

The Faribault Main Street Program is a community-based effort to revitalize Faribault's Historic Business District. It is funded by the Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce and by the City of Faribault Economic Development Authority; however, it is open to members and non-members alike. This program is based on the National Main Street Approach that has been used in over 1,700 communities during the past 25 years. The Faribault Main Street Program is organized to unify the Central Business District, with emphasis on Central Avenue, to create an attractive destination in which businesses prosper the community benefits and residents and visitors enjoy a quality downtown experience.



Thank you!

For helping to make downtown Faribault an even better place to live, work, play, and visit!

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**Downtown Faribault Policy Handbook
for Property and Business Owners and Residents**

This Downtown Faribault Policy Handbook is for everyone associated with beautiful downtown Faribault. Our goal is to make the downtown area clean, safe and friendly for all residents, businesses and guests of our community. This handbook, put together Faribault Main Street, is full of helpful information.

Please take a moment to read through the handbook. Downtown Faribault has seen many improvements over the past few years. However, progress is continual, some changes happening rapidly, and others taking more time. One of the great things about being part of the downtown fabric is that things are happening on a regular basis. From art installations, to celebrations, to increased foot and vehicle traffic, the juxtaposition of liveliness and historic preservation is what makes downtown Faribault a special place to work, live, and visit.

This Downtown Faribault Policy Handbook seeks to provide an understanding of how to be a good neighbor, and what expectations there are for each of us in order to live and work together successfully in Downtown Faribault.

Although the area of influence of this handbook is the historic business district, it is anticipated that residents and business owners and operators immediately adjacent to, but outside of the districts, will similarly act as good neighbors.

Downtown Faribault is a tightly-knit mix of residential, office, retail, and art and entertainment uses. Because of the close proximity to one another, residents, business owners & operators, and property owners must realize that this setting is different than other spaces and comes with different benefits and compromises. At times, it may be noisier than expected, its sidewalks may be more crowded than anticipated, and there may be trucks and more cars than other areas of town. All of this makes downtown so unique. Common courtesies and a sincere desire to make the neighborhood the best place to live and work are required.

Some basic expectations for living, working, and enjoying downtown successfully together include:

- Seeing and accepting differences
- Understanding that there may be another side to an issue
- Being responsible to others
- Considering the community good as well as our own
- Participating and getting involved rather than leaving it to others



A benefit of compliance with the policies outlined here is the opportunity to be a Main Street member and serve on Main Street committees.

Facilities

- Ensure that all outside lighting related to business be in proper working order and replace bulbs every time there is a burn out.
- Maintain trash outside of business at end of business day and remove outdated, ripped, or faded posters.
- Make structural improvements as needed for integrity of building
- Repair broken windows in a timely manner
- Scrape off peeling paint and repaint
- Follow HPC guidelines for signage and building modifications
- Black or white lined curtains and blinds and window shades are preferred. Sheets and other alternative window coverings are discouraged.
- Maintain streetscape elements in clean, safe, and usable condition. Keep trees and plants healthy.
- Prevent pollution by keeping chemicals, used grease, excess construction materials and cleaning wastes out of floor drains, storm drains and off paved surfaces.
- Report burned out or broken street lights, torn banners, excessive trash and dangerous buildings to the City of Faribault

Ways to get involved with the Faribault Main Street program:



Design:

Enhancing the physical appearance of the district by rehabilitating historic buildings, encouraging compatible infill, and developing sensitive design management systems.



Economic Restructuring:

Strengthening the district's existing economic base while finding ways to expand it to meet new opportunities.



Promotion:

Marketing the traditional commercial district's assets to customers, potential investors, new businesses, visitors and local citizens.



Organization:

Responsible for sustainable financial resources and volunteer coordination. Includes outreach to stakeholders in the Main Street district.

Inspections/ Compliance

- The downtown area is filled with rich history, unique architecture and design elements, and many mixed-use properties. Mixed use properties are often home to light industrial or commercial kitchens while also having sleeping units on a higher level. Additionally, with shared walls, the risk of damage or fire spreading increases. To minimize potential risks for occupants and preserve the beautiful buildings that give the central business district distinctive character, the City of Faribault conducts regular property maintenance and fire inspections in the Central Business District.
- Fire and Building Codes are designed to protect you in the event of a fire. In your building or home, take time to learn where fire exits are.
- For more information on Fire and Building Codes and Inspections, see City Ordinance (Section 7-43)
- All residential rental properties are required to be registered, licensed and inspected by the City of Faribault.
- Fore more information on Rental Properties, see City Ordinance (Section 7-38)

There may be things you encounter that are not specifically addressed within this handbook. For those situations and questions, contact the City of Faribault or the Faribault Area Chamber of Commerce and Tourism and we will try to point you in the right direction.

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Snow and Ice Removal

- Remove snow and ice from your sidewalks within 24 hours of a storm.
- For more information on Snow Removal see City Ordinance (Section 25 41-41)

Parking

- Business staff and residents should park in stalls behind the building, or in public parking lots
- Street parking is designated for customer parking
- Please see map for public 18 hour parking lots
- For additional parking information. please see City Ordinances (Section 15 44, 56-61) for additional parking information.
- Again, it's important to note that this is an urban setting so parking and walking two or three blocks is often a part of a healthy and vibrant downtown.

Noise

- Be considerate of noise impacts to neighbors, particularly after 10 p.m. on weekday nights and midnight on weekend nights.

Trash and Recycling

- Everyone should pick-up and dispose of debris (cans, bottles, cigarettes, papers) from sidewalks, gutters, and alleys abutting their property every day.
- Recycling glass, food waste, cardboard and other materials is encouraged
- Keep alleys clean around dumpsters – leaving clear passages for vehicles.
- For more information on trash and recycling see City Ordinance (Section 11, 9-19)

Pets

- Clean-up sidewalks, streets, alleys, and open spaces after your pets.



For the complete list of City of Faribault codes and ordinances, go to <https://library.municode.com/mn/> and select Faribault

For the Faribault Commercial Historic District Design Guidelines, visit <http://www.faribault.org/> and search for Commercial Historic District Design Guidelines



HISTORIC DOWNTOWN FARIBAULT
RICE COUNTY, MN



Central Park

5th St. NW

4th St. NW / HWY 60

3rd St. NW

2nd St. NW

1st St. NW

Division St. W

Central Ave. NW

1st Ave. NE

Paradise Center
for the Arts

Heritage Park

Buckham Library
Parks & Recreation Dept
Faribault Community Center

HWY 60 Viaduct

