

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

RESOLUTION #21-177

A RESOLUTION APPROVING HIRING CONTRACTORS TO ABATE OFF-STREET PARKING ITEM FROM 7820 151st LANE NW

WHEREAS, the property owner Mike Krouse (the “Property Owner”) has an open code enforcement case on the property generally known as 7820 151st Lane NW and legally described as follows:

GREENLAND HILLS PLAT 2 LOT 8 BLK 3 GREENLAND HILLS PLAT 2(SUBJ TO EASE AS SHOWN ON PLAT), Anoka County, Minnesota

(the “Subject Property”); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is an owner occupied property; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is zoned R-1 Residential (Rural Developing); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is approximately 0.89 acres in size; and

WHEREAS, there are documented City Code violations dating back to 2019 with notices of violation regarding noxious growth, and off-street parking; and

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

WHEREAS, the City sent a most recent formal first notice of violation on May 28, 2021 for noxious growth and off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the City of Ramsey City Code would allow the Subject Property to properly store all items in accordance with Section 117-355 regarding residential off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the residential off-street parking in the City Code prohibits the storing of vehicles on grass in the R-1 Rural Developing zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the residential off-street parking in the City Code prohibits the storing of an inoperable, unlicensed vehicle in the front driveway in the R-1 Rural Developing zoning district; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner has not responded to attempts to contact Staff concerning violations; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner has not paid for the administrative citation; and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property has had four (4) off-street violations in three years, since August 2018; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner was sent a Notice of Abatement on June 15, notifying the Property Owner the violation will be brought to the June 22, 2021 City Council meeting for potential abatement.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The City recently inspected the property from the road on:
 - a. October 10, 2020;
 - b. November 19, 2020;
 - c. May 28, 2021; and
 - d. June 15, 2021.
2. Property Owner has not responded since initial first notice of violation sent on May 28, 2021.
3. The City sent formal notices via US Mail on:
 - a. May 28, 2021 for a first notice of violation requesting the proper storage or removal of the vehicle being stored on grass. The notice cited City Code requesting off-street parking violation items to be removed or properly stored, and included a citation for \$75 for a repeated offense.
 - b. June 15, 2021 for a notice of abatement requesting the proper storage or removal of the vehicle being stored on grass. The notice cited City Code requesting off-street parking violation items to be removed or properly stored.
4. The City has not received payment from the Property Owner for the administrative citation, or correspondence since first letter of violation was issued by Planning Staff on May 28, 2021.

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 June 28, 2021, the City of Ramsey will work with the abatement contractors listed above to remove:
 - a. Silver Sedan
3. That future violations within twelve (12) months of the same type will result in financial penalties and quicker escalation of violation notices.

4. That the City Council reserves the right to escalate future violations directly to District Court for Temporary Restraining Order.
5. 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 22nd day of June, 2021.

