

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-42

AN ORDINANCE REMOVING OUTDATED REFERENCES TO CHAPTER 19, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTERS 14, 15, AND 21 OF THE CITY CODE

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 14 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~[stricken through]~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 14: LICENSES AND PERMITS

ARTICLE IV: BUSINESS LICENSES AND REGULATIONS

DIVISION B: COURTESY BENCHES AND NEWSPAPER RACKS

§ 14.153 STANDARDS FOR LOCATION AND OPERATION.

(b) *Location of newspaper racks and courtesy benches.* No courtesy bench or newspaper rack shall be located in whole or in part on private or public property without the express written consent of the property owner or the owner's representative and in no case shall a courtesy bench or newspaper rack be located:

(6) At any location so as to obstruct the clear-view triangle of street intersections or street and driveway intersections, as defined and regulated by city code Chapters 17 and 21~~[19]~~ or so as to otherwise interfere with the clear and unobstructed vision and cross view of motorists at street intersections, driveways or alleys;

(c) *Installation and maintenance.*

(3) *Number at one location.* There shall be no more than one courtesy bench located on one side of any one-block area at each approved site. Newspaper racks may be clustered together in groups of two or more so long as the units are situated side-by-side with no more than a two foot separation between each individual unit and installed in a line parallel to the street with that line extending no further than 15 feet, including the separation space between units. Each cluster must be separated by a distance of not less than 100 feet. However, no newspaper racks shall be clustered together within 15 feet of any street intersection or street and driveway intersection or in a manner that obstructs the clear-view triangle of the street intersection as defined and regulated by Chapters 17 and 21~~[19]~~ of this city code or otherwise interferes with the clear and unobstructed vision and cross view of motorists at street intersections, driveways, or alleys.

(6) *Location of advertising.* No advertising shall be displayed on any courtesy bench except upon the front and rear surfaces of the backrest. Newspaper racks shall display no advertising except a logo or other identification of the newspaper being dispensed on the front of the newspaper rack. No courtesy bench or newspaper rack advertising shall display the words, “Stop,” “Look,” “Danger” or any other word, phrase or symbol that might interfere with, or distract traffic. Courtesy benches and newspaper racks are not subject to the requirements of Chapter 21, Article III, Division D ~~[§§ 19.100 through 19.127]~~ of this city code.

Section 2. That Chapter 15 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~[stricken through]~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 15: BUILDING AND STRUCTURES

ARTICLE IX: LICENSES AND PERMITS

DIVISION B: LICENSES AND PERMITS; GENERAL

§ 15.202 TEMPORARY STOCKPILES.

(e) *Height, area, slope and setback.*

(4) *Location.* The location of a temporary stockpile must not interfere with the clear view triangle as specified in §§ 17.31 and 21.601 ~~[19.126.6 of the city code]~~.

Section 3. That Chapter 21 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~[stricken through]~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21: ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

ARTICLE II: DISTRICTS AND USES

DIVISION H: USES

§ 21.209 USE TABLES.

(c) Residential Zoning Districts.

Use Type	Zoning District									References; See Listed Section
	R-1	R-1A	RS-1	R-3	R-4	RM-12	RM-24	RM-50	RM-100	

Social and Cultural Facilities										

Place of assembly (does not include a cemetery)	C			C	C	C	C	C	C	[49.63.1 , 21.302.06, <u>21.302.36</u>

(d) Neighborhood and Freeway Commercial Zoning Districts.

Use Type	Zoning District								References; See Listed Section
	B-1	B-2	B-4	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4	C-5	

Social and Cultural Facilities									
Place of assembly		C	CL				CL	CL	[49.63.1 , 21.302.06, <u>21.302.36</u>

Motor Vehicle Services									

Vehicle rental facility		P			L				<u>21.302.38</u> [49.63.07]

Accessory									

Vehicle rental accessory to Class I motor vehicle sales				CA					<u>21.302.38</u> [49.63.07](e)

(e) Industrial Zoning districts.

Use Type	Zoning District							References; See Listed Section
	IT	I-1	I-2	I-3	IP	TI	FD-2	

Social and Cultural Facilities								
Place of assembly in existence prior to January 17, 2019 not to exceed 50% of building floor area			C	C				[19.63.] 21.302.06, 21.302.36

Motor Vehicle Services								

Vehicle rental facility (less than 35 vehicles)				C				<u>21.302.38</u> [19.63.07]

(f) *Specialized zoning districts.*

Use Type	Zoning District		References See Listed Section
	CX-2	LX	

Social and Cultural Facilities			

Place of assembly	P		[49.63.] 21.302.06, <u>21.302.36</u>

Motor Vehicle Services			

Vehicle rental facility	C		<u>21.302.38</u> [49.63.07]

ARTICLE III: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

DIVISION A: GENERAL STANDARDS

§ 21.301.03 STRUCTURE DESIGN.

(b) *Additional structure design standards for Mixed Use Districts.* To provide an attractive street-level environment that promotes pedestrian activity, comfort and public safety in the B-4, C-5 and LX zoning districts, buildings fronting on a public or private street must meet additional design standards as described below. The highest design standards must be provided on the street front intended for the highest pedestrian-orientation; this is the primary façade. The Issuing Authority will determine which elevation is considered to be the primary façade. All other street frontages are considered to be secondary facades.

(3) *Structure height.* To promote intensity in the mixed use districts (C-5, LX), at least 60% of the building footprint area on a site must rise to at least two stories or 25 feet in height. Structures in the mixed use districts must meet the height limitations of § 21.301.10. Additionally, structures in the LX District must meet the height limitations of the Airport Runway Overlay Districts in § 21.208.04~~[19.38.03]~~.

DIVISION B: USE STANDARDS

§ 21.302.13 HOME BUSINESSES.

(d) *Standards.*

(11) *Garbage disposal.* All rubbish and garbage disposal facilities must be properly screened in compliance with Chapter ~~[19-06]~~ 21 of this code and no single container may exceed the 96-gallon container size used for single-family residential property.

§ 21.302.25 SCHOOLS AND COLLEGES.

(d) *Performance standards.*

(6) *Compliance with other sections.* Schools and colleges must meet applicable standards within city code, including but not limited to:

(A) Refuse and recycling (§ 21.301.17~~[19.51]~~);

ARTICLE V: ADMINISTRATION AND NONCONFORMITY

DIVISION A: APPROVALS AND PERMITS

§ 21.501.03 FINAL DEVELOPMENT PLANS.

(c) *Review, approval, and appeals.* Final development plans must be reviewed and acted upon as follows:

(1) New final development plans and major revisions to previously approved final development plans with requested flexibility as specified in § 21.208.03~~[19.38.01]~~(c) must be reviewed by the Planning Commission and acted upon by the City Council, which has the authority to attach conditions of approval;

(2) Major revisions to previously approved final development plans without requested flexibility as specified in § 21.208.03~~[19.38.01]~~(c) must be reviewed and acted upon by the Planning Commission, which has the authority to attach conditions of approval. The applicant or a member of the public may appeal the decision of the Planning Commission to the City Council by submitting an appeal request with supporting materials within three business days of the decision. The appellant will be given the opportunity to present their case in front of the City Council. If the Planning Commission action results in a tie vote, or if the approval or denial action is not consistent with the staff recommendation, the application is automatically sent to the City Council for final action. If the final development plans application is related to an associated rezoning or Comprehensive Plan amendment application, the City Council must act on the final development plans application; and

Section 4. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Victor Rivas
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Priyanka Rai
Secretary to the Council

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied
City Attorney