

Don't forget to like us on [Facebook](#) and follow us on [Twitter](#) for the most accurate, up-to-date information about Kyle.

## Join Team Kyle

The city of Kyle has more than two dozen open positions to fill. These include positions with Kyle Police Department (sworn and non-sworn), Parks & Recreation, Communications, Engineering,

Library and more.

How do you know if you're right for Kyle? You are ready to work hard, have a little fun and contribute to making Kyle a great place to live and work.

You've got a strong work ethic and great customer service skills. You're

also someone who values innovation, creativity and making a difference.

And you enjoy competitive pay and good benefits.

If this sounds like you, [apply](#) today!



## Road Repairs next week

### Notice to Amberwood and Hometown Kyle residents:

Viking Construction will be in your neighborhoods for road repairs soon. **Please move all vehicles from Amberwood South (Oct. 6) and Hometown Kyle Pkwy. (Oct. 7.) before 8 a.m.**

The work should take two days, weather permitting. Travel on those roads will be extremely limited during this time.

The firm will use micro surfacing, a wet mixture of rock, oil, water and cement. When dry, it creates a firm surface that extends road life by 7-8 years.

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A recent morning ride along found Gil taking down yard sale signs from utility poles, removing illegal signs in the ground on public property and checking on specific complaints called in by residents. She also left door hangers for code violations: overgrown yards, a box spring in a driveway, cars with expired tags parked in the street and a large television she said was sitting on the sidewalk for about two weeks.

Those door hangers are not citations. They are just a reminder to take care of an issue voluntarily. She also writes down when

she will re-inspect the property, generally 5-10 days later.



*A TV left on the sidewalk in a Kyle neighborhood; this is a city code violation. Code Enforcement Officer Gil left a door hanger.*

Gil said people tell her code violations are a money grab for the city, meaning, they think she seeks

out minor violations just so she can get money from Kyle residents.

A quick check of her monthly statistics report shows the opposite. In July, Gil received 110 complaints. She wrote 71 door hangers. She did 67 re-inspections. Yet she filed 0 complaints in court, so the city didn't collect any fines that month.

See the most common code violation complaints below. Learn about code enforcement on the city's [website](#).

You can also read the full story of Lupe Gil and see more pictures at [This is our town](#).

## Typical code violations:

**Abandoned Vehicles:** Abandoned or inoperable vehicles with expired tags on public or private property are prohibited. Such vehicles must be stored behind a privacy fence or in a garage. (Ord. #381)

**Swimming Pool, Stagnant Water:** This creates possible health & safety issues, including harboring of mosquitoes. Fence enclosure required on swimming pools and spas. (Ord. #280, #342-1)

**Building Permits:** Required for new construction, additions and any alterations to structures that may affect structural components, public safety, means of egress, electrical, mechanical, plumbing systems and fire protection. (Ord. #475, #342-1).

**Illegal Signs:** It is unlawful for a sign to be located on, or project over, public property, which may interfere with visibility; it is also unlawful to be placed in a public right-of-way, incl. utility poles. (Ord. #356)

**Trash/Garbage, Debris:** It is unlawful to allow trash, garbage, debris, rubbish, or any unsightly objects to remain on the property. (Ord. #280)

**Commercial Vehicles:** Commercial trucks/trailers cannot be parked on residential streets except when loading or unloading. (Ord. #339)

**Home Occupations:** You must secure a home occupation permit from the city to ensure your business is not in violation of zoning requirements and does not adversely impact the neighborhood. (Ord.#378).

## National Night Out

**Tuesday, Oct. 6 from 6 p.m.-dark**  
Spend the evening with your neighbors, meet first responders.

## Kyle Police Department Applications due

**Thursday, Oct. 8 by 5 p.m.**  
The next civil service test is Oct. 10. Learn more and download the application on our website.

## Pet Registration Event

**Saturday, Oct. 10, 10 a.m.-2 p.m.**  
at Hootenanny on the Hill in Plum Creek. Animal Control officers will be on hand with applications.



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