



DNR Central Region Office
1200 Warner Road
St. Paul, MN 55106

February 19, 2021

Tim Gladhill, Deputy City Administrator
City of Ramsey
7550 Sunwood Drive NW
Ramsey, MN 55303

Re: Conditional Approval of City of Ramsey MRCCA Ordinance

Dear Mr. Gladhill:

Thank you for sending your proposed Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) ordinance to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources (DNR) for conditional approval. We have reviewed your ordinance and supporting documentation and I am pleased to inform you that the proposed ordinance is substantially consistent with the MRCCA rules and is hereby approved, provided all of the conditions of approval in this letter are met.

We reviewed your proposed MRCCA ordinance and supporting documentation submitted on January 4, 2021. We have found that the ordinance is substantially consistent with Minnesota Statutes, §116G and Minnesota Rules, chapter 6106. The City may now adopt the ordinance subject to the conditions of approval below. Minnesota Rules 6106.0070 Subp.3.G. require local governments to adopt the ordinance within 60-days of DNR approval.

Conditions of Approval

The following conditions must be met before the DNR will issue final approval:

1. Complete the Administrative Checklist found [in step 3 on our ordinance review and approval process webpage](#) and email it and the supplemental documents indicated on the checklist to us. These documents demonstrate that the City is ready to administer the MRCCA ordinance.

Next Steps

Following are the steps for completing and receiving final DNR approval for your ordinance:

1. Address the condition listed above under conditional approval.
2. The City Council adopts the ordinance.
3. Email the completed Ordinance Processing Checklist (attached) and the documents identified on the checklist within 10 days of adoption to:
 - a. Lucas.youngsma@state.mn.us
 - b. Ordinance.review.dnr@state.mn.us

4. We will review the ordinance adopted by the City Council for consistency with the ordinance that received conditional approval. We will also send a copy to the National Park Service and the Metropolitan Council as required by rule.
5. If the adopted ordinance is consistent, I will send you a “final approval” letter. State rules require DNR final approval of MRCCA ordinances and amendments for those ordinances to be effective.

A MRCCA ordinance is an important land use regulation that helps to protect surface water quality, near shore habitat, and scenic character of the MRCCA. We appreciate your efforts to protect these resources for all present and future Minnesotans. Lucas Youngsma is available to help the City administer the ordinance and to consult with you on other water-related projects and their implementation.

Sincerely,



Dan Lais
Central Region Manager

Attachments:

Proposed Ordinance
MRCCA Ordinance Processing Checklist

c: Lucas Youngsma, DNR Area Hydrologist
Raya Esmaeili, Metropolitan Council
Adam Muilenburg, National Park Service
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