

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

RESOLUTION #21-198

A RESOLUTION APPROVING HIRING CONTRACTORS TO ABATE OFF-STREET PARKING ITEMS FROM 5991 146th AVENUE NW

WHEREAS, the property owner Catherine Gacheru (the “Property Owner”) has an open code enforcement case on the property generally known as 5991 146th Avenue NW and legally described as follows:

LOT 2 BLOCK 2 CHESTNUT RIDGE 2ND ADD, 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 (MUSA); and

WHEREAS, the Subject Property is approximately .24 acres in size; and

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

WHEREAS, the City sent a recent formal first notice of violation on May 25, 2021 for public nuisances and off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the City sent a recent second notice of violation on June 10, 2021 for off-street parking; and

WHEREAS, the City sent a recent third notice of violation on July 2, 2021 for 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 inoperable vehicles in the front yard or driveway; and

WHEREAS, the vehicle appears unmoved from current place for at least a year; and

WHEREAS, the Property Owner was given an extension to properly store or remove the inoperable vehicle.

FINDINGS OF FACT

1. The City recently inspected the property from the road on:
 - a. May 25, 2021;
 - b. June 10, 2021; and
 - c. July 2, 2021
2. Property Owner has responded and paid the initial citation issued.
3. The City sent formal notices via US Mail on:
 - a. June 1, 2021 for a first notice of violation requesting the proper storage or removal of the vehicle being stored on grass and public nuisances on the property. The notice cited City Code requesting off-street parking violation and public nuisance items to be removed or properly stored.
 - b. June 10, 2021 for a second 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.
 - c. July 2, 2021 for a third 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.
4. The City has received correspondence and the initial citation has been paid.

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 on July 16, 2021, the City of Ramsey Staff will send a notice of abatement for vehicle parked in driveway partially on grass.
3. City of Ramsey Staff will work with the abatement contractors listed above to remove:
 - a. Metallic Blue Sedan
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 13th day of July, 2021.

