Newcomers Guide To RIDGELA

CITY OF RIDGELAND

Physical Address: City Hall, 304 Highway 51, Ridgeland, MS 39157 Mailing Address: P.O. Box 217, Ridgeland, MS 39158

www.ridgelandms.org 601.856.7113 Population: 23,400 (U.S. Census 2011)



City Directory In alphabetical order

Animal Control
Anonymous Tip Line (criminal investigations division) 601.853.2006
City Hall/Mayor's Office
Community Development Department
(development, property maintenance, zoning, signs, permits)601.856.3877
Community Police Officers
(residential/neighborhood concerns and service)601.502.6040 & 601.940.9030
Court Clerk (traffic violations, misdemeanors and fines)601.853.2001
Emergency (police and fire dispatch center)9.1.1
Finance and Administration
(business licenses, elections, meeting minutes, budget, public records) 601.856.7113
Fire Department (non-emergency calls, safety education programs) 601.856.7004
Police Department (non-emergency calls, public safety concerns)
Public Works Department
(roads, garbage, recycling, water, storm water)601.853.2027
Recreation and Parks
(special events, athletics and program registration, park information)601.853.2011
Tennis Center
(lessons, tournaments, tennis camps)
Utility Billing Department
$(water, sewer, garbage\ and\ recycling)\ \dots\dots\ utility billing @ridgelanmsorg\dots\ 601.856.3938$

To learn more about utility billing, to receive bills via email, or to pay bills online, visit www.ridgelandms.org/city-departments/public-works/utility-billing/.

To learn about garbage & recycling collection days, recycling rewards, & large debris pickup, go to www.ridgelandms.org/http://www.ridgelandms.org/city-departments/publicworks/solid-waste-and-recycling/.

To find your elected representative, view the ward map at www.ridgelandms.org/ elected-officials/.

Newcomers Information

Auto Tags & Stickers - New Mississippi residents must purchase Mississippi auto tags within 30 days of establishing residency. Tags may be purchased at the Madison County tax collector's office, located at 344 Hwy 51.

Driver's License - Motorists must obtain a Mississippi driver's license within 60 days of moving to the state. Visit www.dps.state.ms.us for more information or call 601.987.1212. Electricity - Entergy 800.368.3749 or www.entergy.com. If you rent property, you will need to get an inspection from the Community Development Department in order for your Entergy permit to be issued.

Health Dept - Madison County Health Department, 309 Park Drive, Canton. 601.859.3316 Local Voter Registration - You may register to vote for both Madison County elections and City of Ridgeland elections at Ridgeland City Hall. You must register at least 30 days before an election.

Natural Gas - Center Point Energy, 276 Commerce Park Drive, Ridgeland, www. centerpointenergy.com, 601.856.9348 and Atmos Energy, 711 West Capitol Street, Jackson, www.atmosenergy.com, 888.286.6700.

Post Office - 611 S. Pear Orchard Road, 601.991.0249

Recycling - Earn rewards for recycling in the City of Ridgeland. Sign up at www.recyclebank. com/wm.





Local Public Resources

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Ann Smith Elementary School (K-2)	601.856.6621
	www.madison-schools.com/ase
Highland Elementary School (grades 3-5)	
• • •	www.madison-schools.com/hes
Madison County Tax Collector	
·	www.madison-co.com
Olde Towne Middle School (grades 6-8)	
	www.madison-schools.com/otm
Ridgeland Chamber of Commerce	601.991.9996
	www.ridgelandchamber.com/htm/home.htm
Ridgeland High School (grades 9-12)	
	www.madison-schools.com/rhs
Ridgeland Public Library	
	www.mcls.ms/
Ridgeland Tourism Commission and Visitors Co	enter601.605.5252
	www.visitridgeland.com/

Important Ridgeland Laws

You may wish to review these and other laws online at http://www.ridgelandms.org/ordinances-and-codes/.

Animal control ordinances - certain breeds of dogs are banned in the city, a certain number of animals are allowed, and animals must be kept in a lawful manner.

Bicycle helmet ordinance - helmets must be worn at all times while riding on any street, sidewalk, bikeway, trail or other public property.

Parking codes – violations of city parking ordinances include parking on grass and parking in the street.

Property maintenance codes - private property must be maintained to ensure the protection of public health, safety and welfare. Violations include tall grass, poor conditions of exterior structure, and accumulation of items visible from the street.

Privilege licenses - required for all businesses including home-based businesses.

Public smoking - smoking in enclosed public places, places of employment, and outdoors within 20 feet of outside entrances is prohibited in Ridgeland.

Recreational Facilities

Freedom Ridge Park, 235 West School Street - softball and soccer fields, pavilions, playgrounds, walking trail

Friendship Park, 475 Lake Harbour Drive - pavilion, lighted walking trail, fitness court, playground

Wolcott Park, 349 McClellan Drive - baseball/softball fields, playground, batting cages Ridgeland Recreational Center, 137 Old Trace Park - Superstar Seniors programs

Ridgeland Tennis Center, 201 McClellan Drive - largest public tennis facility in the state

City Hall, 304 Highway 51 - seasonal fields for soccer and t-ball

Multi-use trail system, parking available on Rice Road at Harbor Drive.

For descriptions of the recreational facilities and a trail map, visit http://www.ridgelandms.org/city-departments/recreation-and-parks/facilities/.

Youth Organizations:

- South Madison County Soccer Organization, 601-898-1996, www.smcso.com.
- Madison-Ridgeland Youth Club, www.mryouthclub.com.

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