

**ORDINANCE #17-04  
CITY OF RAMSEY  
ANOKA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 117 OF THE CITY CODE, WHICH CHAPTER IS KNOWN AS  
ZONING AND SUBDIVISIONS OF THE CITY CODE OF RAMSEY, MINNESOTA**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING MULTIPLE SECTIONS OF THE RAMSEY CITY CODE  
RELATING TO IRRIGATION REQUIREMENTS.**

The City of Ramsey Ordains:

**SECTION 1 AUTHORITY**

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and under the authority of the City Charter of the City of Ramsey.

**SECTION 2 AMENDMENTS**

Section 117-111. – R-1 Residential (g) (4) is amended as follows and the existing (4) and (5) are renumbered to (5) and (6):

- (4) *Irrigation.* If a landscape irrigation system is provided, the system shall be equipped with the following:
- a. Technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture (rain sensor).
  - b. One or more water efficient technologies. This could include, but is not limited to, WasterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, and/or evapotranspiration (ET) sensors.

Section 117-112. - R-2 Residential District (e) (6) e. is amended as follows:

- e. *Irrigation.* If a landscape irrigation system is provided, the system shall be equipped with the following:
1. Technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture (rain sensor).
  2. One or more water efficient technologies. This could include, but is not limited to, WasterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, and/or evapotranspiration (ET) sensors.

Section 117-113. – R-3 Residential District (e) (5) e. is amended as follows:

- e. *Irrigation.* If a landscape irrigation system is provided, the system shall be equipped with the following:
1. Technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture (rain sensor).

2. One or more water efficient technologies. This could include, but is not limited to, WasterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, and/or evapotranspiration (ET) sensors.

Section 117-114. – B-1 General Business District (e) (14) d. is amended as follows:

- d. *Irrigation.* If a landscape irrigation system is provided, the system shall be equipped with the following:
  1. Technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture (rain sensor).
  2. One or more water efficient technologies. This could include, but is not limited to, WasterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, and/or evapotranspiration (ET) sensors.

Section 117-115. – B-2 Highway Business District (e) (16) d. is amended as follows:

- d. *Irrigation.* If a landscape irrigation system is provided, the system shall be equipped with the following:
  1. Technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture (rain sensor).
  2. One or more water efficient technologies. This could include, but is not limited to, WasterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, and/or evapotranspiration (ET) sensors.

Section 117-116. – E-2 Employment District (e) (3) d. is amended as follows:

- d. *Irrigation.* If a landscape irrigation system is provided, the system shall be equipped with the following:
  1. Technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture (rain sensor).
  2. One or more water efficient technologies. This could include, but is not limited to, WasterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, and/or evapotranspiration (ET) sensors.

Section 117-117. – E-1 Employment District (e) (3) d. is amended as follows:

- d. *Irrigation.* If a landscape irrigation system is provided, the system shall be equipped with the following:
  1. Technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture (rain sensor).
  2. One or more water efficient technologies. This could include, but is not limited to, WasterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, and/or evapotranspiration (ET) sensors.

Section 117-120. – H-1 Highway 10 Business District (e) (14) d. is amended as follows:

- d. *Irrigation.* If a landscape irrigation system is provided, the system shall be equipped with the following:
  2. Technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture (rain sensor).
  3. One or more water efficient technologies. This could include, but is not limited to, WasterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, and/or evapotranspiration (ET) sensors.

Section 117-121. – B-3 Business District (g) (2) f. is amended as follows:

- f. *Landscaping.* The master plan shall include a landscape plan for the entire development site. Landscaping shall be integrated throughout the site and shall include a combination of overstory trees, ornamental trees, shrubs, flowers (planting beds and raised planters), ground cover, and other landscaping elements. The required number of plantings will be site specific and will be determined largely by the total pervious area of a site. Landscaping should be used to soften and shade parking areas, line sidewalks and streets, accent building entrances, and break up large building facades. Plant selection should focus on functionality and take into account characteristics such as tolerance of soil compaction, poor drainage, and deicing salts. All landscaping shall be over at least four inches of topsoil, as defined in section 117-1, or an approved alternative as referenced in section 117-348. If a landscape irrigation system is provided, the system shall be equipped with the following:
  1. Technology that inhibits or interrupts operation of the irrigation system during periods of sufficient moisture (rain sensor).
  2. One or more water efficient technologies. This could include, but is not limited to, WasterSense labeled weather-based irrigation controllers, soil moisture sensors, and/or evapotranspiration (ET) sensors.

### **SECTION 3. SUMMARY**

The following is the official summary of Ordinance #17-04, which has been approved by the City Council of the City of Ramsey as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

It is the intent and effect of Ordinance #17-04 to amend Ramsey, Minnesota City Code Chapter 117 to eliminate the requirement for in-ground irrigation systems in all zoning districts and to specify that if an irrigation system is installed, it shall be equipped with a rain sensor as well as one or more water efficient technologies.

### **SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of this Ordinance is thirty (30) days after its passage and publication, subject to City Charter Section 5.07.

Adopted by the Ramsey City Council the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2017.

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Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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City Clerk

**Introduction Date:**

**Posting Dates:**

**Adoption Date:**

**Publication Date:**

**Effective Date:**

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