

CHAPTER 4. PUBLIC HEALTH AND SAFETY

SECTION 400 AIR POLLUTION

400.01 Definitions.

Subd.1. Open Burning. Burning any material in a way where the resultant combustion products are emitted directly into the open atmosphere without passing through an adequate stack, duct or chimney.

Subd.2. Recreational Fires. Wood-burning fireplaces and other recreational fires, provided only wood, coal or charcoal is burned.

Subd.3. Burning Permit. A permit issued by the Council authorizing fires exempted from the general provisions of this Section and setting conditions for the permit, if approved by the City's fire marshal.

400.02 Open Burning Prohibited. Except as provided otherwise in this Section, open burning is prohibited within the City.

400.03 Exemptions from Open Burning Prohibitions. Open burning of the types, and subject to the conditions stated in this Section, are exempt from the prohibition of Section 400.02.

Subd.1. Recreational Fires All recreational fires, including campfires and bonfires. All recreational fires shall be subject to the following general conditions:

- a) the fire must be kept a minimum of 25 feet from any structure;
- b) the fire must be in a non-combustible fire ring or container;
- c) the firewood must be no larger than 36 inches in perimeter and twenty four inches high (3' X 2');
- d) the fire must be attended at all times and there must be a fire extinguisher available or garden hose connected to a water supply readily available for use

Recreational fires that exceed these general standards are prohibited unless a permit has been issued for the fire. At the discretion of the City, recreational fires may be prohibited, and permits for other open burning will not be issued, when atmospheric conditions or local circumstances make such fires hazardous.

Subd.2. Fires under Managed Supervision. Fires for which a burning permit has been obtained from the Council, and where required by State law, from the Pollution Control Agency, but limited to the following:

- (a) Fires purposely set for the instruction and training of public and industrial fire-fighting personnel.
- (b) Fires set for the elimination of a fire hazard which cannot be abated by any other practicable means.
- (c) Fires purposely set for forest or game management and in accordance with the practices recommended by the Minnesota Department of Agriculture and the United States Forest Service.
- (d) The burning of trees, brush, grass and other vegetable matter in the clearing of land, the maintenance of street, road and highway right-of-way, and in accepted agricultural land management practices.

Subd.3. Exemption Exceptions. Exemption to conduct fires under this Section does not excuse the persons from the consequences and damages or injuries which may result, nor does it exempt any person from regulations promulgated by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency or any other governmental unit exercising jurisdiction in matters of pollution or fire hazard regulation.

400.04 Air Pollution Control Regulations. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 471.62, the City adopts and incorporates by reference “Air Pollution Control Regulations and Ambient Air Quality Standards,” 3-7 and 9-15, inclusive, effective July 7, 1969, and 1-3 and 8, effective June 5, 1970, of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency as adopted pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Section 116.07.

SECTION 405 ANIMAL CONTROL

405.01 Definitions. For the purpose of this Section, the following words have the meanings given them in this Subsection:

Subd.1. Animal Control Officer. A person designated by the Council to perform the duties described in this Section.

Subd.2. At Large. A dog or other animal off the premises of its owner and not controlled by a leash or within a vehicle or similar confinement.

Subd.3. Dangerous Animal. An animal that is a physical threat to human beings or to other animals by reason of one or more attacks of such severity as to cause physical injury.

Subd.4. Owner. Any person owning, keeping, harboring or, acting as custodian of a dog or other animal, or the parent or guardian of any person under the age of 18 years owning, keeping or harboring a dog or other animal.

405.02 Identification. No owner may allow a dog to be at large unless a metal tag showing the name and telephone number of the owner is attached to the dog's collar. A dog found at large without the identification tag may be impounded.

405.03 Number of Dogs Kept.

Subd.1. Limitation. Except as provided in Subd. 2 of this Subsection, no person, family, or group of persons maintaining a common household, may own, keep or harbor more than two dogs within the City unless done so under a permit from the City authorizing the keeping of more than two dogs. The permit may be issued by the City Council subject to the following:

- (a) Upon payment of the fee set forth in Section 305.02, permits will be issued on an annual basis, expiring December 31 following the date issued.
- (b) There must be compliance with all other provisions of this Section.
- (c) The Council may revoke the permit for failure to comply with any provision of this Section.
- (d) The permit may impose any restrictions or conditions deemed necessary to protect neighboring property from unreasonable noise, unsanitary conditions, or other annoyance.
- (e) The Council may refuse to issue the permit if a neighboring property owner objects to issuance of the permit or if in the opinion of the Council the neighboring property cannot be adequately protected from unreasonable noise, unsanitary conditions or other annoyance.

Subd.2. New Born Dogs. Puppies born to a dog kept within the City may be kept by the owner for a period of 90 days after birth without constituting a violation of Subdivision 1 of this Subsection. Upon expiration of the 90-day period, the provisions of Subdivision 1 will apply.

405.04 Violations.

Subd.1. Owner Violations. An owner is in violation of this Code if the owner's dog or other animal does any one or more of the following:

- (a) Be at large without the identification tag required under Subsection 405.02.
- (b) Habitually knock over garbage cans or damage the property of anyone other than the animal owner.
- (c) Unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet of any person in the vicinity. The phrase "unreasonably disturb the peace and quiet" shall include, but is not limited to, the creation of any noise by any dog or other animal which can be heard by any person, including the Animal Control Officer or a law enforcement officer, from a location outside of the building or premises where the animal is being kept and which animal noise occurs repeatedly over at least a five minute period of time with one minute or less lapse of time between each animal noise during the five minute period.
- (d) Attack or threaten to attack people or animals.
- (e) Charge or molest passersby, bicycles or vehicles.
- (f) Be designated by the Animal Control Officer as a menace to the public health, safety or welfare.

Subd.2. Other Violations. It is unlawful for any person to:

- (a) Own or keep a rabid dog.
- (b) Own or keep a dangerous animal, unless confined within a building or other secure enclosure or muzzled and in the control of a competent person.
- (c) Interfere with the valid enforcement of this Section.
- (d) Intentionally kill or injure any dog or cat unless in defense of himself or another person or unless such animal has been determined to be rabid; provided, however, that this Subsection will not apply to the humane destruction of diseased or injured animals by a veterinarian or as otherwise herein provided.
- (e) Permit any female dog in heat to be at large or to be unconfined so that it can come into contact with another dog, whether on or off the premises of the

owner, except for breeding purposes within a building or other secure enclosure.

Subd. 3 Penalties. Any person violating any provision of this Section, upon conviction, will be deemed guilty of a misdemeanor.

405.05 Enforcement.

Subd.1. Dog Pound and Animal Control Officer. The Council will designate a dog pound for keeping dogs or other animals which may be taken into custody pursuant to this Section. The Animal Control Officer will have the authority of a police officer with respect to enforcement of this Section.

Subd.2. Impounding. The Animal Control Officer and his authorized representatives have the right to enter upon any public or private land within the City for the purpose of discharging the duties imposed by this Section where there is probable cause to believe that a violation of this Section has been committed. The Animal Control Officer and his representatives may enter a residential dwelling to enforce this Section only with the consent of the occupant or under an appropriate court order or warrant. The Officer or his authorized representative may seize and impound any dog in violation of this Section. Any dog impounded under this Section, except for purpose of rabies observation, will be cared for in the dog pound until claimed by its owner as hereinafter provided, or for a period of not less than seven days.

Subd.3. Release of Impounded Dogs. A dog impounded by the City will be released to the owner upon payment to the Clerk, or the Clerk's authorized representative, of the fee set forth in Section 305.02. The owner must also pay any additional sums incurred by the City as a boarding charge for each day or portion thereof that the dog is kept in the dog pound. All money collected under this Section will be deposited in the City's general fund.

Subd.4. Disposal of Unclaimed Animals. If a dog remains unclaimed after being impounded for at least seven days, the dog may be sold by the City at private sale, or the Animal Control Officer or his authorized representative may dispose of the animal in a humane manner, or the dog may be used for scientific purposes pursuant to the provisions of Minnesota Statute, Section 35.71.

405.06 Care and Disposition of Injured or Dead Animals. An injured or diseased animal found off the owner's premises will be returned to its owner, if identifiable, for care or disposal. If the owner is unknown or unavailable, the animal will be impounded as provided in Subsection 405.05 unless in the opinion of the Animal Control Officer it is more humane to destroy the animal. Any dead dog or cat found off the owner's premises will be returned to its owner, if identifiable. If the owner is unknown, the dead animal shall be disposed of by the City.

405.07 Control of Rabies.

Subd.1. Impoundment of Rabies Suspects. A dog or other animal displaying rabies symptoms, or which has bitten a person and caused abrasion or puncture of the skin, may

be seized at any place and time and will be confined in the dog pound or under the supervision of a licensed veterinarian, at the expense of the owner, until found to be free from rabies; provided, however, if the animal has been vaccinated against rabies as herein required, and the owner states in writing that the animal will be properly confined, the animal may remain on the owner's premises.

Subd.2. Killing of Rabies Suspects. If a dog or other animal appears to be diseased, vicious, dangerous, rabid, or has been exposed to rabies, and cannot be seized and impounded without serious risk, it may be killed by the Animal Control Officer or a police officer.

Subd.3. Destruction of Rabid Animals. For the purposes of this Section, a bat, skunk, raccoon, fox, or other wild animal that bites a person or a domestic animal will be presumed to be rabid and will be destroyed, with care taken to preserve the head, and will be delivered without delay to the most available facility for rabies testing.

405.08 State Law. The provisions of Minnesota Statute, Sections 35.67 (Rabies; Board, Health Officer; Duties), 35.68 (Rabies; Proclamation; Publication) and 35.69 (Unmuzzled Dogs Not Permitted at Large after Proclamation) are made a part of this Section by reference.

405.09 Keeping Prohibited. No person may keep within the City:

(a) Any hog, pig, cattle, horse, mule, sheep, goat or any chicken or turkey.

(b) Any animal, reptile or fowl which by character, habit or disposition is considered wild by nature, such as a wolf, fox, skunk, raccoon, ferret, mink, bobcat, deer, monkey, and any animal which has at least 50 percent of its heritage from any such wild animal.

SECTION 410 TRASH, GRAVEL, JUNK CARS AND ABANDONED
OR UNSAFE STRUCTURES

410.01 Trash. No person may cause or permit any garbage, tin cans, paper, ashes, junk, or other trash or refuse to be dumped, thrown, scattered or deposited upon any street, highway or other public land, or upon any private land or premises within the City.

410.02 Gravel. Unless authorized to do so by the Council, no person may cause or permit any loose gravel, aggregate, crushed rock, or sand to be deposited upon any street or highway within the City in an amount that causes damage to the surface of the street or highway, or creates a hazard or inconvenience to the public. Deposits from a driveway or property by reason of flow of surface waters or by vehicular traffic will be considered to have been permitted by the owner of the driveway or property.

410.03 Junk Vehicles.

Subd.1. Definitions. “Junk vehicle” means a vehicle which is (a) not in operable condition, or (b) partially dismantled, or (c) used as a source of repair or replacement parts for other vehicles, or (d) kept for scrapping, dismantling, salvage or sale of parts. A junk vehicle which remains on public or private land for more than seven days will be considered abandoned.

Subd.2. Restrictions. No person may cause or permit any junk vehicle to be parked, displayed, stored, placed or abandoned within the City upon any street or other public land, or upon any private land or premises other than in an enclosed building.

410.04 Abandoned or Unsafe Structures.

Subd.1. Council Determination. The Council may determine that a building or structure is abandoned or unsafe if it finds that it has not been occupied or used for one year prior to the determination and if it is a nuisance, a hazard to children or other persons or detrimental to the use or value of surrounding property. The Council may determine that other unsafe conditions exist if the conditions present a hazard to the health or safety of children or other persons.

Subd.2. Regulations. No owner may cause or permit any abandoned or unsafe building or structure, or other unsafe condition, to remain on the owner’s property within the City.

Subd.3. Removal. An owner must promptly remove any abandoned or unsafe building or structure, or otherwise remedy any other unsafe condition, upon receipt of notice by the Council.

410.05 City Removal. If trash, junk vehicles or abandoned or unsafe buildings or structures exist in violation of this Section 410, the Council may order their immediate removal at the cost of the owner of the property on which they are located and may proceed as authorized by State law to abate the condition constituting the violation and to assess the cost against the property.

SECTION 415 NUISANCES

415.01 Public Nuisance Defined. Whoever by an act or failure to perform a legal duty intentionally does any one or more 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.
- (c) Commits any other act or omission declared by law or this Code to be a public nuisance and for which no sentence is specifically provided.

415.02 Public Nuisances Affecting Health. The following are declared to be nuisances affecting health:

- (a) Exposed accumulation of decayed or unwholesome food, vegetable matter, meat, fish, excrement, manure, refuse, debris, or other offensive substance.
- (b) Diseased animals running at large.
- (c) Carcasses of animals not buried or destroyed within 24 hours after death.
- (d) Pollution of any public well or cistern, stream or lake, canal or body of water by sewage, industrial waste or other substances.
- (e) Dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas and soot, or cinders, in unreasonable quantities.

415.03 Public Nuisances Affecting Morals and Decency. The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public morals and decency:

- (a) Drinking of alcoholic beverages on public streets, parking lots or parks.
- (b) Public exposure by a person of his or her unclothed genital organs, or public exposure by a woman of her unclothed breasts.

415.04 Public Nuisances Affecting Peace and Safety. The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace and safety and shall be enforced by the police department and, or the zoning coordinator:

- (a) Construction noise at any time other than the hours of 7:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on weekdays and 9:00 a.m. to 6:00 p.m. on Saturdays and holidays. Construction noise and commercial property maintenance equipment noise shall include, but not limited to, all noise from the use of power and maintenance equipment, chain saws, leaf blowers,

commercial vehicles, generators, and noise created by commercial lawn and tree service providers working on residential property or making deliveries to residential property. However, equipment used during the removal of snow and generators and equipment used during power outages or other emergencies shall be exempt from the restrictions under this subsection.

- (b) Use of any public or private street or easement for fishing.
- (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 unnecessary noises and annoying vibrations.
- (e) Obstructions and excavations affecting the ordinary use by the public of streets, alleys, sidewalks, or public grounds except under such conditions as are permitted by this Code or other applicable law.
- (f) Radio aerials or television antennae erected or maintained in a dangerous manner.
- (g) 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.
- (h) All hanging signs, awnings and other similar structures over streets and sidewalks, or so situated so as to endanger public safety, or not constructed and maintained as required by this Code.
- (i) Any barbed wire fence.
- (j) All dangerous, unguarded machinery in any public place, or so situated or operated on private property as to attract the public.
- (k) Wastewater cast upon or permitted to flow upon streets or other public property.
- (l) Accumulations in the open of discarded or disused machinery, household furniture and 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 such accumulation or which endangers the health, safety or welfare of the public or adversely affecting the peaceful enjoyment of neighboring properties.
- (m) The leaving of any unused ice box, refrigerator or other box or appliance, with a door on it which will effectively exclude air when shut, in any public place or on any private property.

- (n) Any well, hole or similar excavation which is left uncovered, or in such other condition as to constitute a hazard. Any construction in or adjacent to any street or sidewalk must be secured by a metal or wooden fence at least 4 ½ feet in height with posts no more than 6 feet apart, and must be illuminated with red or yellow lights from sunset to sunrise.
- (o) Obstruction to the free flow of water in a natural waterway or a public street drain, gutter or ditch with trash or other materials.
- (p) 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 such substance.
- (q) The depositing of garbage or refuse on a public right-of-way or on adjacent private property.
- (r) Any gathering of people from which noise emanates of a sufficient volume so as to disturb the peace, quiet or repose of persons residing in any residential area. No person may visit or remain in or about a residential dwelling wherein such a party or gathering is taking place, except persons who reside at that dwelling or have gone there for the sole purpose of abating the disturbance.
- (s) The parking, storing or keeping on any public or private property of any automobile or truck which is not currently licensed under the laws of the State or other state or federal law, excluding, however, vehicles kept within a fully enclosed garage or other building, and excluding impounded vehicles held by the City.
- (t) All other conditions or things which are likely to cause injury to the person or property of anyone.
- (u) Use or possession of fireworks by any person.
- (v) Aiding, abetting, facilitating or causing the escape of a person by force or fraud from the custody of a police officer.
- (w) Removal, damage or other interference with any barricade erected to protect any excavation, grading, paving, construction or other work.
- (x) The first 30 feet back from the public right-of-way upon any property which exists noxious weeds as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 18.77, Subd. 8 or poisonous vegetation such as poison ivy, or weeds, grass, brush or other plants which are a fire hazard or otherwise detrimental to the health or appearance of the neighborhood.
- (y) The length of grasses commonly used in lawn areas including blue grass, fescue or rye grass blends of similar grasses shall not exceed eighteen (18) inches in length, excluding grasses on steep slopes or adjoining ponds, wetlands and lakes.

415.05 Abatement. Whenever the officer charged with enforcement determines that a public nuisance is being maintained or exists on premises in the City, the officer may issue a citation for the violation and/or may give written notice to the owner or occupant of the premises of that fact and order that the nuisance be terminated and abated. The notice may be served in person or by mail. If the premises are not occupied and the owner is unknown, the notice may be served by posting it on the premises. If such order is given, it will specify the steps to be taken to abate the nuisance and the time, within which the nuisance is to be abated. If the notice is not complied with within the time specified, the enforcing officer will report that fact to the Council. The Council may then, after notice to the owner or occupant and an opportunity to be heard, provide for abatement of the nuisance by the City. The notice will be served in the same manner as notice by the enforcing officer is served and will be given at least 10 days before the date stated in the notice when the Council will consider the matter. If notice is given by posting, at least 30 days must elapse between the day of posting and the hearing. The giving of such notice and the abatement of the nuisance by the owner will have no effect on the City's ability to prosecute the owner or occupant of the property for violation of this ordinance.

415.06 Recovery of Cost.

Subd.1. Personal liability. The owner of premises on which a nuisance has been abated by the City is personally liable for the cost to the City of the abatement, including administrative costs. As soon as the work has been completed and the cost determined, the Clerk or other official designated by the Council will prepare a bill for the cost and mail it to the owner. The bill will be immediately due and payable at the office of the Clerk.

Subd.2. Assessment. If the nuisance is a public health or safety hazard on private property, the accumulation of snow and ice on public sidewalks or paths, the growth of weeds on private property or outside the traveled portion of streets, or unsound or insect-infected trees, the Clerk will, on or before September 1 next following abatement of the nuisance, list the total unpaid charges along with all other such charges as well as other charges for current services to be assessed under Minnesota Statutes, Section 429.101 against each separate lot or parcel to which the charges are attributable. The Council may then assess the charges against such 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 Council may determine in each case.

SECTION 420 TRESPASS

420.01 Definitions. For the purpose of this Section, the following words have the meanings given them in this Subsection:

Subd.1. Picnic or Picnicking. Eating a lunch or other meal consisting of food or bottled liquids prepared or obtained elsewhere than at the place of the picnic by one or more persons either in the open air or in a parked vehicle.

Subd.2. Private Premises. Private premises includes privately owned waters.

420.02 Trespass Prohibited. Any person who enters upon any private premises or dock of which he is not the owner, lessee or licensee, within the City, without permission of the owner, lessee, or licensee of the premises for the purpose of picnicking, hunting or fishing; or any person who enters upon the premises or dock of another and who fishes thereon, therefrom or adjacent thereto, or who picnics on or hunts thereon, is guilty of an unlawful trespass.

420.03 Picnicking in Right-of-Way. It is unlawful for any person to picnic on any public road or highway right-of-way within the City.

SECTION 425 WEAPONS

425.01 Definition. The term “weapon” includes: (a) all firearms, including rifles, shotguns and pistols; (b) all bows and arrows, when arrows are pointed tipped; (c) B-B guns, pellet guns and other instruments used to expel pellets of any kind at high velocity, whether by spring, compressed air or gas, or other means; (d) sling shots.

425.02 Possession.

Subd.1. Carrying Weapons. No person may have any weapon in his possession in any public place in the City unless it is contained in a case and is unloaded in both the barrel and the magazine.

Subd.2. Motor Vehicles. No person may have any weapon in a motor vehicle unless it is unloaded in both the barrel and the magazine and is contained in a case or carried in the trunk of the vehicle.

Subd.3. Exceptions. This Section does not apply to peace officers, military personnel while on duty, or persons holding a valid permit issued under the authority of Minnesota Statutes, Sections 624.711 through 624.717.

425.03 Aiming Forbidden. No person may aim a weapon, whether loaded or not, at or toward any person, nor discharge a weapon where there is any person to be endangered, even though no injury actually results.

425.04 Firearm Permits.

Subd.1. Permit Required. It is unlawful for any person to fire off, discharge or explode any weapon within the City limits without having in his possession a current and effective permit to do so issued by the Council.

Subd.2. Issuance. The Council may issue a firearm permit to any person it deems suitable for a period not to exceed one year and upon such terms and conditions as are determined by the Council. A permit will not be issued contrary to rules, regulation or statutes of the State or its administrative agencies or departments.

Subd.3. Revocation. The Council may summarily revoke a firearm permit at any time.

Subd.4. Exception. This Section does not prevent the carrying of a handgun within the City under a permit subject to the restrictions imposed by law.

425.05 Minors Not to Use Firearms. No person under the age of 18 years may have a weapon in his or her possession or control, except while accompanied by or under the immediate supervision of a parent, guardian or other adult.

SECTION 430 FIRE PREVENTION

430.01 Outside Fire Service. The officers and employees of a city, and any members of a volunteer fire department of a city, that the City of Woodland contracts with for fire service, are authorized to enter upon private property within the City of Woodland for the purpose of extinguishing any fire in response to a call.

430.02 Reimbursement of Expenses. If the fire department of another city responds to a call to extinguish a fire within the City of Woodland and the City of Woodland is liable for any service charge under a valid and existing contract with the responding city, the owner or owners of property for which the response was made will be obligated to reimburse the City of Woodland for whatever sum the City of Woodland is obligated to pay under the contract with the other city. All amounts due from the property owner are due and payable 30 days after a notice specifying the amount chargeable, which notice will be given in writing by the Clerk.

If the required payment is not made within 60 days of such notice, an additional delinquency charge of \$100 will be added and will be payable by the owner. All unpaid charges shall be a lien upon the premises when due. All charges which are on September 30 of each year are more than 60 days past due shall be certified by the City Clerk to the County Auditor to be extended by the Auditor on the tax rolls against the premises in the same manner as other taxes, and shall be collected by the County and paid to the City.

430.03 Allocation of Costs Among Properties. If the Council determines that property in the vicinity of a fire has been protected or saved from damage by the fire department of a city that the City of Woodland has a contract with, the Council may allocate a portion of the cost charged by the responding city for the fire call to the property in the vicinity of the fire on whatever basis the Council deems just and equitable. The owner or owners of property against which a portion of the cost has been allocated will be obligated to reimburse the City of Woodland for whatever amount the Council has allocated to the property, in the same manner as prescribed in Subsection 430.03.

SECTION 440 WATER SUPPLY

440.01 Water Quality. Any public or private supply of water for domestic purposes must meet or exceed standards for water quality of the Minnesota Department of Health and the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

440.02 Private Wells. Private wells must be located, constructed, maintained and sealed in compliance with the Water Well Construction Code of the Minnesota Department of Health.

SECTION 445 FALSE ALARMS

445.01 General Definitions. For the purposes of this section, certain words and terms shall have the following meanings:

- (a) Alarm User. This means the person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, a company or organization of any kind in control of any building, structure, or facility where an alarm system is maintained.
- (b) Alarm System. This means and includes any alarm installation designed to be used for the prevention or detection of burglary, robbery, fire or a medical condition on a premises which contains the alarm installation. Auto alarm devices shall not be considered an alarm system under this section. An alarm which alerts an alarm user on the premises and requires the user to make a personal inspection of the premises and then a personal phone call to the Police or Fire Department (such as a smoke and CO detector or automobile alarm) is not considered an alarm system under this section.
- (c) False Alarm. This means an alarm signal eliciting a response by Police or Fire personnel when a situation requiring a response does not, in fact, exist, and which is caused by the activation of the alarm system through mechanical failure, alarm malfunction, improper installation or the inadvertence or deliberate act of the owner or lessee of the alarm system or of his/her employees or agent. False alarms do not include alarms caused by climatic conditions such as tornadoes, thunderstorms, utility line mishaps, violent conditions of nature or any other conditions which are clearly beyond the control of the alarm manufacturer, installer or owner.

445.02 False Alarm Fees. If an alarm user has been notified of an alarm system which reports three false alarms to the City in a single calendar year, the alarm user will be charged a user fee of \$50.00 per false alarm in excess of three false alarms in a calendar year; \$100.00 per false alarm in excess of six false alarms in a calendar year, and \$150.00 per false alarm in excess of ten false alarms per calendar year.

445.03 Appeal of Fee. Any alarm user charged the user fee under Section 445.02

as a result of false alarms may make a written appeal to the Chief of Police within 10 days of notice by the City of the false alarm fee. A decision by the Chief of Police may be appealed to the City Council, who will have authority to make a determination as to whether the appellant is to be charged with the false alarm.

445.04 Notice of False Alarm. Upon receipt of the first false alarm report at an

address, the Police Department shall by mail attempt to notify the alarm user of the provisions of this ordinance. Upon receipt of the fourth and all subsequent false alarm reports at the address, the City Clerk shall notify the alarm user that an alarm user fee is due.

445.05 Payment of Fees. Payment of user fees must be made to the City Treasurer within 30 days of the date of notice by the City to the alarm user. Failure to pay the fee within 30 days notice will cause the alarm user to be charged an additional service fee equal to 10% of the user fee.

445.06 Collection with Taxes. All delinquent charges for user's fees shall be a lien upon the premises. All charges which are on September 30 of each year more than 45 days past due; shall be certified by the City Clerk to the County Auditor to be extended by the Auditor on the tax rolls against such premises in the same manner as other taxes, collected by the County and paid to the City.

445.07 Injunctive Relief. In the event of a violation or a threat of violation of this ordinance, the City may institute appropriate action or proceeding, including requesting injunctive relief to prevent, restrain, correct, or abate such violation or threatened violation.

445.08 Civil Action. In addition to all other legal remedies, if a person fails to comply with the provisions of this ordinance, the City may recover costs, damages, or alarm user fees in a civil action in any court of competent jurisdiction.

SECTION 450 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT

450.01 POLICY AND PURPOSE

Subd. 1. Because of the existing possibility of the occurrence of disasters of unprecedented size and destruction resulting from fire, flood, tornado, blizzard, destructive winds or other natural causes, or from sabotage, hostile action, or from hazardous material mishaps of catastrophic measure or other major incidents, and in order to insure that preparations of the City will be adequate to deal with such disasters and generally, to provide for the common defense and to protect the public peace, health and safety, and to preserve the lives and property of the people of this City, it is hereby found and declared to be necessary.

- a) To establish a City emergency management organization responsible for City planning and preparation for emergency government operations in time of disasters.
- b) To provide for the exercise of necessary powers during emergencies and disasters.
- c) To provide for the rendering of Mutual Aid between the City, and other political subdivisions with respect to the carrying out of emergency preparedness functions.
- d) To comply with the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12, known as the Minnesota Emergency Management Act of 1996.

- e) To participate as a member of the Lake Minnetonka Regional Emergency Management, Preparedness Planning and Review Committee review and accept its emergency plan as the City's basic plan for responses to emergencies, disasters, major incidents, Mutual Aid and other projects consistent with this ordinance and Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12.

450.02 DEFINITIONS

Subd. 1. "Emergency Management" means the preparation for and the carrying out of all emergency functions, to prevent, minimize and repair injury and damage resulting from disasters caused by fire, flood, tornado and other acts of nature, or from sabotage, hostile action, or from industrial hazardous material mishaps or other major incidents. These functions include, without limitation, firefighting services, police services, emergency medical services, engineering, warning services, communications, radiological and chemical mitigation, evacuation, congregate care, emergency transportation, existing or properly assigned functions of plant protection, temporary restoration of public utility services and other functions related to civil protection, together with all other activities necessary or incidental for carrying out of the foregoing functions. Emergency Management includes those activities sometimes referred as "Civil Defense" or "Emergency Preparedness" functions.

Subd. 2. "Disaster" means a situation which creates an immediate and serious impairment to the health and safety of any person, or a situation which has resulted in or is likely to result in major loss to property, and for which traditional sources of relief and assistance within the affected area are unable to repair or prevent the injury or loss.

Subd. 3. "Emergency" means an unforeseen combination of circumstances, which calls for immediate action to respond, or prevent from developing or occurring.

Subd. 4. "Emergency Management Forces" means the total personnel resources engaged in city-level emergency management functions in accordance with the provision of this resolution or any rule or order thereunder. This includes personnel from City departments, authorized volunteers, and private organizations and agencies.

Subd. 5. "Emergency Management Organization" means the staff element responsible for coordinating city-level planning and preparation for disaster response. This organization provides City liaison and coordination with federal, state and local jurisdictions relative to disaster preparedness activities, major incidents, Mutual Aid, and other projects consistent with this ordinance and assures implementation of federal, state, county and other program requirements.

Subd. 6. "Major Incident" means any incident which exhausts local resources.

Subd. 7. "Emergency Management Mutual Aid" means any disaster or major incident which requires the dispatching of City personnel, equipment or other necessary resources within or without the city limits.

Subd. 8. "Lake Minnetonka Regional Emergency Management, Preparedness Planning and Review Committee" (*L.M.R.E.M.P.P.R.C.*) means a committee made up of the Lake

Minnetonka area emergency management directors which develops, renews and establishes a basic emergency plan, and identifies and coordinates training for member communities and reviews local plans, exercises, major incidents and disaster responses which are consistent with Section 450.

450.03 ESTABLISHMENT OF AN EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT ORGANIZATION

Subd. 1. There is hereby created with the City government an Emergency Management Organization, which shall be under the supervision and control of the Emergency Management Director, hereinafter called the “director”. The director shall be appointed by the Mayor. *(The L.M.R.E.M.P.P.R.C. recommends the Chief Law Enforcement Officer be appointed the director)*. The director shall have

direct responsibility for the organization, administration and operation of the emergency preparedness organization.

450.04 POWERS AND DUTIES OF THE DIRECTOR

Subd. 1. The director shall represent the City at any regional or state conference for Emergency Management. The director may develop additional Mutual Aid agreements with other political subdivisions of the state for reciprocal emergency management Aid and assistance in an emergency too great to be dealt with unassisted, and shall present such agreements to the City for its action. Such arrangements shall be consistent with the Emergency Plan. The director shall also be the City’s representative on the Lake Minnetonka Regional Emergency Management, Preparedness Planning and Review Committee.

Subd. 2. The director shall make assessments of personnel, businesses and industries, resources and facilities of the City as deemed necessary to determine their adequacy for Emergency Management and to plan for their most efficient use in time of an emergency, major incident or disaster.

Subd. 3. The director shall prepare a comprehensive emergency plan for the emergency preparedness of the City and shall present such plan to the City for its approval. When the Council has approved the plan by resolution, it shall be the duty of all City agencies and all emergency preparedness forces of the City to perform the duties and functions assigned by the plan as approved. The plan may be modified in like manner from time to time. The director shall coordinate the basic Emergency Management activities of the City to the end that they shall be consistent and fully integrated with the basic emergency plan of the Lake Minnetonka Regional Emergency Management, Preparedness Planning and Review Committee, and Federal and State Governments.

Sub. 4. In accordance with the Emergency Plan, the director shall institute such training programs, public information programs and conduct practice warning alerts and emergency exercises as may be necessary to assure prompt and effective operation of the Emergency Plan when a disaster, major incident or Mutual Aid occurs.

Subd. 5. The director, during an Emergency, Major Incident or Mutual Aid, shall utilize the personnel, services, equipment, supplies and facilities of existing departments and agencies of the City to the maximum extent practicable. The officers and personnel of all such departments and agencies shall be, to the maximum extent practicable, cooperative with and extend such services and facilities to the Emergency Management organization. The head of each department or agency in cooperation with the director shall be responsible for the planning and programming of such emergency activities as will involve the utilization of the facilities of the department or agency.

Subd. 6. The director shall, in cooperation with the existing departments and agencies affected, assist in the organizing, recruiting and training of such Emergency Management personnel that may be required on a volunteer basis to carry out the emergency plans. To the extent that such emergency personnel are recruited to augment a regular department or agency for emergencies, they shall be assigned to such departments or agencies and shall be under the administration and control of said department or agency.

Subd. 7. The director shall carry out all orders, rules and regulations issued by the governing authority with reference to emergency management.

Subd. 8. The director shall prepare and submit such reports on emergency preparedness activities as may be requested by the governing authority.

450.05 LOCAL EMERGENCIES

Subd. 1. The Mayor or their legal successors may declare a local Emergency, including a Disaster, Major Incident or Mutual Aid response. It shall not be continued for a period in excess of three days except by or with the consent of the governing board of the political subdivision. Any order, or proclamation declaring, continuing, or terminating a local Emergency shall be given prompt and general publicity and shall be filed promptly by the clerk of the local records-keeping agency of the subdivision.

Subd. 2. A declaration of a local Emergency shall invoke necessary portions of the response and recovery aspects of applicable plans including fiscal expenditures, which are consistent with this ordinance.

Subd. 3. No other jurisdictional agency or official may declare a local Emergency unless expressly authorized by the agreement under which the agency functions.

450.06 EMERGENCY REGULATIONS

Subd. 1. Whenever necessary to meet a declared emergency or to prepare for such an emergency for which adequate regulations have not been adopted by the Governor or the City Council, the Council may by resolution promulgate regulations, consistent with the applicable federal or state law or regulation, respecting: the conduct of persons and the use of property during emergencies; the repair, maintenance, and safeguarding of essential public services, emergency health, fire, and safety regulation, drills, or practice periods required for preliminary training, and all other matters which are required to protect public safety, health, and welfare in declared emergencies.

Subd. 2. Every resolution of emergency regulations shall be in writing; shall be dated; shall refer to the particular emergency to which it pertains, if so limited, and shall be filed in the Office of the City Administrator, which copy shall be kept posted and available for public inspection during business hours. Notice of the existence of such regulation and its availability for inspection at the Administrator's office shall be conspicuously posted at the front of the city hall or other headquarters of the City or at such other places in the affected area as the Council shall designate in the resolution. By like resolution, the Council may modify or rescind any such regulation.

Subd. 3. The City Council may rescind any such regulation by resolution at any time. If not sooner rescinded, every such regulation shall expire at the end of 30 days after its effective date or at the end of the emergency to which it relates, whichever comes first. Any resolution, rule or regulation inconsistent with an emergency regulation promulgated by the Council shall be suspended during the period of time and to the extent such conflict exists.

Subd. 4. During a declared emergency, the director is, notwithstanding any statutory or charter provision on the contrary, empowered through its governing body acting within or without the corporate limits of the City, to enter into contracts and incur obligations necessary to combat such disaster by protecting the health and safety of persons and property and providing emergency assistance to the victims of such disaster. The director may exercise such powers in the light of the exigencies of the disaster without compliance with the time-consuming procedures and formalities prescribed by law pertaining to the performance of public work, entering rental equipment agreements, purchase of supplies and materials, limitations upon tax levies, and the appropriation and expenditure of public funds including, but not limited to, publication of resolutions, publication of call for bids, provisions of personnel laws and rules, provisions relating to low bids, and requirements for budgets.

450.07 EMERGENCY MANAGEMENT A GOVERNMENTAL FUNCTION

Subd. 1. All functions thereunder and all other activities relating to emergency management are hereby declared to be governmental functions. The provisions of this section shall not affect the right of any person to receive benefits to which he would otherwise be entitled under this resolution or under the worker's compensation law, or under any pension law, nor the right of any such person to receive any benefits or compensation under any act of Congress.

450.08 PARTICIPATION IN LABOR DISPUTE OR POLITICS

Subd. 1. The emergency management organization shall not participate in any form of political activity, nor shall it be employed directly or indirectly for political purposes, nor shall it be employed in a labor dispute. The director may express professional opinions on legislative or other legal regulations consistent with the areas found in Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 12.

450.09 AUTHORIZING DISPATCH AND USE OF CITY EQUIPMENT AND SERVICES BY THE DIRECTOR IN EMERGENCY SITUATIONS (MUTUAL AID)

Subd. 1. The City finds it desirable and necessary to authorize the director to dispatch City equipment and personnel to local communities who request Aid to combat their emergency, disaster, or major incident consistent with Section 450.

Subd. 2. The director shall evaluate the internal needs of the City, and dispatch appropriate available Aid. The director shall immediately recall, order and terminate the use of any dispatched equipment and personnel when the need for their use no longer exists, or earlier, when it appears in the best interest of the City. Aid requested from outside the Lake Minnetonka Regional area, or extended local Aid within the Lake Minnetonka regional area, shall require Mutual agreement between the director and the city Manager/Administrator or their designee.

Subd. 3. The director shall be fully authorized to act on behalf of the City, and all provisions for compensation of personnel, rental of equipment, liability insurance coverage, workman's compensation insurance and all other safeguards and matters pertaining to the City, its equipment and personnel, shall apply in each case as if specifically authorized and directed at such time, whether or not the governing body or authority of the place in which the disaster, major incident, Mutual Aid, or other occurrence exists, has previously requested and provided for assistance and the use of equipment and personnel under a Mutual protection agreement or other type protection agreement within the City.

SECTION 455 NOISE CONTROL

455.01 GENERAL NOISE STANDARDS

Subd. 1. Incorporation by Reference. The MPCA Noise Rule, Chapter 7010.010 through 7010.008, and all amendments thereof and supplements thereto are hereby referred to, adopted, incorporated by reference, and made a part of this Section 455. A current copy shall be available for public inspection through the City Clerk's Office.

Subd. 2. Definitions. Except as provided in this Section, words or phrases used in this Section 455 and defined in the rules of the Minnesota Pollution Control "Agency Noise Section, Chapter 7010, shall have the meanings given in those rules.

(a) A-Weighted. A specific weighting of the sound pressure level for the purpose of determining the human response to sound. The specific weighting and characteristics and tolerances are those given in American National Standards Institute § 1.4-1983, Section 5.1.

(b) Cut-Out or By-Pass. Mechanism which varies the exhaust system gas flow so as to discharge the exhaust gas and acoustic energy to the atmosphere without passing through the entire length of the system including all exhaust system sound attenuation components.

(c) dB(A). A unit of sound level expressed in decibels (dB) and A-weighted.

(d) Exhaust System. Combination of components which provides an enclosed flow of exhaust gas from engine parts to the atmosphere.

(e) L10. The sound level, expressed in dB(A) which is exceeded 10% of the time for a one-hour period, as measured by test procedures approved by the Director of the MPCA.

(f) L50. The sound level, expressed in dB(A) which is exceeded 50% of the time for a one-hour period, as measured by test procedures approved by the Director of the MPCA.

(g) MPCA. Minnesota Pollution Control Agency

(h) Noise Control Officer. The Noise Control Officer shall be the person appointed as such by the Woodland City Council.

Subd. 3. Maximum Noise Levels by Receiving Land Use Districts. No person shall operate or cause to be operated any source of noise in such a manner as to create a noise level outdoors exceeding the dB(A) limits set forth in the following Table:

DAY (7 A.M.-10 P.M.)

NIGHT (10 P.M. - 7 A.M.)

<u>Sound Level</u>	<u>Maximum</u>	<u>Sound Level</u>	<u>Maximum</u>
L10	65 dB(A)	L10	55 dB(A)
L50	60 dB(A)	L50	50 dB(A)

455.02 Exemptions. The levels prescribed in the Table in Section 455.01 above do not apply to noise originating on public streets and alleys, but such noise shall be subject to other ordinances

455.03 Noises Prohibited.

Subd. 1. General Prohibition. No person shall make or cause to be made any distinctly and loudly audible noise that unreasonably annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers the comfort, repose, health, peace, safety, or welfare of any person or precludes their enjoyment of property or affects their property's value. This general prohibition is not limited by the specific restrictions of the following paragraphs.

Subd. 2. Home, Audible and Signaling Devices, Etc. No person shall sound any signaling device on any vehicle (i) except as a warning of danger, or (ii) in violation of Minn. Stat. § 169.68.

Subd. 3. Engine Exhaust. No person shall discharge the exhaust or permit the discharge of the exhaust of any steam engine, 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, regulations and this Section 455.

No exhaust system on any engine shall be modified, altered, or repaired in any manner, including the use of a muffler cut-out or by-pass, that shall amplify or otherwise increase noise above that emitted by the device as originally equipped.

Subd. 4. Radios, Phonographs, Televisions, Paging Systems, Etc. No person shall use or operate or permit the use or operation of any radio receiving set, musical instrument, phonograph, television, paging system, machine or other device for production 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 such device between the hours of 10 P.M. and 7 A.M. in such a manner 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 violations of this subdivision.

Subd. 5. Social Gatherings. No person shall participate in any party or other gathering of people giving rise to noise which disturbs the peace, quiet or repose of the occupants of adjoining or other property. When a police officer determines that a gathering is creating such noise disturbance, the officer shall order all persons present, other than the owner or tenant of the premises where the disturbance is occurring, to disperse immediately. No person shall refuse to leave after being ordered by a police officer to do so. Every owner or tenant of such premises who has knowledge of the disturbance shall cooperate with

police officers and shall make every reasonable effort to see that the disturbance is abated.

A violation of this subdivision shall be deemed to be the act of the owner of the residential dwelling unit wherein it occurs as well as the persons on the premises who violate the subdivision except that the owner of the dwelling unit occupied by other shall be liable only for those violations occurring after a written notice of the violation of this subdivision shall have been received.

Subd. 6. Loudspeakers, Amplifiers for Advertising, Etc. No person shall operate or permit the use or operation of any loudspeaker, sound amplifier, or other device for the production of reproduction of sound on a street or other public place for the purpose of commercial advertising or attracting the attention of the public for any purpose whatsoever.

Subd. 7. Human Noise. No person shall engage in yelling, shouting, screaming, whistling, or singing at any time or place so as to annoy or disturb the quiet, comfort or repose of any person in any dwelling, in or on any residential property.

Subd. 8. Animal Noises. It shall be unlawful for any owner to fail to exercise proper care and control over his or her animals to prevent them from engaging in excessive noise such as to bark excessively, continuously or untimely. Failure on the part of the owner or custodian to prevent his or her animals from engaging in excessive noise shall subject the owner or custodian to the penalty hereinafter provided.

The phrase “to bark excessively, continuously, or untimely” includes, but is not limited to, the creation of any noise by any dog which can be heard by any person, including a law enforcement officer or animal control officer, from a location outside of the building or premises where the dog is being kept and which noise occurs repeatedly over at least a 10 minute period of time with one minute or less lapse of time between each animal noise during the 10 minute period.

455.04 Hourly Restriction For Certain Operations

Subd. 1. Domestic Power Equipment. No person shall operate a garden or lawn tractor, power lawn mower, power hedge clipper, chain saw, mulcher, garden tiller, edger, power device for bug eradication, drill, or other similar domestic power maintenance equipment except between the hours of 7 A.M. and 8 P.M. on any week day or between the hours of 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. on weekends. Snow removal equipment is exempt from this provision.

Subd. 2. Construction Activities. No person shall engage in or permit construction activities involving the use of any electric, diesel, or gas powered machine or other power equipment except between the hours of 7 A.M. and 6 P.M. week days or between the hours of 9 A.M. and 6 P.M. any weekends.

455. 05 Exception For Emergency Work. Noise created exclusively in the performance of emergency work preserve the public health, safety or welfare, or in the performance of

emergency work necessary to restore public service or eliminate a public hazard shall be exempt from the provisions of this Section for a period not to exceed 48 hours after the work is commenced. Persons responsible for such work shall inform the Noise Control Officer of the need to initiate such work or, if the work is commenced during non-business hours of the City, at the beginning of business hours of the first day thereafter. Any person responsible for such emergency work shall take all reasonable actions to minimize the amount of noise and the duration thereof.

455.06 Powers And Duties of Noise Control Officer.

Subd. 1. Administration Officer. The noise control program established by this Section 455 shall be administered by the Police, Noise Control Officer, Building Inspector, Zoning Coordinator and City Clerk.

Subd. 2. Noise Impact Statements. The Noise Control Officer may require any person applying to the City for a change in zoning classification, permit, license for any structure, operation, process, installation, or alteration or project that may be considered a potential noise source to submit a noise impact statement on a form prescribed by the officer. Each such statement shall be reviewed to ascertain whether the granting of such change would result in the violation of any provision of this Section. Reviews of noise impact statements shall be made by the Zoning Coordinator, and Planning Commission (if appropriate), and recommendations shall be made to the City Council.

Subd. 3. Other Powers and Duties. The Noise Control Officer shall exercise such other powers and perform such other duties as are reasonable and necessary to enforce the provisions of this chapter.

455.07 Enforcement and Penalties.

Subd. 1. When the Noise Control Officer, after appropriate testing has been done, determines that a noise exceeds the maximum sound level permitted under this Section or otherwise constitutes a nuisance, the Noise Control Officer shall give written notice of the violation of the owner or occupant of the premises where the noise originates, and order such persons to correct or remove each specified violations within such reasonable time as is prescribed in the notice.

In all other cases, the Noise Control Officer or a City law enforcement officer may demand immediate termination of the excessive noise. Failure to adhere to such demand shall subject the violator to appropriate criminal enforcement of such violation.

Subd. 2. Penalties. Any person violating this Section shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and in addition shall be subject to injunctive enforcement which the City may pursue through a court of competent jurisdiction or state administrative agency as may be appropriate. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate violation.

SECTION 460 STORAGE TANKS AND STRUCTURES

460.01 Regulation of Storage Tanks

Subd. 1. Installation of New or Replacement Storage Tanks. No tanks, containers or storage structures for the purposes of temporary or permanent storage of flammable, combustible or potentially pollutant solids, liquids or gases may be installed or constructed above surface, on the surface or underground, except as provided in Subd. 2 of this Section.

Subd. 2. The City may grant a permit for a temporary tank or container for use in the construction of a building, if the installation and timely removal comply with all regulations of the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) and have been approved by the City Fire Marshall.

Subd. 3. Removal of Storage Tanks.

- (a) All storage tanks, containers or structures which have been removed from service for one year shall be deemed abandoned and shall be totally removed in accordance with the requirements of the City Fire Marshall.
- (b) All tanks, containers or structures found to cause or potentially cause pollution must be promptly emptied and totally removed, without replacement, in accordance with the regulations of the MPCA and as directed by the City Fire Marshall.

460.02 Sewage Treatment Systems. This Section 460 does not apply to individual sewage treatment systems.