

Councilmember \_\_\_\_\_ introduced the following resolution and moved for its adoption:

**RESOLUTION #21-049**

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING HIRING CONTRACTORS TO ABATE VEHICLES  
AND PUBLIC NUISANCE ITEMS FROM 5420 142<sup>ND</sup> AVE NW**

**WHEREAS**, the property owner Anna Vlasyuk (the “Property Owner”) has an open code enforcement case on the property generally known as 5420 142<sup>nd</sup> Avenue NW and legally described as follows:

FLINTWOOD HILLS LOT 8 BLK 3 FLINTWOOD HILLS (SUBJ TO EASE AS SHOWN ON PLAT), Anoka County, Minnesota

(the “Subject Property”); and

**WHEREAS**, the Subject Property is zoned R-1 Residential (MUSA); and

**WHEREAS**, the Subject Property is approximately 1.01 acres in size; and

**WHEREAS**, there are documented City Code violations dating back to 2003, with notices of violation regarding off-street parking; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has most recently opened a case on the Subject Property for violations related to off-street parking and refuse; and

**WHEREAS**, the City sent a formal letter on December 1, 2020 for off-street parking and refuse violations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City sent a formal first notice of violation on December 18, 2020 for off-street parking and refuse violations; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Ramsey City Code would allow the Subject Property to have six (6) total vehicles of outdoor storage, including one (1) unlicensed or inoperable vehicle on a proper parking surface; and

**WHEREAS**, Staff estimates the Subject Property has approximately 10 personal vehicles on the driveway; and

**WHEREAS**, the Nuisance Regulations in the City Code prohibit the outdoor storage of junk, debris, items that are not being put to their intended use, construction debris, and other stockpiles of materials; and

**WHEREAS**, the Subject Property has outdoor storage of tires, boxes, and other miscellaneous junk and unused items; and

**WHEREAS**, the Property Owner has not been compliant with Staff requests for inspections and has not been making continued progress of the cleanup required onsite; and

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**WHEREAS**, a second notice of violation and administrative citation were sent on January 19, 2021; and

**WHEREAS**, City Staff received payment via mail on February 12, 2021 for the administrative citation sent January 19, 2021, but have not received any other contact regarding the Subject Property.

## **FINDINGS OF FACT**

1. The City inspected the property from the road on:
  - a. December 1, 2020; and
  - b. December 17, 2020; and
  - c. February 11, 2021.
2. The City sent formal notices via US Mail on:
  - a. December 1, 2020 for the reduction in the number of motor vehicles and items being stored outside to the City Code limit of six (6), that all vehicles be parked on an improved surface, and that no more than one (1) inoperable vehicles were allowed on the property.
  - b. December 18, 2020 for a first notice of violation after no action was conducted to resolve off-street parking violation. Refuse violation was noted on the property and added to the violation notice. City Staff also requested an inspection.
  - c. January 19, 2021 for continued violations, and an administrative citation.
3. The City received payment on February 12, 2021 for the administrative citation sent on January 19, 2021 with the second notice of violation.

## **NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THIS CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows:**

That the Ramsey City Council hereby grants approval of the proposed code enforcement action plan on the Subject Property as outlined below, contingent upon verification of any violation(s) of City Code:

1. The City of Ramsey shall utilize Northstar Towing and Reshetar Systems Inc. for abatement services per City policy.
2. That the week of April 7, 2021, the City of Ramsey will work with the abatement contractors listed above to remove the junk, tires, boxes, and other nuisance items stored outside that are not being put to their intended use.
3. That the week of March 24, 2021, the City of Ramsey will work with abatement contractors listed above to tow vehicles from the Subject Property until six (6) remain.

4. That future violations within twelve (12) months of the same type will result in financial penalties and quicker escalation of violation notices.
5. That the City Council reserves the right to escalate future violations directly to District Court for Temporary Restraining Order.
6. That if the Property Owner misses one of the aforementioned deadlines, Staff has the approval to:
  - a. Reinspect the Subject Property and document all items out of compliance.
  - b. Issue an abatement notice for specific items outlined in step (a).
  - c. Abate the Subject Property of items and charge abatement back to Property Owner.

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:

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 the 9th day of March, 2021.

