

Councilmember _____ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

RESOLUTION #20-226

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING AN ABATEMENT OF INDEPENDENT AUTO
AT 6745 HIGHWAY 10 NW**

WHEREAS, 6745 Highway 10 NW has an open code enforcement case for multiple violations at the property legally described as follows:

LOT 1 BLK 2 HY-10 RAMSEY SUBJ TO EASE OF REC, ANOKA COUNTY,
MINNESOTA

(the “Subject Property”) (PID: 293225140008)

WHEREAS, the violations on the Subject Property include the following:

- a. Violations of City Code Chapter 117, Off-Street Parking Violations and Outdoor Storage; and
- b. Violations of City Code Chapter 30, Public Nuisances; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey owns the Subject Property and leases it to Allen Berg and Independent Auto; and

WHEREAS, the Property also had similar violations in 2019 that were remedied after approximately three months of working with the property and the property came into compliance; and

WHEREAS, the violations in 2020 are the same violations as in 2020 so the Property Tenant (Leasee), Allen Berg, has received a \$250 citation; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey finds that it should hold their own properties to the same, if not a higher, standard than other properties throughout the City of Ramsey, especially related to off-street parking and nuisance violations; and

WHEREAS, Staff has inspected the Subject Property on June 14, 2019, July 12, 2019, August 28, 2019, and September 3, 2020, and October 2, 2020; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey sent notices in 2019 on June 13, 2019, July 18, 2019, and notices of abatement on September 24, 2019, and November 14, 2019 and in 2020 on September 16, 2020 and October 7, 2020; and

WHEREAS, numerous vehicles were onsite during both the 2019 and 2020 inspections, indicating that they are not actively being repaired and should not be onsite; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property remains out of compliance with City Code standards;
and

WHEREAS, It is City Policy not to allow cars to be ‘triple stacked’ for public safety reasons, and vehicles onsite are tripled and quadruple stacked, and the Public Safety team only supports double stacking of vehicles; and

WHEREAS, the City Council approved abatement of the Subject Property on October 13, 2020.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:

- 1) That the Ramsey City Council approves the following related to the code enforcement case:
 - a. City Staff will hire abatement contractors to complete abatement of items that are not in compliance with City Code.
 - b. City Staff has the authorization to escalate future fines for the Subject Property starting at \$250 for the same violation within one (1) year.
 - c. City Staff should tow any vehicle or junk item that the Public Safety team believes to be a threat to public safety onsite.
- 2) That the Ramsey City Council hereby directs City Staff not to renew the lease with Independent Auto.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing resolution was duly seconded by Councilmember _____, and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

and the following voted against the same:

and the following abstained:

and the following were absent:

whereupon said resolution was declared duly passed and adopted by the Ramsey City Council this 13 day of October, 2020.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk