ORDINANCE #21-10

CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA

AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE IV, ADDING SECTION 133 - TARGETED PICKETING IN RESIDENTIAL NEIGHBORHOODS.

The City of Ramsey ordains:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE

The city has an interest in the protection of residential privacy, the wellbeing and tranquility of the home, and protecting citizens from unwanted speech when they are a captive audience within their homes. The city council finds that, without resorting to targeted residential picketing, ample opportunities exist for those otherwise engaged in targeted residential picketing to exercise constitutionally protected freedoms of speech and expression.

SECTION 2. AUTHORITY

Pursuant to the authority granted by Minnesota Statutes, section 609.748, subd. 9, the City of Ramsey hereby prohibits targeted picketing in residential neighborhoods.

SECTION 3. AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE CHAPTER 34, ARTICLE IV- OFFENSES INVOLVING PUBLIC PEACE AND ORDER:

Sec. 34-133. Targeted picketing in residential neighborhoods.

(a) *Definitions.* For the purpose of this section, the term "targeted residential picketing" means:

(1) Marching, standing, or patrolling by one or more persons directed solely at a particular residential building in a manner that adversely affects the safety, security, or privacy of an occupant of the building; or

(2) Marching, standing, or patrolling by one or more persons which prevents an occupant of a residential building from gaining access to or exiting from the property on which the residential building is located; or

(3) Standing, marching, patrolling or picketing by one or more persons focused in front of or adjacent to a particular residential dwelling without the consent of that dwelling's occupants.

(b) *Purpose.* The city has an interest in the protection of residential privacy, the wellbeing and tranquility of the home, and protecting citizens from unwanted speech when they are a captive audience within their homes. The city council finds that, without resorting to targeted

residential picketing, ample opportunities exist for those otherwise engaged in targeted residential picketing to exercise constitutionally protected freedoms of speech and expression.

(c) *Prohibited activity*. No person shall engage in targeted residential picketing within the city.

(d) *Violation.* Any person who engages in targeted residential picketing within the city is guilty of a misdemeanor.

(e) *Severability.* Should any section, clause or other provision of this ordinance be held invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole, or of any part thereof, other than the part held to be invalid.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance becomes effective 30 days after its passage and publication, subject to City Charter section 5.04.

ADOPTED this 27th day of April, 2021, by the City Council of the City of Ramsey.

CITY OF RAMSEY

By: _____
Mark E. Kuzma, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Collen Lasher, City Clerk

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