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(B) *Storage.* The department of the city acquiring possession of the property shall arrange for its storage. If city facilities are unavailable or inadequate, the department may arrange for storage at a privately-owned facility.

(C) *Claim by owner.* The owner may claim the property by exhibiting satisfactory proof of ownership and paying the city any storage or maintenance costs incurred by it. A receipt for the property shall be obtained upon release to the owner.

(D) *Sale.* If the property remains unclaimed in the possession of the city for 60 days, the property shall be sold to the highest bidder at a public auction conducted by the City Clerk/Administrator or his or her designee after a two-weeks published notice setting forth the time and place of the sale and the property to be sold.

GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 90.01 DISPOSITION OF ABANDONED PROPERTY.

(A) *Procedure.* Except for abandoned and junked vehicles, all property lawfully coming into possession of the city shall be disposed of as provided in this section which is adopted pursuant to M.S.

(E) *Disposition of proceeds.* The proceeds of the sale shall be placed in the general fund of the city. If the former owner makes application and furnishes satisfactory proof of ownership within six months of the sale, the former owner shall be paid the proceeds of the sale of the property less the costs of storage and the proportionate part of the cost of published notice and other costs of the sale.

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ABANDONED VEHICLES

§ 90.15 FINDINGS AND PURPOSE.

M.S. Chapter 168B, and Minn. Rules Chapter 7035, as they may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference. Sections 90.15 through 90.25 of this code are adopted under the authority of M.S. § 168B.09, subd. 2, as it may be amended from time to time. If any of these provisions are less stringent than the provisions of M.S. § 168B or Minn. Rules Chapter 7035, as it may be amended from time to time, the statute or rule shall take precedence.

§ 90.16 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ABANDONED VEHICLE.

(1) A motor vehicle, as defined in M.S. § 169.01 as it may be amended from time to time, that:

(a) Has remained illegally:

1. For a period of more than 48 hours on any property owned or controlled by a unit of government, or more than four hours on that property when it is properly posted; or

2. On private property for a period of time, as determined under § 90.18(B), without the consent of the person in control of the property; and

(b) Lacks vital component parts or is in an inoperable condition that it has no substantial potential for further use consistent with its usual functions, unless it is kept in an enclosed garage or storage building.

(2) A classic car or pioneer car, as defined in M.S. § 168.10 as it may be amended from time to time, is not considered an abandoned vehicle.

(3) Vehicles on the premises of junk yards and automobile graveyards that are defined, maintained, and licensed in accordance with M.S. § 161.242 as it may be amended from time to time, or that are licensed and maintained in accordance with local laws and zoning regulations, are not considered abandoned vehicles.

(4) A vehicle being held for storage by agreement or being held under police authority or pursuant to a writ or court order is not considered abandoned, nor may it be processed as abandoned while the police hold, writ or court order is in effect.

DEPARTMENT. The Minnesota Department of Public Safety.

IMPOUND. To take and hold a vehicle in legal custody. There are two types of impounds: public and nonpublic.

IMPOUND LOT OPERATOR or ***OPERATOR.*** A person who engages in impounding or storing, usually temporarily, unauthorized or abandoned vehicles. ***OPERATOR*** includes an operator of a public or nonpublic impound lot, regardless of whether tow truck service is provided.

JUNK VEHICLE. A vehicle that:

- (1) Is three years old or older;
- (2) Is extensively damaged, with the damage including things as broken or missing wheels, motor, drive train or transmission;
- (3) Is apparently inoperable;
- (4) Does not have a valid, current registration plate; and
- (5) Has an approximate fair market value equal only to the approximate value of the scrap in it.

MOTOR VEHICLE or **VEHICLE.** Has the meaning given “motor vehicle” in M.S. § 169.01, as it may be amended from time to time.

MOTOR VEHICLE WASTE. Solid waste and liquid wastes derived in the operation of or in the recycling of a motor vehicle, including such things as tires and used motor oil, but excluding scrap metal.

MPCA or **AGENCY.** The Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

NONPUBLIC IMPOUND LOT. An impound lot that is not a public impound lot.

PUBLIC IMPOUND LOT. An impound lot owned by or contracting with a unit of government under § 90.24.

UNAUTHORIZED VEHICLE. A vehicle that is subject to removal and impoundment pursuant to § 90.18(B), or M.S. § 169.041 as it may be amended from time to time, but is not a junk vehicle or an abandoned vehicle.

UNIT OF GOVERNMENT. Includes a state department or agency, a special purpose district, and a county, statutory or home rule charter city, or town.

VITAL COMPONENT PARTS. Those parts of a motor vehicle that are essential to the mechanical functioning of the vehicle, including such things as the motor, drive train and wheels.

§ 90.17 VIOLATION TO ABANDON MOTOR VEHICLE.

Any person who abandons a motor vehicle on any public or private property, without the consent of the person in control of the property, is guilty of a misdemeanor.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 90.18 AUTHORITY TO IMPOUND VEHICLES.

(A) *Abandoned or junk vehicles.* The City Clerk/Administrator or his or her designee or any peace officer employed or whose services are contracted for by the city may take into custody and impound any abandoned or junk vehicle.

(B) *Unauthorized vehicles.* The City Clerk/Administrator, or his or her designee or any peace officer employed or whose services are contracted for by the city may take into custody and impound any unauthorized vehicle under M.S. § 169.041 as it may be amended from time to time. A vehicle may also be impounded after it has been left unattended in one of the following public or private locations for the indicated period of time:

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(1) In a public location not governed by M.S. § 169.041 as it may be amended from time to time:

- (a) On a highway and properly tagged by a peace officer, four hours;
- (b) Located so as to constitute an accident or traffic hazard to the traveling public, as determined by a peace officer, immediately; or
- (c) That is a parking facility or other public property owned or controlled by a unit of government, properly posted, four hours; or

(2) On private property:

- (a) That is single-family or duplex residential property, immediately;
- (b) That is private, nonresidential property, properly posted, immediately;
- (c) That is private, nonresidential property, not posted, 24 hours; or
- (d) That is any residential property, properly posted, immediately.

§ 90.19 SALE; WAITING PERIODS.

(A) *Sale after 15 days.* An impounded vehicle is eligible for disposal or sale under § 90.23, 15 days after notice to the owner, if the vehicle is determined to be:

(1) A junk vehicle, except that it may have a valid, current registration plate and still be eligible for disposal or sale under this subdivision; or

(2) An abandoned vehicle.

(B) *Sale after 45 days.* An impounded vehicle is eligible for disposal or sale under § 90.23, 45 days after notice to the owner, if the vehicle is determined to be an unauthorized vehicle.

§ 90.20 NOTICE OF TAKING AND SALE.

(A) *Contents; notice given within five days.* When an impounded vehicle is taken into custody, the city or impound lot operator taking it into custody shall give notice of the taking within five days. The notice shall:

(1) Set forth the date and place of the taking; the year, make, model and serial number of the impounded motor vehicle if the information can be reasonably obtained; and the place where the vehicle is being held;

(2) Inform the owner and any lienholders of their right to reclaim the vehicle under § 90.21; and

(3) State that failure of the owner or lienholders to exercise their right to reclaim the vehicle and contents within the appropriate time allowed under § 90.19 shall be deemed a waiver by them of all right, title and interest in the vehicle and contents and a consent to the transfer of title to and disposal or sale of the vehicle and contents pursuant to § 90.23.

(B) *Notice by mail or publication.* The notice shall be sent by mail to the registered owner, if any, of an impounded vehicle and to all readily identifiable lienholders of record. The Department makes this information available to impound lot operators for notification purposes. If it is impossible to determine with reasonable certainty the identity and address of the registered owner and all lienholders, the notice shall be published once in a newspaper of general circulation in the area where the motor vehicle was towed from or abandoned. Published notices may be grouped together for convenience and economy.

(C) *Unauthorized vehicles; notice.* If an unauthorized vehicle remains unclaimed after 30 days from the date the notice was sent under division (B) of this section, a second notice shall be sent by certified mail, return receipt requested, to the registered owner, if any, of the unauthorized vehicle and to all readily identifiable lienholders of record.

§ 90.21 RIGHT TO RECLAIM.

(A) *Payment of charges.* The owner or any lienholder of an impounded vehicle shall have a right to reclaim the vehicle from the city or impound lot operator taking it into custody upon payment of all towing and storage charges resulting from taking the vehicle into custody within 15 or 45 days, as applicable under § 90.19, after the date of the notice required by § 90.20.

(B) *Lienholders.* Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to impair any lien of a garagekeeper under the laws of this state, or the right of a lienholder to foreclose. For the purposes of this section, **GARAGEKEEPER** is an operator of a parking place or establishment, an operator of a motor vehicle

storage facility, or an operator of an establishment for the servicing, repair or maintenance of motor vehicles.

§ 90.22 OPERATOR'S DEFICIENCY CLAIM; CONSENT TO SALE.

(A) *Deficiency claim.* The nonpublic impound lot operator has a deficiency claim against the registered owner of the vehicle for the reasonable costs of services provided in the towing, storage and inspection of the vehicle minus the proceeds of the sale or auction. The claim for storage costs may not exceed the costs of:

(1) 25 days storage for a vehicle described in § 90.19(A); and

(2) 55 days storage for a vehicle described in § 90.19(B).

(B) *Implied consent to sale.* A registered owner who fails to claim the impounded vehicle within the applicable time period allowed under § 90.19 is deemed to waive any right to reclaim the vehicle and consents to the disposal or sale of the vehicle and its contents and transfer of title.

§ 90.23 DISPOSITION BY IMPOUND LOT.

(A) *Auction or sale.*

(1) If an abandoned or unauthorized vehicle and contents taken into custody by the city or any impound lot is not reclaimed under § 90.21, it may be disposed of or sold at auction or sale when eligible pursuant to §§ 90.19 and 90.20.

(2) The purchaser shall be given a receipt in a form prescribed by the Registrar of Motor Vehicles which shall be sufficient title to dispose of the vehicle. The receipt shall also entitle the purchaser to register the vehicle and receive a certificate of title, free and clear of all liens and claims of ownership. Before a vehicle is issued a new certificate of title, it must receive a motor vehicle safety check.

(B) *Unsold vehicles.* Abandoned or junk vehicles not sold by the city or public impound lots pursuant to division (A) of this section shall be disposed of in accordance with § 90.24.

(C) *Sale proceeds; public entities.* From the proceeds of a sale under this section by the city or public impound lot of an abandoned or unauthorized motor vehicle, the city shall reimburse itself for the cost of towing, preserving and storing the vehicle, and all administrative, notice and publication costs incurred in handling the vehicle pursuant to this chapter. Any remainder from the proceeds of a sale shall be held for the owner of the vehicle or entitled lienholder for 90 days and then shall be deposited in the treasury of the city.

(D) *Sale proceeds; nonpublic impound lots.* The operator of a nonpublic impound lot may retain any proceeds derived from a sale conducted under the authority of division (A) of this section. The operator may retain all proceeds from sale of any personal belongings and contents in the vehicle that were not claimed by the owner or the owner's agent before the sale, except that any suspected contraband or other items that likely would be subject to forfeiture in a criminal trial must be turned over to the appropriate law enforcement agency.

§ 90.24 DISPOSAL AUTHORITY.

The city may contract with others or may utilize its own equipment and personnel for the inventory of impounded motor vehicles and abandoned scrap metal and may utilize its own equipment and personnel for the collection, storage and transportation of these vehicles and abandoned scrap metal. The city may utilize its own equipment and personnel only for the collection and storage of not more than five abandoned or unauthorized vehicles without advertising for or receiving bids in any 120-day period.

§ 90.25 CONTRACTS; REIMBURSEMENT BY MPCA.

(A) *MPCA review and approval.* If the city proposes to enter into a contract with a person licensed by the MPCA pursuant to this section or a contract pursuant to § 90.24, the MPCA may review the proposed contract before it is entered into by the city, to determine whether it conforms to the MPCA's plan for solid waste management and is in compliance with MPCA rules. A contract that does so conform may be approved by the MPCA and entered into by the city. Where a contract has been approved, the MPCA may reimburse the city for the costs incurred under the contract that have not been reimbursed under § 90.23. Except as otherwise provided in § 90.24, the MPCA shall not approve any contract that has been entered into without prior notice to and request for bids from all persons duly licensed by the MPCA to be a party to a disposal contract pursuant to M.S. § 116.07, as it may be amended from time to time; does not provide for a full performance bond; or does not provide for total collection and transportation

of abandoned motor vehicles, except that the MPCA may approve a contract covering solely collection or transportation of abandoned motor vehicles where the MPCA determines total collection and transportation to be impracticable and where all other requirements herein have been met and the unit of government, after proper notice and request for bids, has not received any bid for total collection and transportation of abandoned motor vehicles.

(B) *The city may perform work.* If the city utilizes its own equipment and personnel pursuant to its authority under § 90.24, and the use of the equipment and personnel conforms to the MPCA's plan for solid waste management and is in compliance with MPCA rules, the city may be reimbursed by the MPCA for reasonable costs incurred which are not reimbursed under § 90.23.

(C) *The city required to contract work.* The MPCA may demand that the city contract for the disposal of abandoned motor vehicles and other scrap metal pursuant to the MPCA's plan for solid waste disposal. If the city fails to contract within 180 days of the demand, the MPCA, through the Department of Administration and on behalf of the city, may contract with any person duly licensed by the MPCA for the disposal.

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CHAPTER 91: ANIMALS commonly accepted as a part of the animal kingdom. Animals shall be classified as follows:

(1) **DOMESTIC ANIMALS.** Those animals commonly accepted as domesticated household pets. Unless otherwise defined, **DOMESTIC ANIMALS** shall include dogs, cats, caged birds, gerbils, hamsters, guinea pigs, domesticated rabbits, fish, non-poisonous, non-venomous and non-constricting reptiles or amphibians, and other similar animals.

(2) **FARM ANIMALS.** Those animals commonly associated with a farm or performing work in an agricultural setting. Unless otherwise defined, **FARM ANIMALS** shall include members of the equestrian family (horses, mules), bovine family (cows, bulls), sheep, poultry (chickens, turkeys), fowl (ducks, geese), swine (including Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs), goats, bees, and other animals associated with a farm, ranch, or stable.

(3) **NON-DOMESTIC ANIMALS.** Those animals commonly considered to be naturally wild and not naturally trained or domesticated, or which are commonly considered to be inherently dangerous to the health, safety, and welfare of people. Unless otherwise defined, **NON-DOMESTIC ANIMALS** shall include:

§ 91.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

ANIMAL. Any mammal, reptile, amphibian, fish, bird (including all fowl and poultry) or other

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(a) Any member of the large cat family (family felidae) including lions, tigers, cougars, bobcats, leopards and jaguars, but excluding commonly accepted domesticated house cats;

(b) Any naturally wild member of the canine family (family canidae) including wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingoes, and jackals, but excluding commonly accepted domesticated dogs;

(c) Any crossbreeds such as the crossbreed between a wolf and a dog, unless the crossbreed is commonly accepted as a domesticated house pet;

(d) Any member or relative of the rodent family including any skunk (whether or not descended), raccoon, squirrel, or ferret, but excluding those members otherwise defined or commonly accepted as domesticated pets;

(e) Any poisonous, venomous, constricting, or inherently dangerous member of the reptile or amphibian families including rattlesnakes, boa constrictors, pit vipers, crocodiles and alligators; and

(f) Any other animal which is not explicitly listed above but which can be reasonably defined by the terms of this section, including but not limited to bears, deer, monkeys and game fish.

AT LARGE. Off the premises of the owner and not under the custody and control of the owner or other person, either by leash, cord, chain, or otherwise restrained or confined.

CAT. Both the male and female of the felidae species commonly accepted as domesticated household pets.

DOG. Both the male and female of the canine species, commonly accepted as domesticated household pets, and other domesticated animals of a dog kind.

OWNER. Any person or persons, firm, association or corporation owning, keeping, or harboring an animal.

RELEASE PERMIT. A permit issued by the Animal Control Officer or other person in charge of the pound for the release of any animal that has been taken to the pound. A release permit may be obtained upon payment of a fee to the City Clerk/Administrator in accordance with the regular license requirement if the animal is unlicensed, payment of a release fee, and any maintenance costs incurred in capturing and impounding the animal. The release fee shall be as established by Council ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time.

§ 91.02 DOGS AND CATS.

(A) *Running at large prohibited.* It shall be unlawful for the dog or cat of any person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat, to run at large. A person who owns, harbors, or keeps a dog or cat which runs at large shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Dogs or cats on a leash and accompanied by a responsible person or accompanied by and under the control and direction of a responsible person, so as to

be effectively restrained by command as by leash, shall be permitted in streets or on public land unless the city has posted an area with signs reading “Dogs or Cats Prohibited.”

(B) *License required.*

(1) All dogs over the age of six months kept, harbored, or maintained by their owners in the city, shall be licensed and registered with the city. Dog licenses shall be issued by the City Clerk/Administrator upon payment of the license fee as established by Council ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time. The owner shall state, at the time application is made for the license and upon forms provided, his or her name and address and the name, breed, color, and sex of each dog owned or kept by him or her. No license shall be granted for a dog that has not been vaccinated against distemper and rabies, as evidenced by a certificate by a veterinarian qualified to practice in the state in which the dog is vaccinated.

(2) It shall be the duty of each owner of a dog subject to this section to pay to the City Clerk/Administrator the license fee established by Council ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time.

(3) Upon payment of the license fee as established by Council ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time, the City Clerk/Administrator shall issue to the owner a license certificate and metallic tag for each dog licensed. The tag shall have stamped on it the year for which it is issued and the number corresponding with the number on the certificate. Every owner shall be required to provide each dog with a collar to which the license tag must be affixed, and shall see that the collar and tag

are constantly worn. In case a dog tag is lost or destroyed, a duplicate shall be issued by the City Clerk/Administrator. A charge shall be made for each duplicate tag in an amount established by Council ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time. Dog tags shall not be transferable from one dog to another and no refunds shall be made on any dog license fee or tag because of death of a dog or the owner's leaving the city before the expiration of the license period.

(4) The licensing provisions of this division (B) shall not apply to dogs whose owners are non-residents temporarily within the city, nor to dogs brought into the city for the purpose of participating in any dog show, nor shall this provision apply to “seeing eye” dogs properly trained to assist blind persons for the purpose of aiding them in going from place to place.

(5) The funds received by the City Clerk/Administrator from all dog licenses and metallic tags fees as established by Council ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time, shall first be used to defray any costs incidental to the enforcement of this chapter including, but not restricted to, the costs of licenses, metallic tags, and impounding and maintenance of the dogs.

(C) *Cats.* Cats shall be included as controlled by this division insofar as running-at-large, pickup, impounding, boarding, licensing and proof of anti-rabies vaccine is concerned. All other provisions of this section shall also apply to cats unless otherwise provided.

(D) *Vaccination.*

(1) All dogs and cats kept, harbored, maintained, or transported within the city shall be

vaccinated at least once every three years by a licensed veterinarian for:

(a) Rabies, with a live modified vaccine; and

(b) Distemper.

(2) A certificate of vaccination must be kept on which is stated the date of vaccination, owner's name and address, the animal's name (if applicable), sex, description and weight, the type of vaccine, and the veterinarian's signature. Upon demand made by the City Clerk/Administrator, the Animal Control Officer or a police officer, the owner shall present for examination the required certificate(s) of vaccination for the animal(s). In cases where certificates are not presented, the owner or keeper of the animal(s) shall have seven days in which to present the certificate(s) to the City Clerk/Administrator or officer. Failure to do so shall be deemed a violation of this section.

Penalty, see § 91.99

§ 91.03 NON-DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

It shall be illegal for any person to own, possess, harbor, or offer for sale, any non-domestic animal within the city. Any owner of a non-domestic animal at the time of adoption of this code shall have 30 days in which to remove the animal from the city after which time the city may impound the animal as provided for in this section. An exception shall be made to this prohibition for animals specifically trained for and actually providing assistance to the handicapped or disabled, and for those animals brought into the city as part of an operating zoo, veterinarian clinic, scientific research laboratory, or a licensed show or exhibition.

Penalty, see § 91.99

§ 91.04 FARM ANIMALS.

Farm animals shall only be kept in an agricultural district of the city, or on a residential lot of at least ten acres in size provided that no animal shelter shall be within 300 feet of an adjoining piece of property. An exception shall be made to this section for those animals brought into the city as part of an operating zoo, veterinarian clinic, scientific research laboratory, or a licensed show or exhibition.

§ 91.05 IMPOUNDING.

(A) *Running at large.* Any unlicensed animal running at large is hereby declared a public nuisance. Any Animal Control Officer or police officer may impound any dog or other animal found unlicensed or any animal found running at large and shall give notice of the impounding to the owner of the dog or other animal, if known. In case the owner is unknown, the officer shall post notice at the city office that if the dog or other animal is not claimed within the time specified in division (C) of this section, it will be sold or otherwise disposed of. Except as otherwise provided in this section, it shall be unlawful to kill, destroy, or otherwise cause injury to any animal, including dogs and cats running at large.

(B) *Biting animals.* Any animal that has not been inoculated by a live modified rabies vaccine and which has bitten any person, wherein the skin has been punctured or the services of a doctor are required, shall be confined in the city pound for a period of not less than ten days, at the expense of the owner. The animal may be released at the end of the time if healthy and free from symptoms of rabies, and by the payment of all costs by the owner. However, if the owner of the animal shall elect immediately upon receipt of notice of need for the confinement by

the officer to voluntarily and immediately confine the animal for the required period of time in a veterinary hospital of the owner's choosing, not outside of the county in which this city is located, and provide immediate proof of confinement in the manner as may be required, the owner may do so. If, however, the animal has been inoculated with a live modified rabies vaccine and the owner has proof of the vaccination by a certificate from a licensed veterinarian, the owner may confine the dog or other animal to the owner's property.

(C) *Reclaiming.* All animals conveyed to the pound shall be kept, with humane treatment and sufficient food and water for their comfort, at least five regular business days, unless the animal is a dangerous animal as defined under § 91.11 in which case it shall be kept for seven regular business days or the times specified in § 91.11, and except if the animal is a cruelly-treated animal in which case it shall be kept for ten regular business days, unless sooner reclaimed by their owners or keepers as provided by this section. In case the owner or keeper shall desire to reclaim the animal from the pound, the following shall be required, unless otherwise provided for in this code or established from time to time by resolution of the City Council:

(1) Payment of the release fee and receipt of a release permit as established by Council ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time;

(2) Payment of maintenance costs, as provided by the pound, per day or any part of day while animal is in the pound; and

(3) If a dog is unlicensed, payment of a regular license fee as established by Council

ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time, and valid certificate of vaccination for rabies and distemper shots is required.

(D) *Unclaimed animals.* At the expiration of the times established in division (C) of this section, if the animal has not been reclaimed in accordance with the provisions of this section, the officer appointed to enforce this section may let any person claim the animal by complying with all provisions in this section, or the officer may sell the animal to the University of Minnesota, or cause the animal to be destroyed in a proper and humane manner and shall properly dispose of the remains thereof. Any money collected under this section shall be payable to the City Clerk/Administrator.

Penalty, see § 91.99

§ 91.06 KENNELS.

(A) *Definition of kennel.* The keeping of three or more dogs on the same premises, whether owned by the same person or not and for whatever purpose kept, shall constitute a "kennel;" except that a fresh litter of pups may be kept for a period of three months before that keeping shall be deemed to be a "kennel."

(B) *Kennel as a nuisance.* Because the keeping of three or more dogs on the same premises is subject to great abuse, causing discomfort to persons in the area by way of smell, noise, hazard, and general aesthetic depreciation, the keeping of three or more dogs on the premises is hereby declared to be a nuisance and no person shall keep or maintain a kennel within the city.

Penalty, see § 91.99

§ 91.07 NUISANCES.

(A) *Habitual barking.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or harbor a dog which habitually barks or cries. Habitual barking shall be defined as barking for repeated intervals of at least five minutes with less than one minute of interruption. The barking must also be audible off of the owner's or caretaker's premises.

(B) *Damage to property.* It shall be unlawful for any person's dog or other animal to damage any lawn, garden, or other property, whether or not the owner has knowledge of the damage.

(C) *Cleaning up litter.* The owner of any animal or person having the custody or control of any animal shall be responsible for cleaning up any feces of the animal and disposing of the feces in a sanitary manner whether on their own property, on the property of others or on public property.

(D) *Other.* Any animals kept contrary to this section are subject to impoundment as provided in § 91.05.

Penalty, see § 91.99

§ 91.08 SEIZURE OF ANIMALS.

Any police officer or Animal Control Officer may enter upon private property and seize any animal provided that the following exist:

(A) There is an identified complainant other than the police officer or Animal Control Officer making a contemporaneous complaint about the animal;

(B) The officer reasonably believes that the animal meets either the barking dog criteria set out in § 91.07(A); the criteria for cruelty set out in § 91.13; or the criteria for an at large animal set out in § 91.01;

(C) The officer can demonstrate that there has been at least one previous complaint of a barking dog; inhumane treatment of the animal; or that the animal was at large at this address on a prior date;

(D) The officer has made a reasonable attempt to contact the owner of the dog and the property to be entered and those attempts have either failed or have been ignored;

(E) The seizure will not involve the forced entry into a private residence. Use of a pass key obtained from a property manager, landlord, innkeeper, or other authorized person to have that key shall not be considered unauthorized entry; and

(F) Written notice of the seizure is left in a conspicuous place if personal contact with the owner of the dog is not possible.

§ 91.09 ANIMALS PRESENTING A DANGER TO HEALTH AND SAFETY OF CITY.

If, in the reasonable belief of any person or the Animal Control Officer or police officer, an animal presents an immediate danger to the health and safety of any person, or the animal is threatening imminent harm to any person, or the animal is in the process of attacking any person, the person or officer may destroy the animal in a proper and humane manner.

Otherwise, the person or officer may apprehend the animal and deliver it to the pound for confinement under § 91.05. If the animal is destroyed, the owner or keeper of the animal destroyed shall be liable to the city for the cost of maintaining and disposing of the animal, plus the costs of any veterinarian examination. If the animal is found not to be a danger to the health and safety of the city, it may be released to the owner or keeper in accordance with § 91.05(C).

§ 91.10 DISEASED ANIMALS.

(A) *Running at large.* No person shall keep or allow to be kept on his or her premises, or on premises occupied by them, nor permit to run at large in the city, any animal which is diseased so as to be a danger to the health and safety of the city, even though the animal is properly licensed under this section.

(B) *Confinement.* Any animal reasonably suspected of being diseased and presenting a threat to the health and safety of the public, may be apprehended and confined in the pound by any person, the Animal Control Officer or a police officer. The officer shall have a qualified veterinarian examine the animal. If the animal is found to be diseased in a manner so as to be a danger to the health and safety of the city, the officer shall cause the animal to be painlessly killed and shall properly dispose of the remains. The owner or keeper of the animal killed under this section shall be liable to the city for the cost of maintaining and disposing of the animal, plus the costs of any veterinarian examinations.

(C) *Release.* If the animal, upon examination, is not found to be diseased the animal shall be released to the owner or keeper free of charge. Penalty, see § 91.99

§ 91.11 DANGEROUS ANIMALS.

(A) *Attack by an animal.* It shall be unlawful for any person's animal to inflict or attempt to inflict bodily injury to any person or other animal whether or not the owner is present. This section shall not apply to an attack by a dog under the control of an on-duty law enforcement officer or to an attack upon an uninvited intruder who has entered the owner's home with criminal intent.

(B) *Destruction of dangerous animal.* The Animal Control Officer shall have the authority to order the destruction of dangerous animals in accordance with the terms established by this chapter.

(C) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

(1) **DANGEROUS ANIMAL.** An animal which has:

(a) Caused bodily injury or disfigurement to any person on public or private property;

(b) Engaged in any attack on any person under circumstances which would indicate danger to personal safety;

(c) Exhibited unusually aggressive behavior, such as an attack on another animal;

(d) Bitten one or more persons on two or more occasions; or

(e) Been found to be potentially dangerous and/or the owner has personal knowledge of the same, the animal aggressively bites, attacks, or endangers the safety of humans or domestic animals.

(2) **POTENTIALLY DANGEROUS ANIMAL.** An animal which has:

- (a) Bitten a human or a domestic animal on public or private property;
- (b) When unprovoked, chased or approached a person upon the streets, sidewalks, or any public property in an apparent attitude of attack; or
- (c) Engaged in unprovoked attacks causing injury or otherwise threatening the safety of humans or domestic animals.

(3) **PROPER ENCLOSURE.** Securely confined indoors or in a securely locked pen or structure suitable to prevent the animal from escaping and to provide protection for the animal from the elements. A proper enclosure does not include a porch, patio, or any part of a house, garage, or other structure that would allow the animal to exit of its own volition, or any house or structure in which windows are open or in which door or window screens are the only barriers which prevent the animal from exiting. The enclosure shall not allow the egress of the animal in any manner without human assistance. A pen or kennel shall meet the following minimum specifications:

- (a) Have a minimum overall floor size of 32 square feet.
- (b) Sidewalls shall have a minimum height of five feet and be constructed of 11-gauge or heavier wire. Openings in the wire shall not exceed two inches, support posts shall be 1¼-inch or larger

steel pipe buried in the ground 18 inches or more. When a concrete floor is not provided, the sidewalls shall be buried a minimum of 18 inches in the ground.

(c) A cover over the entire pen or kennel shall be provided. The cover shall be constructed of the same gauge wire or heavier as the sidewalls and shall also have no openings in the wire greater than two inches.

(d) An entrance/exit gate shall be provided and be constructed of the same material as the sidewalls and shall also have no openings in the wire greater than two inches. The gate shall be equipped with a device capable of being locked and shall be locked at all times when the animal is in the pen or kennel.

(4) **UNPROVOKED.** The condition in which the animal is not purposely excited, stimulated, agitated or disturbed.

(D) *Designation as potentially dangerous animal.* The Animal Control Officer shall designate any animal as a potentially dangerous animal upon receiving evidence that the potentially dangerous animal has, when unprovoked, then bitten, attacked, or threatened the safety of a person or a domestic animal as stated in subsection (C)(2). When an animal is declared potentially dangerous, the Animal Control Officer shall cause one owner of the potentially dangerous animal to be notified in writing that the animal is potentially dangerous.

(E) *Evidence justifying designation.* The Animal Control Officer shall have the authority to designate any animal as a dangerous animal upon receiving evidence of the following:

(1) That the animal has, when unprovoked, bitten, attacked, or threatened the safety of a person or domestic animal as stated in subsection (C)(1).

(2) That the animal has been declared potentially dangerous and the animal has then bitten, attacked, or threatened the safety of a person or domestic animal as stated in subsection (C)(1).

(F) *Authority to order destruction.* The Animal Control Officer, upon finding that an animal is dangerous hereunder, is authorized to order, as part of the disposition of the case, that the animal be destroyed based on a written order containing one or more of the following findings of fact:

(1) The animal is dangerous as demonstrated by a vicious attack, an unprovoked attack, an attack without warning or multiple attacks; or

(2) The owner of the animal has demonstrated an inability or unwillingness to control the animal in order to prevent injury to persons or other animals.

(G) *Procedure.* The Animal Control Officer, after having determined that an animal is dangerous, may proceed in the following manner: The Animal Control Officer shall cause one owner of the animal to be notified in writing or in person that the animal is dangerous and may order the animal seized or make orders as deemed proper. This owner shall be notified as to dates, times, places and parties bitten, and shall be given 14 days to appeal this order by requesting a hearing before the City Council for a review of this determination.

(1) If no appeal is filed, the orders issued will stand or the Animal Control Officer may order the animal destroyed.

(2) If an owner requests a hearing for determination as to the dangerous nature of the animal, the hearing shall be held before the City Council, which shall set a date for hearing not more than three weeks after demand for the hearing. The records of the Animal Control or City Clerk/Administrator's office shall be admissible for consideration by the Animal Control Officer without further foundation. After considering all evidence pertaining to the temperament of the animal, the City Council shall make an order as it deems proper. The City Council may order that the Animal Control Officer take the animal into custody for destruction, if the animal is not currently in custody. If the animal is ordered into custody for destruction, the owner shall immediately make the animal available to the Animal Control Officer.

(3) No person shall harbor an animal after it has been found to be dangerous and ordered into custody for destruction.

(H) *Stopping an attack.* If any police officer or Animal Control Officer is witness to an attack by an animal upon a person or another animal, the officer may take whatever means the officer deems appropriate to bring the attack to an end and prevent further injury to the victim.

(I) *Notification of new address.* The owner of an animal which has been identified as dangerous or potentially dangerous shall notify the Animal Control Officer in writing if the animal is to be relocated from

its current address or given or sold to another person. The notification shall be given in writing at least 14 days prior to the relocation or transfer of ownership. The notification shall include the current owner's name and address, the relocation address, and the name of the new owner, if any.

Penalty, see § 91.99

§ 91.12 DANGEROUS ANIMAL REQUIREMENTS.

(A) *Requirements.* If the City Council does not order the destruction of an animal that has been declared dangerous, the City Council may, as an alternative, order any or all of the following:

(1) That the owner provide and maintain a proper enclosure for the dangerous animal as specified in § 91.11(C)(3);

(2) Post the front and the rear of the premises with clearly visible warning signs, including a warning symbol to inform children, that there is a dangerous animal on the property as specified in M.S. § 347.51 as may be amended from time to time;

(3) Provide and show proof annually of public liability insurance in the minimum amount of \$300,000;

(4) If the animal is a dog and is outside the proper enclosure, the dog must be muzzled and restrained by a substantial chain or leash (not to exceed six feet in length) and under the physical restraint of a person 16 years of age or older. The muzzle must be of a design as to prevent the dog from biting any person or animal, but will not cause injury to the dog or interfere with its vision or respiration;

(5) If the animal is a dog, it must have an easily identifiable, standardized tag identifying the dog as dangerous affixed to its collar at all times as specified in M.S. § 347.51 as it may be amended from time to time;

(6) All animals deemed dangerous by the Animal Control Officer shall be registered with the county in which this city is located within 14 days after the date the animal was so deemed and provide satisfactory proof thereof to the Animal Control Officer; and

(7) If the animal is a dog, the dog must be licensed and up to date on rabies vaccination. If the animal is a cat or ferret, it must be up to date with rabies vaccination.

(B) *Seizure.* The Animal Control Officer shall immediately seize any dangerous animal if the owner does not meet each of the above requirements within 14 days after the date notice is sent to the owner that the animal is dangerous. Seizure may be appealed to district court by serving a summons and petition upon the city and filing it with the district court.

(C) *Reclaiming animals.* A dangerous animal seized under § 91.12(B) may be reclaimed by the owner of the animal upon payment of impounding and boarding fees and presenting proof to animal control that each of the requirements under § 91.12(B) is fulfilled. An animal not reclaimed under this section within 14 days may be disposed of as provided under § 91.11(F), and the owner is liable to the city for costs incurred in confining and impounding the animal.

(D) *Subsequent offenses.* If an owner of an animal has subsequently violated the provisions under § 91.11 with the same animal, the animal must be

seized by animal control. The owner may request a hearing as defined in § 91.11(G). If the owner is found to have violated the provisions for which the animal was seized, the Animal Control Officer shall order the animal destroyed in a proper and humane manner and the owner shall pay the costs of confining the animal. If the person is found not to have violated the provisions for which the animal was seized, the owner may reclaim the animal under the provisions of § 91.12(C). If the animal is not yet reclaimed by the owner within 14 days after the date the owner is notified that the animal may be reclaimed, the animal may be disposed of as provided under § 91.11(G) and the owner is liable to the animal control for the costs incurred in confining, impounding and disposing of the animal.

§ 91.13 BASIC CARE.

All animals shall receive from their owners or keepers kind treatment, housing in the winter, and sufficient food and water for their comfort. Any person not treating their pet in a humane manner will be subject to the penalties provided in this chapter.

§ 91.14 BREEDING MORATORIUM.

Every female dog or female cat in heat shall be confined in a building or other enclosure in a manner that it cannot come in contact with another dog or cat except for planned breeding. Upon capture and failure to reclaim the animal, every dog or cat shall be neutered or spayed prior to being transferred to a new owner.

§ 91.15 ENFORCING OFFICER.

The Council is hereby authorized to appoint an animal control officer(s) to enforce the provisions of this chapter. In the officer's duty of enforcing the provisions of this chapter, he or she may from time to time, with the consent of the City Council, designate assistants.

§ 91.16 POUND.

Every year the Council shall designate an official pound to which animals found in violation of this chapter shall be taken for safe treatment, and if necessary, for destruction.

§ 91.17 INTERFERENCE WITH OFFICERS.

No person shall in any manner molest, hinder, or interfere with any person authorized by the City Council to capture dogs, cats or other animals and convey them to the pound while engaged in that operation. Nor shall any unauthorized person break open the pound, or attempt to do so, or take or attempt to take from any agent any animal taken up by him or her in compliance with this chapter, or in any other manner to interfere with or hinder the officer in the discharge of his or her duties under this chapter.

Penalty, see § 91.99

§ 91.99 PENALTY.

(A) *Separate offenses.* Each day a violation of this chapter is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense and shall be punishable under this section.

(B) *Misdemeanor.* Unless otherwise provided, violation of this chapter shall constitute a misdemeanor punishable as provided in § 10.99.

(C) *Petty misdemeanor.* Violations of §§ 91.02, 91.07, 91.13 and 91.14 are petty misdemeanors punishable as provided in § 10.99.

Section

- 92.01 Policy
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CHAPTER 92: FAIR HOUSING ACT. A mental or physical condition which constitutes a handicap. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to prohibit any program, service, facility or privilege afforded to a person with a **DISABILITY** which is intended to inhabit, rehabilitate or accommodate that person.

§ 92.01 POLICY.

Status with regard to public assistance; discrimination with regard to housing on the basis of race, sex, creed, religion, marital status and disability adversely affects the health, welfare, peace and safety of the community; persons subject to discrimination suffer depressed living conditions, and create conditions which endanger the public peace and order. The public policy of the city is declared to be to foster equal opportunity for all to obtain decent, safe and sanitary housing without regard to their race, creed, color, national origin, marital status, disability status, sex and strictly in accord with their individual merits as human beings. It is also the policy of the city to protect all persons from all unfounded charges of discrimination.

(Ord. 421, passed 2-20-1979)

§ 92.02 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

DISCRIMINATE or **DISCRIMINATION.** To cause segregation or separation.

MARITAL STATUS. The standing, state or condition of one as single or married person. (Ord. 421, passed 2-20-1979)

§ 92.03 PROHIBITED ACTS.

It shall be an unlawful discriminatory practice and a misdemeanor offense:

(A) For any person to discriminate on grounds of race, creed, religion, color, sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, national origin, age or disability, in the sale, lease or rental of any housing unit or units;

(B) For any broker, agent, salesman or other person acting in behalf of another to so discriminate in the sale, lease or rental of any housing unit or units belonging to another person;

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(C) For any person engaged in the business of financing the purchase, rehabilitation, remodeling or repair of housing units or in the business of selling insurance with respect to housing units to refuse to provide the financing or insurance or to discriminate with regard to the terms or conditions thereof by reason of the race, color, sex, religion, creed, national origin, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, age or disability of the applicant or because of the location of the unit or units in areas of the city occupied by persons of a particular race, color, sex, religion, creed, national origin, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, age or disability; or to discriminate by treating differently any person or group of persons who desire to purchase, lease, acquire, construct, rehabilitate, repair or maintain real property in a specific urban area because of social, economic or environmental conditions of the area in the granting, withholding, extending, modifying or renewing, or in the rates, terms, conditions or privileges of any financial assistance or in the extension of services in connection therewith; the bona fide programs of federal, state or local governmental units or agencies, however structured or authorized to upgrade or improve in any manner a specific urban area shall not be deemed to be a violation of this section;

(D) For any person, having sold, leased or rented a housing unit or units to any person, to discriminate with respect to facilities, services or privileges of occupancy by reason of race, color, sex, creed, religion, national origin, age or disability, marital status or status with regard to public assistance;

(E) For any person to make or publish any statement evidencing an intent to discriminate, on ground of race, creed, religion, color, sex, national

origin or ancestry, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, age or disability, in the sale, lease or rental of a housing unit or units;

(F) For any person to make any inquiry regarding race, color, sex, creed, religion, national origin, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, age or disability, or to keep any record or use any form of application, designed to elicit the information, in connection with the sale, lease, rental or financing of a housing unit or units;

(G) For any person, for the purpose of inducing a real estate transaction from which he or she may benefit financially:

(1) To represent that a change has occurred or will or may occur in the composition of the block neighborhood, or area in which the property is located, in respect of the race, color, sex, creed, religion, national origin, marital status, status with regard to public assistance, age or disability of those living there; or

(2) To represent that this change will or may result in the lowering of property values, an increase in crime or antisocial behavior, or a decline in the quality of schools in the block, neighborhood or area concerned;

(H) Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any person or group of persons selling, renting or leasing property to modify the property in any way, or exercise a higher degree of care for a person having a disability than for a person who does not have a disability; nor shall this chapter be construed to relieve any person or persons of any obligations generally imposed on all persons regardless of any disability in a written lease, rental agreement or

contract or purchase or sale, or to forbid distinctions based on the inability to fulfill the terms and conditions, including financial obligations of the lease, agreement or contract; and

(I) The provisions of this chapter shall not apply to:

(1) The rental of a portion of a dwelling containing accommodations for two families, one of which is occupied by the owner; or

(2) The rental by an owner or occupier of a one-family accommodation in which he or she resides of a room or rooms in the accommodation to another person or persons if the discrimination is by sex, marital status, status with regard to public assistance or disability. Nothing in this chapter shall be construed to require any person or group of persons selling, renting or leasing property to modify the property in any way, or exercise a higher degree of care for a person having a disability than for a person who does not have a disability; nor shall this chapter be construed to relieve any person or persons of any obligations generally imposed on all persons regardless of any disability in a written lease, rental agreement or contract of purchase or sale, or to forbid distinction based on the inability to fulfill the terms and conditions, including financial obligations, of the lease, agreement or contract.

(Ord. 421, passed 2-20-1979) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 92.04 ENFORCEMENT PROCEDURES.

(A) (1) The Housing and Redevelopment Authority in and for the county, hereinafter referred to as "HRA," is designated as the enforcement agency for this chapter and shall have the power to receive, hear and determine complaints as provided herein.

(2) The HRA shall promptly investigate, upon complaint or upon his or her own motion, any violations of this chapter. If after investigation, he or she shall have reason to believe a violation has occurred, he or she may refer the matter to the City Attorney for criminal prosecution, initiate civil enforcement procedures as herein provided, or enter into a settlement agreement which, when approved by the HRA, shall have the same force as an HRA order.

(B) No action may be brought for civil enforcement or criminal prosecution unless the charge of alleged discriminatory practice was filed with the city within 180 days from the occurrence of the practice.

(C) Civil enforcement procedures shall be prosecuted by the City Attorney before the HRA in the following manner:

(1) The City Attorney shall serve upon the respondent by certified mail a complaint, signed by him or her, which shall set forth a clear and concise statement of the facts constituting the violation, set time and place for hearing, and advise the respondent of his or her right to file an answer to appear in person or by an attorney and to examine and cross-examine witnesses.

(2) The hearing shall not be less than 20 days after service of the complaint. At any time prior to the hearing, the respondent may file an answer. Facts not denied by answer shall be deemed admitted. If the answer sets out new matter, it shall be deemed denied by the HRA.

(3) The complaint or answer may be amended at any given time prior to the hearing with the consent of the opposing party.

(4) The hearing shall be before the HRA.

(5) The HRA may obtain subpoenas from the district court to compel the attendance of witnesses and production of documents at any hearing.

(6) If, after hearing, the HRA shall conclude that a violation has occurred, it shall prepare an order which may contain any provision deemed desirable to do justice to the complainant or to prevent further violations. It may include provisions which require the respondent to rent, sell or lease particular housing to the complainant or to do any other thing as may be served on the respondent and City Attorney by mail shall become the findings and order of the HRA unless, within ten days after mailing of the findings and order, the HRA shall revoke or amend the order, but any order of a panel may be modified by the HRA at any time.

(Ord. 421, passed 2-20-1979)

Section

93.01 Adoption of Fire Prevention Code **CHAPTER 93: FIRE PREVENTION** fire zone as described in previous

Cross-reference:

Fire Department, see § 31.03

ordinance:

§ 93.01 ADOPTION OF FIRE PREVENTION CODE.

(A) *Adoption of Fire Prevention Code.* There is hereby adopted by the city for the purpose of prescribing regulations governing conditions hazardous to life and property from fire or explosion, that certain code known as the Uniform Fire Code, Minn. Rules Chapter 7510, as it may be amended from time to time.

(B) *Enforcement.* The code hereby adopted shall be enforced by the Chief of the Fire Department.

(C) *Establishment of districts restricted from storage of explosives, petroleum and the like.*

(1) The limits referred to in Section 53b of the code hereby adopted, in which storage of explosives and blasting agents is prohibited, the limits referred to in Section 74a of the code hereby adopted in which storage of Class I liquids in outside aboveground tanks is prohibited, and the limits referred to in Section 114 of the code hereby adopted, in which bulk storage of liquefied petroleum gas is restricted are hereby established as follows:

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The southwest one-half (SW½) of Block 8, Blocks 9, 10, 11, 12 and Lots 7 to 24, inclusive, in Block 13; the southwest one-half (SW½) of Block 16, Blocks 17, 18, 19; the southwest one-half (SW½) of Block 20; the southwest one-half (SW½) of Block 23, Blocks 24, 25, 26, 27; the southwest one-half (SW½) of Block 28; the southwest one-half (SW½) of Block 31, Blocks 32 and 33, of the original plat of the town site, now City of Ortonville, according to the plat thereof, now on file in the office of the County Recorder in and for Big Stone County, State of Minnesota.

(D) *Amendments adopted.* Amendments and changes made to the code hereby adopted shall also be adopted.

(E) *Modifications.*

(1) The Chief of the Fire Department shall have power to modify any of the provisions of the code hereby adopted upon application in writing by the owner or lessee, or his or her duly authorized agent, when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code, provided that the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety secured and substantial justice done.

(2) The particulars of the modification when granted or allowed and the decision of the Chief of the Fire Department thereon shall be entered upon the records of the Department and a signed copy shall be furnished the applicant.

(Ord. 285, passed 3-21-1966) Penalty, see § 10.99

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 94.01 ASSESSABLE CURRENT SERVICES.

(A) *Definition.* For the purpose of this section, the following definition shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

CURRENT SERVICE. One or more of the following: snow, ice or rubbish removal from sidewalks; weed elimination from street grass plots adjacent to sidewalks or from private property;

removal or elimination of public health or safety hazards from private property, excluding any hazardous building included in M.S. §§ 463.15 through 463.26 as they may be amended from time to time; installation or repair of water service lines; street sprinkling, street flushing, light street oiling or other dust treatment of streets; repair of sidewalks and alleys; trimming and care of trees and removal of unsound and insect-infected trees from the public streets or private property; and the operation of a street lighting system.

(B) *Snow, ice, dirt and rubbish.*

(1) *Duty of owners and occupants.* The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians. No owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt or rubbish to remain on the walk longer than 24 hours after its deposit thereon. Failure to comply with this section shall constitute a violation.

(2) *Removal by city.* The City Clerk/Administrator or other person designated by the City Council may cause removal from all public sidewalks all snow, ice, dirt and rubbish as soon as possible beginning 24 hours after any matter has been deposited thereon or after the snow has ceased to fall. The City Clerk/Administrator or other designated person shall keep a record showing the cost of removal adjacent to each separate lot and parcel.

(C) *Public health and safety hazards.* When the city removes or eliminates public health or safety hazards from private property under the following provisions of this chapter, the administrative officer responsible for doing the work shall keep a record of the cost of the removal or elimination against each parcel of property affected and annually deliver that information to the City Clerk/Administrator.

(D) *Installation and repair of water service lines.* Whenever the city installs or repairs water service lines serving private property, the City Clerk/Administrator shall keep a record of the total cost of the installation or repair against the property.

(E) *Personal liability.*

(1) The owner of property on which or adjacent to which a current service has been performed shall be personally liable for the cost of the service.

(2) As soon as the service has been completed and the cost determined, the City Clerk/Administrator, or other designated official, shall prepare a bill and mail it to the owner and thereupon the amount shall be immediately due and payable at the office of the City Clerk/Administrator.

(F) *Damage to public property.*

(1) Any person driving any vehicle, equipment, object or contrivance upon any street, road, highway or structure shall be liable for all damages which the surface or structure thereof may sustain as a result of any illegal operation, or driving or moving of the vehicle, equipment or object or contrivance; or as a result of operating, driving or moving any vehicle, equipment, object or contrivance weighing in excess of the maximum weight permitted by statute or this code. When the driver is not the owner of the vehicle, equipment, object or contrivance, but is operating, driving or moving it with the express or implied permission of the owner, then the owner and the driver shall be jointly and severally liable for any damage.

(2) Any person who willfully acts or fails to exercise due care and by that act damages any

public property shall be liable for the amount thereof, which amount shall be collectable by action or as a lien under M.S. § 514.67, as it may be amended from time to time.

(G) *Assessment.* On or before September 1 of each year, the City Clerk/Administrator shall list the total unpaid charges for each type of current service and charges under this section against each separate lot or parcel to which they are attributable under this section. The City Council may then spread the charges against property benefitted as a special assessment under the authority of M.S. § 429.101 as it may be amended from time to time and other pertinent statutes for certification to the County Auditor and collection along with current taxes the following year or in annual installments, not exceeding ten, as the City Council may determine in each case.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.02 TREE DISEASES.

(A) *Trees constituting nuisance declared.* The following are public nuisances whenever they may be found within the city:

(1) Any living or standing elm tree or part thereof infected to any degree with the Dutch Elm disease fungus *Ceratocystis Ulmi (Buisman) Moreau* or which harbors any of the elm bark beetles *Scolytus Multistriatus (Eichh.)* or *Hylungopinus Rufipes (Marsh)*;

(2) Any dead elm tree or part thereof, including branches, stumps, firewood or other elm material from which the bark has not been removed and burned or sprayed with an effective elm bark beetle insecticide;

(3) Any living or standing oak tree or part thereof infected to any degree with the Oak Wilt fungus *Ceratocystis fagacearum*;

(4) Any dead oak tree or part thereof which in the opinion of the designated officer constitutes a hazard, including but not limited to logs, branches, stumps, roots, firewood or other oak material which has not been stripped of its bark and burned or sprayed with an effective fungicide; and

(5) Any other shade tree with an epidemic disease.

(B) *Abatement of nuisance.* It is unlawful for any person to permit any public nuisance as defined in division (A) of this section to remain on any premises the person owns or controls within the city. The City Council may by resolution order the nuisance abated. Before action is taken on that resolution, the City Council shall publish notice of its intention to meet to consider taking action to abate the nuisance. This notice shall be mailed to the affected property owner and published once no less than one week prior to the meeting. The notice shall state the time and place of the meeting, the street affected, action proposed, the estimated cost of the abatement, and the proposed basis of assessment, if any, of costs. At the hearing or adjournment thereof, the City Council shall hear any property owner with reference to the scope and desirability of the proposed project. The City Council shall thereafter adopt a resolution confirming the original resolution with modifications as it considers desirable and provide for the doing of the work by day labor or by contract.

(C) *Record of costs.* The City Clerk/Administrator shall keep a record of the costs of abatement done under this section for all work done

for which assessments are to be made, stating and certifying the description of the land, lots, parcels involved, and the amount chargeable to each.

(D) *Unpaid charges.* On or before September 1 of each year, the City Clerk/Administrator shall list the total unpaid charges for each abatement against each separate lot or parcel to which they are attributable under this section. The City Council may then spread the charges or any portion thereof against the property involved as a special assessment as authorized by M.S. § 429.101, as it may be amended from time to time, and other pertinent statutes for certification to the County Auditor and collection the following year along with the current taxes. Penalty, see § 10.99

NUISANCES

§ 94.15 PUBLIC NUISANCE.

Whoever by his or her act or failure to perform a legal duty intentionally does any of the following is guilty of maintaining a public nuisance, which is a misdemeanor:

(A) Maintains or permits a condition which unreasonably annoys, injures or endangers the safety, health, morals, comfort or repose of any considerable number of members of the public;

(B) Interferes with, obstructs or renders dangerous for passage any public highway or right-of-way, or waters used by the public; or

(C) Is guilty of any other act or omission declared by law or §§ 94.16, 94.17 or 94.18, or any other part of this code to be a public nuisance and for which no sentence is specifically provided. Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.16 PUBLIC NUISANCES AFFECTING HEALTH.

The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting health:

(A) Exposed accumulation of decayed or unwholesome food or vegetable matter;

(B) All diseased animals running at large;

(C) All ponds or pools of stagnant water;

(D) Carcasses of animals not buried or destroyed within 24 hours after death;

(E) Accumulations of manure, refuse or debris;

(F) Privy vaults and garbage cans which are not rodent-free or fly-tight or which are so maintained as to constitute a health hazard or to emit foul and disagreeable odors;

(G) The pollution of any public well or cistern, stream or lake, canal or body of water by sewage, industrial waste or other substances;

(H) All noxious weeds and other rank growths of vegetation upon public or private property;

(I) Dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas and soot, or cinders, in unreasonable quantities;

(J) All public exposure of people having a contagious disease; and

(K) Any offensive trade or business as defined by statute not operating under local license. Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.17 PUBLIC NUISANCES AFFECTING MORALS AND DECENCY.

The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting public morals and decency:

(A) All gambling devices, slot machines and punch boards, except as otherwise authorized by federal, state or local law;

(B) Betting, bookmaking and all apparatus used in those occupations;

(C) All houses kept for the purpose of prostitution or promiscuous sexual intercourse, gambling houses, houses of ill fame and bawdy houses;

(D) All places where intoxicating liquor is manufactured or disposed of in violation of law or where, in violation of law, people are permitted to resort for the purpose of drinking intoxicating liquor, or where intoxicating liquor is kept for sale or other disposition in violation of law, and all liquor and other property used for maintaining that place; and/or

(E) Any vehicle used for the unlawful transportation of intoxicating liquor, or for promiscuous sexual intercourse, or any other immoral or illegal purpose. Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.18 PUBLIC NUISANCES AFFECTING PEACE AND SAFETY.

The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace and safety:

(A) All snow and ice not removed from public sidewalks 24 hours after the snow or other precipitation causing the condition has ceased to fall;

(B) All trees, hedges, billboards or other obstructions which prevent people from having a clear view of all traffic approaching an intersection;

(C) All wires and limbs of trees which are so close to the surface of a sidewalk or street as to constitute a danger to pedestrians or vehicles;

(D) All obnoxious noises in violation of Minn. Rules Chapter 7030, as they may be amended from time to time which are hereby incorporated by reference into this code;

(E) The discharging of the exhaust or permitting the discharging of the exhaust of any stationary internal combustion engine, motor boat, motor vehicle, motorcycle, all terrain vehicle, snowmobile or any recreational device except through a muffler or other device that effectively prevents loud or explosive noises therefrom and complies with all applicable state laws and regulations;

(F) The using or operation or permitting the using or operation of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, paging system, machine or other device for producing or reproduction of sound in a distinctly and loudly audible manner so as to disturb the peace, quiet and comfort of any person nearby; operation of any device referred to above

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between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. in a manner so as to be plainly audible at the property line of the structure or building in which it is located, or at a distance of 50 feet if the source is located outside a structure or building shall be prima facie evidence of violation of this section;

(G) The participation in a party or gathering of people giving rise to noise which disturbs the peace, quiet or repose of the occupants of adjoining or other property;

(H) Obstructions and excavations affecting the ordinary public use of streets, alleys, sidewalks or public grounds except under conditions as are permitted by this code or other applicable law;

(I) Radio aerials or television antennae erected or maintained in a dangerous manner;

(J) Any use of property abutting on a public street or sidewalk or any use of a public street or sidewalk which causes large crowds of people to gather, obstructing traffic and the free use of the street or sidewalk;

(K) All hanging signs, awnings and other similar structures over streets and sidewalks, so situated so as to endanger public safety, or not constructed and maintained as provided by ordinance;

(L) The allowing of rain water, ice or snow to fall from any building or structure upon any street or sidewalk or to flow across any sidewalk;

(M) Any barbed wire fence less than six feet above the ground and within three feet of a public sidewalk or way;

(N) All dangerous, unguarded machinery in any public place, or so situated or operated on private property as to attract the public;

(O) Wastewater cast upon or permitted to flow upon streets or other public properties;

(P) Accumulations in the open of discarded or disused machinery, household appliances, automobile bodies or other material in a manner conducive to the harboring of rats, mice, snakes or vermin, or the rank growth of vegetation among the items so accumulated, or in a manner creating fire, health or safety hazards from accumulation;

(Q) Any well, hole or similar excavation which is left uncovered or in another condition as to constitute a hazard to any child or other person coming on the premises where it is located;

(R) Obstruction to the free flow of water in a natural waterway or a public street drain, gutter or ditch with trash or other materials;

(S) The placing or throwing on any street, sidewalk or other public property of any glass, tacks, nails, bottles or other substance which may injure any person or animal or damage any pneumatic tire when passing over the substance;

(T) The depositing of garbage or refuse on a public right-of-way or on adjacent private property; or

(U) All other conditions or things which are likely to cause injury to the person or property of anyone.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.19 DUTIES OF CITY OFFICERS.

The Police Department shall enforce the provisions relating to nuisances. Any Police Officer shall have the power to inspect private premises and take all reasonable precautions to prevent the commission and maintenance of public nuisances.

§ 94.20 ABATEMENT.

(A) *Notice.* Written notice of violation; notice of the time, date, place and subject of any hearing before the City Council; notice of City Council order; and notice of motion for summary enforcement hearing shall be given as set forth in this section.

(1) *Notice of violation.* Written notice of violation shall be served by a peace officer on the owner of record or occupant of the premises either in person or by certified or registered mail. If the premises is not occupied, the owner of record is unknown, or the owner of record or occupant refuses to accept notice of violation, notice of violation shall be served by posting it on the premises.

(2) *Notice of City Council hearing.* Written notice of any City Council hearing to determine or abate a nuisance shall be served on the owner of record and occupant of the premises either in person or by certified or registered mail. If the premises is not occupied, the owner of record is unknown, or the owner of record or occupant refuses to accept notice of the City Council hearing, notice of City Council hearing shall be served by posting it on the premises.

(3) *Notice of City Council order.* Except for those cases determined by the city to require summary enforcement, written notice of any City

Council order shall be made as provided in M.S. § 463.17, Hazardous and Substandard Building Act, as it may be amended from time to time.

(4) *Notice of motion for summary enforcement.* Written notice of any motion for summary enforcement shall be made as provided for in M.S. § 463.17, Hazardous and Substandard Building Act, as it may be amended from time to time.

(B) *Procedure.*

(1) Whenever a peace officer determines that a public nuisance is being maintained or exists on the premises in the city, the officer shall notify in writing the owner of record or occupant of the premises of the fact and order that the nuisance be terminated or abated. The notice of violation shall specify the steps to be taken to abate the nuisance and the time within which the nuisance is to be abated. If the notice of violation is not complied with within the time specified, the officer shall report that fact forthwith to the City Council.

(2) Thereafter, the City Council may, after notice to the owner or occupant and an opportunity to be heard, determine that the condition identified in the notice of violation is a nuisance and further order that if the nuisance is not abated within the time prescribed by the City Council, the city may seek injunctive relief by serving a copy of the City Council order and notice of motion for summary enforcement.

(C) *Emergency procedure; summary enforcement.*

(1) In cases of emergency, where delay in abatement required to complete the notice and procedure requirements set forth in divisions (A) and

(B) of this section will permit a continuing nuisance to unreasonably endanger public health safety or welfare, the City Council may order summary enforcement and abate the nuisance. To proceed with summary enforcement, the officer shall determine that a public nuisance exists or is being maintained on premises and that delay in abatement will unreasonably endanger public health, safety or welfare.

(2) The officer shall notify in writing the occupant or owner of the premises of the nature of the nuisance and of the city's intention to seek summary enforcement and the time and place of the City Council meeting to consider the question of summary enforcement.

(3) The City Council shall determine whether or not the condition identified in the notice to the owner or occupant is a nuisance, whether public health, safety or welfare will be unreasonably endangered by delay in abatement required to complete the procedure set forth in division (A) of this section, and may order that the nuisance be immediately terminated or abated.

(4) If the nuisance is not immediately terminated or abated, the City Council may order summary enforcement destruction or otherwise abate the nuisance.

(D) *Immediate abatement.* Nothing in this section shall prevent the city, without notice or other process, from immediately abating any condition which poses an imminent and serious hazard to human life or safety.
Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.21 RECOVERY OF COST.

(A) *Personal liability.*

(1) The owner of premises on which a nuisance has been abated by the city shall be personally liable for the cost to the city of the abatement, including administrative costs.

(2) As soon as the work has been completed and the cost determined, the City Clerk/Administrator or other official shall prepare a bill for the cost and mail it to the owner. The amount shall be immediately due and payable at the office of the City Clerk/Administrator.

(B) *Assessment.*

(1) If the nuisance is a public health or safety hazard on private property, the accumulation of snow and ice on public sidewalks, the growth of weeds on private property or outside the traveled portion of streets, or unsound or insect-infected trees, the City Clerk/Administrator shall, on or before September 1 next following abatement of the nuisance, list the total unpaid charges along with all other of the charges as well as other charges for current services to be assessed under M.S § 429.101 against each separate lot or parcel to which the charges are attributable.

(2) The City Council may then spread the charges against the property under that statute and other pertinent statutes for certification to the County Auditor and collection along with current taxes the following year or in annual installments, not exceeding ten, as the City Council may determine in each case.

Penalty, see § 10.99

WEEDS

§ 94.35 SHORT TITLE.

This subchapter shall be cited as the “Weed Subchapter.”

§ 94.36 JURISDICTION.

This subchapter shall be in addition to any state statute or county ordinance presently in effect, subsequently added, amended or repealed.

§ 94.37 DEFINITIONS; EXCLUSIONS.

(A) For the purpose of this subchapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

DESTRUCTION ORDER. The notice served by the City Council or designated city official, in cases of appeal, on the property owner of the ordinance violation.

PROPERTY OWNER. The person occupying the property, the holder of legal title or a person having control over the property of another, such as a right-of-way, easement, license or lease. The term **PROPERTY OWNER** does not include any governmental unit, except the Ortonville Economic Development Authority.

WEEDS, GRASSES and RANK VEGETATION. Includes, but is not limited to the following:

- (1) Noxious weeds and rank vegetation shall include but not be limited to: alum (allium), Buckthorn, Bur Cucumber, Canada Thistle, Corncockle, Cressleaf Groundsel, Curly Dock,

Dodder, Field Bindweed, French Weed, Hairy Whitetop, Hedge Bindweed, Hoary Cress, Horsenettle, Johnsongrass, Leafy Spurge, Mile-A-Minute Weed, Musk Thistle, Oxeye Daisy, Perennial Sowthistle, Poison Hemlock, Purple Loosestrife, Quackgrass, Russian Knapweed, Russian Thistle, Serrated Tussock, Shatter Cane, Sorghum, Wild Carrot, Wild Garlic, Wild Mustard, Wild Onion, Wild Parsnip;

- (2) Grapevines when growing in groups of 100 or more and not pruned, sprayed, cultivated or otherwise maintained for two consecutive years;

- (3) Bushes of the species of tall, common, or European barberry, further known as *berberis vulgaris* or its horticultural varieties;

- (4) Any weeds, grass or plants, other than trees, bushes, flowers or other ornamental plants, growing to a height exceeding 12 inches;

- (5) Rank vegetation includes the uncontrolled, uncultivated growth of annuals and perennial plants; and/or

- (6) The term **WEEDS** does not include shrubs, trees, cultivated plants or crops.

(B) In no event shall cultivated plants or crops include plants which are defined by statute or rule as being noxious or detrimental plants. (Am. Ord. 12-03, passed 7-16-2012)

§ 94.38 OWNERS RESPONSIBLE FOR TRIMMING, REMOVAL AND THE LIKE.

All property owners shall be responsible for the removal, cutting or disposal and elimination of weeds,

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grasses and rank vegetation or other uncontrolled plant growth on their property, which at the time of notice, is in excess of 12 inches in height.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.39 FILING COMPLAINT.

Any person, including the city, who believes there is property located within the corporate limits of the city which has growing plant matter in violation of this subchapter shall make a written complaint signed, dated and filed with the City Clerk/Administrator. If the city makes the complaint, an employee, officer or Council Member of the city shall file the complaint in all respects as set out above.

§ 94.40 NOTICE OF VIOLATIONS.

(A) Upon receiving notice of the probable existence of weeds in violation of this subchapter, a person designated by the City Council shall make an inspection and prepare a written report to the City Council regarding the condition. The City Council, upon concluding that there is a probable belief that this subchapter has been violated, shall forward written notification in the form of a “destruction order” to the property owner or the person occupying the property as that information is contained within the records of the City Clerk/Administrator or any other city agency. The notice shall be served in writing by certified mail. The notice shall provide that within seven regular business days after the receipt of the notice that the designated violation shall be removed by the property owner or person occupying the property.

(B) (1) All notices are to be in writing and all filings are to be with the City Clerk/Administrator.

(2) Certified mailing to the City Clerk/Administrator or others is deemed filed on the date of posting to the United States Postal Service.

§ 94.41 APPEALS.

(A) The property owner may appeal by filing written notice of objections with the City Council within 48 hours of the notice, excluding weekends and holidays, if the property owner contests the finding of the City Council. It is the property owner’s responsibility to demonstrate that the matter in question is shrubs, trees, cultivated plants or crops or is not otherwise in violation of this subchapter, and should not be subject to destruction under this subchapter.

(B) An appeal by the property owner shall be brought before the City Council and shall be decided by a majority vote of the Council Members in attendance and being at a regularly scheduled or special meeting of the City Council.

§ 94.42 ABATEMENT BY CITY.

In the event that the property owner shall fail to comply with the “destruction order” within seven regular business days and has not filed a notice within 48 hours to the City Clerk/Administrator of an intent to appeal, the City Council may employ the services of city employees or outside contractors and remove the weeds to conform to this subchapter by all lawful means.

§ 94.43 LIABILITY.

(A) The property owner is liable for all costs of removal, cutting or destruction of weeds as defined by this subchapter.

(B) The property owner is responsible for all collection costs associated with weed destruction, including, but not limited to court costs, attorney’s fees and interest on any unpaid amounts incurred by the city. If the city uses municipal employees, it shall set and assign an appropriate per hour rate for employees, equipment, supplies and chemicals which may be used.

(C) All sums payable by the property owner are to be paid to the City Clerk/Administrator and to be deposited in a general fund as compensation for expenses and costs incurred by the city.

(D) All sums payable by the property owner may be collected as a special assessment as provided by M.S. § 429.101, as amended from time to time.

OPEN BURNING

§ 94.60 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

FIRE CHIEF, FIRE MARSHAL and ***ASSISTANT FIRE MARSHALS.*** The Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshals of the Fire Department which provides fire protection services to the city.

OPEN BURNING. The burning of any matter if the resultant combustion products are emitted directly to the atmosphere without passing through a stack, duct or chimney, except a “recreational fire,” as defined herein. Mobile cooking devices such as manufactured hibachis, charcoal grills, wood smokers and propane or natural gas devices are not defined as ***OPEN BURNING.***

RECREATIONAL FIRE. A fire set with approved starter fuel no more than three feet in height, contained within the border of a “recreational fire site” using dry, clean wood; producing little detectable smoke, odor or soot beyond the property line; conducted with an adult tending the fire at all times; for recreational, ceremonial, food preparation for social purposes; extinguished completely before quitting the occasion; and respecting weather conditions, neighbors, burning bans, and air quality so that nuisance, health or safety hazards will not be created. No more than one ***RECREATIONAL FIRE*** is allowed on any property at one time.

RECREATIONAL FIRE SITE. An area of no more than a three foot diameter circle (measured from the inside of the fire ring or border); completely surrounded by non-combustible and non-smoke or odor producing material, either of natural rock, cement, brick, tile or blocks or ferrous metal only which area is depressed below ground, on the ground, or on a raised bed. Included are permanent outdoor wood burning fireplaces. Burning barrels are not a ***RECREATION FIRE SITE***, as defined herein. ***RECREATIONAL FIRE SITES*** shall not be located closer than 25 feet to any structure.

STARTER FUELS. Dry, untreated, unpainted, kindling, branches, cardboard or charcoal fire starter. Paraffin candles and alcohols are permitted as ***STARTER FUELS*** and as aids to ignition only.

Propane gas torches or other clean gas burning devices causing minimal pollution must be used to start an open burn.

WOOD.

(1) Dry, clean fuel only such as twigs, branches, limbs, "presto logs," charcoal, cord wood or untreated dimensional lumber. The term does not include wood that is green with leaves or needles, rotten, wet, oil soaked, or treated with paint, glue or preservatives.

(2) Clean pallets may be used for recreational fires when cut into three-foot lengths.

§ 94.61 PROHIBITED MATERIALS.

(A) No person shall conduct, cause or permit open burning oils, petro fuels, rubber, plastics, chemically treated materials or other materials which produce excessive or noxious smoke such as tires, railroad ties, treated, painted or glued wood composite shingles, tar paper, insulation, composition board, sheetrock, wiring, paint or paint fillers.

(B) No person shall conduct, cause or permit open burning of hazardous waste or salvage operations, open burning of solid waste generated from an industrial or manufacturing process or from a service or commercial establishment or building material generated from demolition of commercial or institutional structures.

(C) No person shall conduct, cause or permit open burning of discarded material resulting from the handling, processing, storage, preparation, serving or consumption of food.

(D) No person shall conduct, cause or permit open burning of any leaves or grass clippings. Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.62 PERMIT REQUIRED FOR OPEN BURNING.

No person shall start or allow any open burning on any property in the city without first having obtained an open burn permit, except that a permit is not required for any fire which is a recreational fire, as defined in § 94.60.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.63 PURPOSES ALLOWED FOR OPEN BURNING.

(A) Open burn permits may be issued only for the following purposes:

(1) Elimination by fire of health hazard that cannot be abated by other practical means;

(2) Ground thawing for utility repair and construction;

(3) Disposal of vegetative matter for managing forest, prairie or wildlife habitat, and in the development and maintenance of land and rights-of-way where chipping, composting, landspreading or other alternative methods are not practical;

(4) Disposal of diseased trees generated on site, diseased or infected nursery stock, diseased bee hives; and

(5) Disposal of unpainted, untreated, non-glued lumber and wood shakes generated from construction, where recycling, reuse, removal or other alternative disposal methods are not practical.

(B) Fire Training permits can only be issued by the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources. Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.64 PERMIT APPLICATION FOR OPEN BURNING; PERMIT FEES.

(A) (1) Open burning permits shall be obtained by making application on a form prescribed by the Department of Natural Resources (DNR) and adopted by the Fire Department.

(2) The permit application shall be presented to the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal and Assistant Fire Marshals for reviewing and processing those applications.

(B) An open burning permit may require the payment of a fee. Permit fees, if any, shall be in the amount established in city resolution. Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.65 PERMIT PROCESS FOR OPEN BURNING.

Upon receipt of the completed open burning permit application and permit fee, the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshals shall schedule a preliminary site inspection to locate the proposed burn site, note special conditions, and set dates and times of permitted burn and review fire safety considerations.

§ 94.66 PERMIT HOLDER RESPONSIBILITY.

(A) (1) Prior to starting an open burn, the permit holder shall be responsible for confirming that no burning ban or air quality alert is in effect. Every open burn event shall be constantly attended by the permit holder or his or her competent representative.

(2) The open burning site shall have available, appropriate communication and fire suppression equipment as set out in the fire safety plan.

(B) (1) The open burn fire shall be completely extinguished before the permit holder or his or her representative leaves the site.

(2) No person may allow a fire to smolder with no person present.

(3) It is the responsibility of the permit holder to have a valid permit, as required by this subchapter, available for inspection on the site by the Police Department, Fire Department, MPCA representative or DNR forest officer.

(C) The permit holder is responsible for compliance and implementation of all general conditions, special conditions and the burn event safety plan as established in the permit issued. The permit holder shall be responsible for all costs incurred as a result of the burn, including but not limited to fire suppression and administrative fees. Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.67 REVOCATION OF OPEN BURNING PERMIT.

The open burning permit is subject to revocation at the discretion of the DNR forest officer, the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshals. Reasons for revocation include but are not limited to a fire hazard existing or developing during the course of the burn, any of the conditions of the permit being violated during the course of the burn, pollution or nuisance conditions developing during the course of the burn, or a fire smoldering with no flame present. Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.68 DENIAL OF OPEN BURNING PERMIT.

If established criteria for the issuance of an open burning permit are not met during review of the application, it is determined that a practical alternative method for disposal of the material exists, or a pollution or nuisance condition would result, or if a burn event safety plan cannot be drafted to the satisfaction of the Fire Chief, Fire Marshal or Assistant Fire Marshals, these officers may deny the application for the open burn permit.

§ 94.69 BURNING BAN OR AIR QUALITY ALERT.

No recreational fire or open burn will be permitted when the city or DNR has officially declared a burning ban due to potential hazardous fire conditions or when the MPCA has declared an Air Quality Alert. Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 94.70 RULES AND LAWS ADOPTED BY REFERENCE.

The provisions of M.S. §§ 88.16 to 88.22 and the *Minnesota Uniform Fire Code*, Minn. Rules Chapter 1510, as these statutes and rules may be amended from time to time, are hereby adopted by reference and made a part of this subchapter as if fully set forth at this point.

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GENERAL PROVISIONS

§ 95.01 SIDEWALK CONSTRUCTION.

(A) All sidewalks that shall hereafter be built

within the limits of the city shall be constructed of cement or stone and no sidewalk shall be hereafter constructed of lumber or other combustible material.

(B) No present existing sidewalk shall be repaired with lumber and no wooden material shall be permitted to be used in the repair of any sidewalk.

The Council may suspend the operation by special action of Council had at a lawful meeting.
(Ord. 73, passed 4-25-1903; Am. Ord. 103, passed 7-1-1912)

§ 95.02 REMOVAL OF SNOW, ICE AND THE LIKE.

(A) *Duty of owners and occupants.* The owner and the occupant of any property adjacent to a public sidewalk shall use diligence to keep the walk safe for pedestrians. No owner or occupant shall allow snow, ice, dirt or rubbish to remain on the sidewalk longer than 48 hours after its deposit thereon.

(B) *Removal by city.*

(1) The Public Works Director shall cause to be removed from all public sidewalks all snow, ice, dirt and rubbish as soon as possible beginning 24 hours after any matter has been deposited thereon or after the snow has ceased to fall. The Director shall keep a record showing the cost of removal adjacent to each separate lot and parcel and shall deliver the information to the City Clerk/ Administrator.

(2) The City Clerk/Administrator shall cause the mailing of proper billings of the costs to the owner or occupant.

(C) *Assessment.*

(1) On or before October 1 of each year, the City Clerk/Administrator shall list the total unpaid charges for removal service by the city against each separate lot or parcel to which they are attributable under this section.

(2) The Council may then spread the charges against property benefitted as a special assessment under M.S. § 429.101 and other pertinent statutes, as they may be amended from time to time, for certification to the County Auditor and collection

along with current taxes the following year or in annual installments, not exceeding ten, as the Council may determine in each case.

(Ord. 553, passed 4-5-1993; Am. Ord. 10-01, passed 3-15-2010)

***RIGHT-OF-WAY CONSTRUCTION
REGULATIONS***

§ 95.20 ELECTION TO MANAGE THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY.

In accordance with the authority granted to the city under state and federal statutory, administrative, and common law, the city hereby elects pursuant to this chapter to manage rights-of-way within its jurisdiction.

§ 95.21 DEFINITIONS AND ADOPTION OF RULES BY REFERENCE.

Minn. Rules Chapter 7819, as it may be amended from time to time, is hereby adopted by reference and is incorporated into this code as if set out in full. The definitions included in Minn. Rules part 7819.0100 subds. 1 through 23, as it may be amended from time to time, are the definitions of the terms used in the following provisions of this subchapter.

§ 95.22 PERMIT REQUIREMENT.

(A) *Permit required.* Except as otherwise provided in this code, no person may obstruct or excavate any right-of-way without first having obtained the appropriate permit from the city.

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(1) *Excavation permit.* An excavation permit is required to excavate that part of the right-of-way described in the permit and to hinder free and open passage over the specified portion of the right-of-way by placing facilities described therein, to the extent and for the duration specified therein.

(2) *Obstruction permit.* An obstruction permit is required to hinder free and open passage over the specified portion of right-of-way by placing equipment described therein on the right-of-way, to the extent and for the duration specified therein. An obstruction permit is not required if a person already possesses a valid excavation permit for the same project.

(B) *Permit extensions.* No person may excavate or obstruct the right-of-way beyond the date or dates specified in the permit unless the person makes a supplementary application for another right-of-way permit before the expiration of the initial permit, and a new permit or permit extension is granted.

(C) *Delay penalty.* In accordance with Minn. Rules part 7819.1000 subd. 3, as it may be amended from time to time and notwithstanding division (B) of this section, the city shall establish and impose a delay penalty for unreasonable delays in right-of-way excavation, obstruction, patching, or restoration. The delay penalty shall be established from time to time by Council ordinance, as it may be amended from time to time.

(D) *Permit display.* Permits issued under this subchapter shall be conspicuously displayed or otherwise available at all times at the indicated work site and shall be available for inspection by the Director.

Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 95.23 PERMIT APPLICATIONS.

Application for a permit shall contain, and will be considered complete only upon compliance with the requirements of the following provisions:

(A) Submission of a completed permit application form, including all required attachments, scaled drawings showing the location and area of the proposed project and the location of all known existing and proposed facilities, and the following information:

(1) Each permittee’s name, gopher one-call registration certificate number, address and e-mail address if applicable, and telephone and facsimile numbers;

(2) The name, address and e-mail address, if applicable, and telephone and facsimile numbers of a local representative. The local representative or designee shall be available at all times. Current information regarding how to contact the local representative in an emergency shall be provided at the time of registration;

(3) A certificate of insurance or self-insurance:

(a) Verifying that an insurance policy has been issued to the registrant by an insurance company licensed to do business in the state, or a form of self-insurance acceptable to the Director;

(b) Verifying that the registrant is insured against claims for personal injury, including death, as well as claims for property damage arising out of the use and occupancy of the right-of-way by the registrant, its officers, agents, employees, and permittees, and placement and use of facilities and

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equipment in the right-of-way by the registrant, its officers, agents, employees, and permittees, including, but not limited to, protection against liability arising from completed operations, damage of underground facilities, and collapse of property;

(c) Naming the city as an additional insured as to whom the coverages required herein are in force and applicable and for whom defense will be provided as to all coverages;

(d) Requiring that the Director be notified 30 days in advance of cancellation of the policy or material modification of a coverage term; and

(e) Indicating comprehensive liability coverage, automobile liability coverage, workers compensation and umbrella coverage established by the Director in amounts sufficient to protect the city and the public and to carry out the purposes and policies of this subchapter;

(4) The city may require a copy of the actual insurance policies;

(5) If the person is a corporation, a copy of the certificate required to be filed under M.S. § 300.06, as it may be amended from time to time as recorded and certified to by the Secretary of State; and

(6) A copy of the person's order granting a certificate of authority from the Minnesota Public Utilities Commission or other applicable state or federal agency, where the person is lawfully required to have the certificate from the Commission or other state or federal agency.

(B) Payment of money due the city for:

(1) Permit fees as established by Council ordinance, as may be amended from time to time, estimated restoration costs and other management costs;

(2) Prior obstructions or excavations;

(3) Any undisputed loss, damage, or expense suffered by the city because of the applicant's prior excavations or obstructions of the rights-of-way or any emergency actions taken by the city; or

(4) Franchise fees or other charges as established by Council ordinance, as may be amended from time to time, if applicable.

**§ 95.24 ISSUANCE OF PERMIT;
CONDITIONS.**

(A) *Permit issuance.* If the applicant has satisfied the requirements of this subchapter, the Director shall issue a permit.

(B) *Conditions.* The Director may impose reasonable conditions upon the issuance of the permit and the performance of the applicant thereunder to protect the health, safety, and welfare or when necessary to protect the right-of-way and its current use.

§ 95.25 PERMIT FEES.

(A) Permit fees shall be in an amount established by Council ordinance, as may be amended from time to time.

(B) *Excavation permit fee.* The city shall establish an excavation permit fee as established by Council ordinance, as may be amended from time to time, in an amount sufficient to recover the following costs:

- (1) The city management costs; and
- (2) Degradation costs, if applicable.

(C) *Obstruction permit fee.* The city shall establish the obstruction permit fee as established by Council ordinance, as may be amended from time to time, and shall be in an amount sufficient to recover the city management costs.

(D) *Payment of permit fees.* No excavation permit or obstruction permit shall be issued without payment of excavation or obstruction permit fees. The city may allow applicants to pay those fees within 30 days of billing.

(E) *Non-refundable.* Permit fees as established by Council ordinance, as may be amended from time to time, that were paid for a permit that the Director has revoked for a breach as stated in § 95.33 are not refundable.

(F) *Application to franchises.* Unless otherwise agreed to in a franchise, management costs may be charged separately from and in addition to the franchise fees imposed on a right-of-way user in the franchise.

(G) All permit fees shall be established consistent with the provisions of Minn. Rules part 7819.100, as it may be amended from time to time. Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 95.26 RIGHT-OF-WAY PATCHING AND RESTORATION.

(A) *Timing.* The work to be done under the excavation permit, and the patching and restoration of the right-of-way as required herein, must be completed within the dates specified in the permit, increased by as many days as work could not be done because of circumstances beyond the control of the permittee or when work was prohibited as unseasonal or unreasonable under this subchapter.

(B) *Patch and restoration.* The permittee shall patch its own work. The city may choose either to have the city restore the right-of-way or to restore the right-of-way itself.

(1) *City restoration.* If the city restores the right-of-way, the permittee shall pay the costs thereof within 30 days of billing. If following the restoration, the pavement settles due to the permittee's improper backfilling, the permittee shall pay to the city, within 30 days of billing, all costs associated with having to correct the defective work.

(2) *Permittee restoration.* If the permittee restores the right-of-way itself, it shall at the time of application for an excavation permit post a construction performance bond in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Rules part 7819.3000, as it may be amended from time to time.

(C) *Standards.* The permittee shall perform patching and restoration according to the standards and with the materials specified by the city and shall comply with Minn. Rules part 7819.1100, as it may be amended from time to time. The Director shall have the authority to prescribe the manner and extent

of the restoration, and may do so in written procedures of general application or on a case-by-case basis.

(D) *Duty to correct defects.* The permittee shall correct defects in patching, or restoration performed by the permittee or its agents. The permittee upon notification from the Director, shall correct all restoration work to the extent necessary, using the method required by the Director. The work shall be completed within five calendar days of the receipt of the notice from the Director, not including days during which work cannot be done because of circumstances constituting force majeure or days when work is prohibited as unseasonal or unreasonable under this subchapter.

(E) *Failure to restore.* If the permittee fails to restore the right-of-way in the manner and to the condition required by the Director, or fails to satisfactorily and timely complete all restoration required by the Director, the Director at its option may do the work. In that event the permittee shall pay to the city, within 30 days of billing, the cost of restoring the right-of-way. If the permittee fails to pay as required, the city may exercise its rights under the construction performance bond.

(F) *Degradation fee in lieu of restoration.* In lieu of right-of-way restoration, a right-of-way user may elect to pay a degradation fee as established by Council ordinance, as may be amended from time to time. However, the right-of-way user shall remain responsible for patching and the degradation fee shall not include the cost to accomplish these responsibilities.

§ 95.27 SUPPLEMENTARY APPLICATIONS.

(A) *Limitation on area.* A right-of-way permit is valid only for the area of the right-of-way specified

in the permit. No permittee may do any work outside the area specified in the permit, except as provided herein. Any permittee which determines that an area greater than that specified in the permit must be obstructed or excavated must before working in that greater area make application for a permit extension and pay any additional fees required thereby, and be granted a new permit or permit extension.

(B) *Limitation on dates.* A right-of-way permit is valid only for the dates specified in the permit. No permittee may begin its work before the permit start date or, except as provided herein, continue working after the end date. If a permittee does not finish the work by the permit end date, it must apply for a new permit for the additional time it needs, and receive the new permit or an extension of the old permit before working after the end date of the previous permit. This supplementary application must be submitted before the permit end date.

§ 95.28 DENIAL OF PERMIT.

The city may deny a permit for failure to meet the requirements and conditions of this chapter or if the city determines that the denial is necessary to protect the health, safety, and welfare or when necessary to protect the right-of-way and its current use.

§ 95.29 INSTALLATION REQUIREMENTS.

The excavation, backfilling, patching and restoration, and all other work performed in the right-of-way shall be done in conformance with Minn. Rules part 7819.1100, as it may be amended from time to time and other applicable local requirements, in so far as they are not inconsistent with M.S. §§ 237.162 and 237.163, as they may be amended from time to time.

§ 95.30 INSPECTION.

(A) *Notice of completion.* When the work under any permit hereunder is completed, the permittee shall furnish a completion certificate in accordance with Minn. Rules part 7819.1300, as it may be amended from time to time.

(B) *Site inspection.* The permittee shall make the work-site available to city personnel and to all others as authorized by law for inspection at all reasonable times during the execution of and upon completion of the work.

(C) *Authority of Director.*

(1) At the time of inspection, the Director may order the immediate cessation of any work which poses a serious threat to the life, health, safety, or well-being of the public.

(2) The Director may issue an order to the permittee for any work which does not conform to the terms of the permit or other applicable standards, conditions, or codes. The order shall state that failure to correct the violation will be cause for revocation of the permit. Within ten days after issuance of the order, the permittee shall present proof to the Director that the violation has been corrected. If proof has not been presented within the required time, the Director may revoke the permit pursuant to § 95.33.

§ 95.31 WORK DONE WITHOUT A PERMIT.

(A) *Emergency situations.*

(1) Each person with facilities in the right-of-way shall immediately notify the city of any event

regarding its facilities which it considers to be an emergency. The owner of the facilities may proceed to take whatever actions are necessary to respond to the emergency. Within two business days after the occurrence of the emergency, the owner shall apply for the necessary permits, pay the fees associated therewith and fulfill the rest of the requirements necessary to bring itself into compliance with this chapter for the actions it took in response to the emergency.

(2) If the city becomes aware of an emergency regarding facilities, the city will attempt to contact the local representative of each facility owner affected, or potentially affected, by the emergency. In any event, the city may take whatever action it deems necessary to respond to the emergency, the cost of which shall be borne by the person whose facilities occasioned the emergency.

(B) *Non-emergency situations.* Except in an emergency, any person who, without first having obtained the necessary permit, obstructs or excavates a right-of-way must subsequently obtain a permit, and as a penalty pay double the normal fee for the permit, pay double all the other fees required by this code, deposit with the city the fees necessary to correct any damage to the right-of-way and comply with all of the requirements of this subchapter.

§ 95.32 SUPPLEMENTARY NOTIFICATION.

If the obstruction or excavation of the right-of-way begins later or ends sooner than the date given on the permit, the permittee shall notify the Director of the accurate information as soon as this information is known.

§ 95.33 REVOCATION OF PERMITS.

(A) *Substantial breach.* The city reserves its right, as provided herein, to revoke any right-of-way permit, without a fee refund if there is a substantial breach of the terms and conditions of any statute, ordinance, rule or regulation, or any material condition of the permit. A substantial breach by the permittee shall include, but shall not be limited, to the following:

(1) The violation of any material provision of the right-of-way permit;

(2) An evasion or attempt to evade any material provision of the right-of-way permit, or the perpetration or attempt to perpetrate any fraud or deceit upon the city or its citizens;

(3) Any material misrepresentation of fact in the application for a right-of-way permit;

(4) The failure to complete the work in a timely manner; unless a permit extension is obtained or unless the failure to complete work is due to reasons beyond the permittees control; or

(5) The failure to correct, in a timely manner, work that does not conform to a condition indicated on an order issued pursuant to § 95.30.

(B) *Written notice of breach.* If the city determines that the permittee has committed a substantial breach of a term or condition of any statute, ordinance, rule, regulation or any condition of the permit the city shall make a written demand upon the permittee to remedy that violation. The demand shall state that continued violations may be cause for

revocation of the permit. A substantial breach, as stated above, will allow the city, at its discretion, to place additional or revised conditions on the permit to mitigate and remedy the breach.

(C) *Response to notice of breach.* Within 24 hours of receiving notification of the breach, the permittee shall provide the city with a plan, acceptable to the city, that will cure the breach. The permittee's failure to so contact the city, or the permittee's failure to submit an acceptable plan, or the permittee's failure to reasonably implement the approved plan, shall be cause for immediate revocation of the permit.

(D) *Reimbursement of city costs.* If a permit is revoked, the permittee shall also reimburse the city for the city's reasonable costs, including restoration costs and the costs of collection and reasonable attorneys' fees incurred in connection with the revocation.

§ 95.34 MAPPING DATA; INFORMATION REQUIRED.

Each permittee shall provide mapping information required by the city in accordance with Minn. Rules parts 7819.4000 and 7819.4100, as it may be amended from time to time.

§ 95.35 LOCATION OF FACILITIES.

(A) *Compliance required.* Placement, location, and relocation of facilities must comply with applicable laws, and with Minn. Rules parts 7819.3100, 7819.5000 and 7819.5100, as they may be amended from time to time, to the extent the rules do not limit authority otherwise available to cities.

(B) *Corridors.* The city may assign specific corridors within the right-of-way, or any particular segment thereof as may be necessary, for each type of facilities that is or, pursuant to current technology, the city expects will someday be located within the right-of-way. All excavation, obstruction, or other permits issued by the city involving the installation or replacement of facilities shall designate the proper corridor for the facilities at issue.

(C) *Limitation of space.* To protect the health, safety, and welfare or when necessary to protect the right-of-way and its current use, the Director shall have the power to prohibit or limit the placement of new or additional facilities within the right-of-way. In making those decisions, the Director shall strive to the extent possible to accommodate all existing and potential users of the right-of-way, but shall be guided primarily by considerations of the public interest, the public's needs for the particular utility service, the condition of the right-of-way, the time of year with respect to essential utilities, the protection of existing facilities in the right-of-way, and future city plans for public improvements and development projects which have been determined to be in the public interest.

§ 95.36 DAMAGE TO OTHER FACILITIES.

(A) When the city does work in the right-of-way and finds it necessary to maintain, support, or move facilities to protect it, the Director shall notify the local representative as early as is reasonably possible and placed as required. The costs associated therewith will be billed to that registrant and must be paid within 30 days from the date of billing.

(B) Each facility owner shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any facilities in the right-of-way which it or its facilities damages. Each facility owner

shall be responsible for the cost of repairing any damage to the facilities of another registrant caused during the city's response to an emergency occasioned by that owner's facilities.

§ 95.37 RIGHT-OF-WAY VACATION.

If the city vacates a right-of-way which contains the facilities of a registrant, the registrant's rights in the vacated right-of-way are governed by Minn. Rules part 7819.3200, as it may be amended from time to time.

§ 95.38 INDEMNIFICATION AND LIABILITY.

By applying for and accepting a permit under this subchapter, a permittee agrees to defend and indemnify the city in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Rules 7819.1250, as it may be amended from time to time.

**§ 95.39 ABANDONED FACILITIES;
REMOVAL OF ABANDONED FACILITIES.**

Any person who has abandoned facilities in any right-of-way shall remove them from that right-of-way if required in conjunction with other right-of-way repair, excavation, or construction, unless this requirement is waived by the Director.

§ 95.40 APPEAL.

A right-of-way user that has been denied registration; has been denied a permit; has had a permit revoked; or believes that the fees imposed are invalid, may have the denial, revocation, or fee

imposition reviewed, upon written request, by the City Council. The City Council shall act on a timely written request at its next regularly scheduled meeting. A decision by the City Council affirming the denial, revocation, or fee as imposition will be in writing and supported by written findings establishing the reasonableness of the decision.

**§ 95.41 RESERVATION OF REGULATORY
AND POLICE POWERS.**

A permittee's or registrant's rights are subject to the regulatory and police powers of the city to adopt and enforce general ordinances necessary to protect the health, safety and welfare of the public.

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§ 96.02 TREE BOARD; INTERFERENCE PROHIBITED.

(A) There is hereby created and established a Park, Recreation, and Tree Board for the city, which shall consist of the appointed members of the previous Park and Recreation Board. The Park Supervisor shall be an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Park, Recreation, and Tree Board.

(B) Members of this Board shall serve without compensation.

(C) It shall be the responsibility of the Park, Recreation, and Tree Board to study, investigate, counsel, develop and administer a written plan for the care, preservation, pruning, planting, replanting, removal or disposition of trees and shrubs, in parks, along streets and in other public areas. The plan shall be presented to the Council, and following the review and approval by the Council shall constitute the official comprehensive City Tree Plan for the city. The Park, Recreation, and Tree Board, when requested by the Council, shall consider, investigate, make findings, report and make recommendations concerning any special matter or question coming within the scope of its work.

§ 96.01 DEFINITIONS.

For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

PARK TREES. Trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation in public parks having individual names, and all areas owned by the city, or to which the public has free access as a park.

STREET TREES. Trees, shrubs, bushes and all other woody vegetation on land lying between property lines on either side of all streets, avenues and boulevards within the city.

TREE SIZES.

(1) ***MEDIUM TREE.*** Any plant material that will grow to a height of 30 to 50 feet.

(D) The Park, Recreation, and Tree Board shall be made up of five members, appointed by the City Council to serve for a term of three years, shall choose its own officers and keep a journal of its proceedings. Members of the Park, Recreation, and Tree Board shall hold office concurrently with their current terms as Park and Recreation Board members. A majority of the members shall be deemed a quorum for the transaction of any business.

(E) It shall be unlawful for any person or firm to prevent, delay or interfere with the Park, Recreation, and Tree Board, or any of its agents, while engaging in and about the planting, cultivating, mulching, pruning, spraying or removing of any street trees, park trees, or trees on private grounds, as authorized in Chapter 96 of the Administrative Code. (Ord. 546, passed 12-21-1992; Am. Ord. 11-04, passed 4-4-2011)

§ 96.03 TYPES OF TREES PLANTED.

No species of trees may be planted on public property within the city without the prior written permission of the Tree Board. Prior to the Tree Board taking action, it shall review all requests for planting to assure that the species are appropriate. The Tree Board shall submit written reports to the City Council of those matters of special requests by the Council prior to taking official action. (Ord. 546, passed 12-21-1992)

§ 96.04 SPACING AND LOCATION REQUIREMENTS.

(A) The spacing of street trees shall be in accordance with tree species size classes provided in this chapter, and no trees may be planted closer together than as follows: small trees, 30 feet; medium trees, 40 feet; and large trees, 50 feet; except in special plantings designed or approved by the Tree Board.

(B) The distance trees may be planted from curbs or curb lines and sidewalks shall be in accordance with the tree species size classes listed in § 96.01, and no trees may be planted closer to any curb or sidewalk than the following: small trees, two feet; medium trees, three feet; and large trees, four feet.

(C) No street tree shall be planted closer than 35 feet to any street corner, measured from the point nearest intersecting curbs or curb lines. No street tree shall be planted closer than 15 feet to any fire hydrant, nor closer than five feet from any driveway.

(D) No street trees, other than those defined as “small trees” in § 96.01, may be planted under, or within ten level feet of, any overhead utility wire; or over or within ten lateral feet of any underground water line, sewer line, transmission lines or other utility. (Ord. 546, passed 12-21-1992)

§ 96.05 PUBLIC TREE CARE; DESTRUCTION PROHIBITED.

(A) (1) The city shall have the right to plant, prune, maintain and remove trees, plants and shrubs within the lines of all streets, alleys, avenues, lanes, squares and public grounds as may be necessary to insure the public safety or to preserve or enhance the symmetry and beauty of the public grounds. No other planting may be done without consent of the City Tree Board.

(2) (a) The Tree Board may prune, trim, treat, remove or cause or order to be pruned, trimmed, treated, removed any trees, shrubs, bushes or parts thereof, whether located on public or private property, which are:

1. In an unsafe condition or which by reason of their nature are injurious to

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sewers, electric power lines, gas lines, water lines, cable TV lines or other public improvement;

2. Affected with any injurious fungus, insect or other pest;

3. Overhanging any street or right-of-way within the city so that the branches shall not obstruct the light from any street light or obstruct the view of any street intersection so that there shall be a clear space of at least eight feet above the street or sidewalk;

4. Dead, diseased or decayed which endanger or may endanger the safety of the public; or

5. Obstructing traffic control signs or devices from the view of pedestrians or motorists so that there shall be a sufficient clear space determined by the Tree Board, to insure proper safety for motorists or pedestrians.

(b) All orders to trim, remove or treat trees, shrubs or plants given pursuant to this section, shall be in writing and shall be served in person or by first class mail upon the owner of the property where the trees, shrubs or plants are located.

(c) Orders shall afford the owner of the property not less than 14 days from the date of the mailing of the notice to comply with the order.

(d) It shall be unlawful for any owner of property receiving an order to fail to comply with the order in the time specified.

(e) If the required action is not taken by the property owner within the specified time, the Tree Board may cause the tree, shrubs or plants concerned to be trimmed, removed or treated, with the costs being borne by the property owner.

(f) If not voluntarily paid to the city by the owner within 30 days of receipt by owner of the costs of the trimming, removal or treatment, the costs may be recovered by the city by special assessment upon the property owner or against the property itself.

(B) (1) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or city department to nail signs or anything else to any street tree or park tree.

(2) It shall be unlawful for any person, firm or city department to remove, alter or destroy any street tree or park tree without the prior written authorization of the city.

(C) (1) The city may provide trees, free of charge, to city homeowners for planting on their property within the city limits. The homeowner shall agree in writing to keep the tree(s) watered and provide other care as needed for a period of five years from date of planting; and to reimburse the city for the cost of any tree(s) provided they die, due to neglect by the homeowner, before the aforementioned five-year period has expired.

(2) If, however, the tree(s) die due to circumstances beyond the homeowner's control, no reimbursement will be due the city. (Ord. 546, passed 12-21-1992) Penalty, see § 10.99

§ 96.06 TREE TOPPING.

(A) It shall be an unlawful practice for any person, firm or city department to top any street tree, park tree or other tree on public property without authorization from the Tree Board.

(B) "Topping" is defined as the severe cutting back of limbs to stubs larger than three inches in diameter within the tree's crown, to a degree so as to remove the normal canopy and disfigure the tree.

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(C) Trees severely damaged by storms or other causes, or certain trees under utility wires or obstructions where other pruning practices are impractical may be exempted from this chapter at the determination of the Tree Board.

(Ord. 546, passed 12-21-1992) Penalty, see § 10.99

**§ 96.07 DEAD OR DISEASED TREE
REMOVAL.**

The city shall have the right to cause the removal of any dead or diseased trees on private property within the city, in accordance with city ordinance, and nothing in this chapter shall in any way abrogate or amend any provisions of city ordinance.

(Ord. 546, passed 12-21-1992)

**§ 96.08 RIGHT OF REVIEW BY CITY
COUNCIL.**

Any person aggrieved by any ruling or order of the Tree Board may appeal to the City Council, which shall hear the matter and make a final decision. The City Council shall have the right to review the conduct and decisions of the Tree Board. The City Council may modify, affirm or reverse any determination of the Tree Board.

(Ord. 546, passed 12-21-1992)

