ORDINANCE NO. 2026-33T

AN ORDINANCE CLARIFYING APPLICABILITY OF TREE PRESERVATION STANDARDS FOR SINGLE-FAMILY ZONING DISTRICTS, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CITY CODE

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

Section 1. 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

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ARTICLE III: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

DIVISION A: GENERAL STANDARDS

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§ 21.301.14 TREE PRESERVATION.

(a) *Purpose.* The City Council recognizes that preservation and replanting of trees is important on new [~~single-family~~] residential development sites in single-family zoning districts in order to maintain a healthy and desirable community. The City Council also recognizes that a certain amount of tree loss is an inevitable consequence of the residential development process. The City Council finds that these tree preservation regulations help to establish a balance between an individual's rights to develop his or her property and the needs of the community to protect the natural environment. The purpose of these tree preservation regulations includes, but is not limited to:

(1) Prevention of soil erosion and sedimentation;

(2) Improved air quality;

(3) Reduced noise pollution;

(4) Energy conservation through windbreaks and shading;

(5) Control of the urban heat island effect;

(6) Increased property values;

(7) Protection of privacy by maintaining and establishing buffers between conflicting land uses;

(8) Enhanced aesthetics;

(9) Providing habitat for wildlife; and

(10) Support stormwater management.

(b) *Applicability.* The regulations contained in this section apply to all proposed single-family, [~~and~~] two-family, three-family, detached townhouse, and cottage court residential lots in the R-1, R-1A, and RS-1 Zoning Districts for which a plat application was received after August 31, 2006, with the exception of plats that create only lot line adjustments and do not alter the number of lots. The regulations continue to apply for a period of two years after the date the plat was recorded with the county.

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Section 2. 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 28th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Tim Busse

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Priyanka Rai

Secretary to the Council

APPROVED:

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied

City Attorney