

**ORDINANCE #21-15**

**CITY OF RAMSEY  
ANOKA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

**AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 117 WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE ZONING SECTION OF THE CITY CODE OF RAMSEY, MINNESOTA.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 117-111 (R-1 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT), 117-349 (ACCESSORY USES AND BUILDINGS), AND 117-355 (RESIDENTIAL OFF-STREET PARKING) OF THE CITY CODE OF RAMSEY, MINNESOTA.**

The City of Ramsey ordains:

**SECTION 1. AUTHORITY**

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and under the authority of the City Charter of the City of Ramsey.

**SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS**

Section 117-1. – Definitions shall be amended to read as follows:

*Driveway* means an onsite prepared surface traffic lane, which shall be the traffic lane leading directly from a public street to the primary garage on the subject parcel; ~~the width of which cannot exceed the primary garage width by more than 15 feet, or in the absence of a garage, a traffic lane to a parking pad that cannot exceed 20 feet in width. Driveway parking may not extend beyond the front of the primary garage without meeting the performance standards for side or rear yard parking. (Cannot exceed maximum width at roadway under zoning district bulk standards).~~

Section 117-111 shall be amended to read as follows:

(d) *R-1 bulk standards.*

<sup>2</sup>A zoning permit is required to install any driveway that is not associated with work requiring a building permit. [Driveways and parking pads are an allowed accessory use in any R-1 Residential District and require a zoning permit.](#)

(g) *General R-1 residential performance standards*

[\(4\) Driveways](#)

- a. The width of a driveway cannot exceed the primary garage width by more than 15 feet in the side yard, or in the absence of a garage, a traffic lane to a parking pad that cannot exceed 20 feet in width.
- b. Driveway parking may not extend beyond the front of the primary garage without meeting the performance standards for parking pads and side or rear yard parking.
- c. Variances. Variances from the strict enforcement of this section may be granted in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Section 117-51.

Sec. 117-349 *Accessory uses and buildings* (d) (7) shall be amended to read as follows:

(7) *Driveways and Parking Pads.*

- c. Parking pads. A parking pad may be installed on a residential property with a zoning permit. The parking pad may not exceed standards set in Section 117-355 regarding residential development off-street parking including but not limited to:
  - i. Number of vehicles and items allowed
  - ii. Surfacing requirements of the residential zoning districts
  - iii. Parking pad must be in the side or rear yard.
- d. Parking pad size and number. Properties less than 2.5 acres in size cannot have more than one (1) parking pad with a maximum size of 500 square feet.
- e. Setbacks. Parking pads must meet setbacks for accessory structures set in Section 117-111.
- f. Principal building required. No accessory parking pads or driveways shall be constructed on any lot prior to the time of construction of the principal building.
- g. Variances. Variances from the strict enforcement of this section may be granted in accordance with the procedures and requirements of Section 117-51.

Section 117-355 *Residential development off-street parking* (b) shall be amended to read as follows:

- (b) In any residential district, outside parking of any motor vehicle(s) and/or recreational equipment is subject to the following conditions:
  - (1) *Number of items.*
    - a. Six items ~~allows~~ allowed for outdoor storage and parking on parcels less than two acres in size.
    - b. Eight items allowed for outdoor storage and parking on parcels between two and 4.99 acres in size.
    - c. Ten items allowed for outdoor storage and parking on parcels five acres or greater in size.
    - d. Items stored or parked separate from other items shall count as one item each; multiple items stored or parked on a trailer, for instance, count as one item. (Example: two snowmobiles and an empty trailer on the ground are three items; two snowmobiles on a trailer are one item).

- e. Items that will count towards the number restriction include, but are not limited to, the following examples: motor vehicles, recreational vehicles, campers, boats, canoes, snowmobiles, jet-skis, all terrain vehicles, go-carts, motocross bikes, motorcycles, fish houses, and other recreational equipment and self-propelled vehicles.
- f. Exceptions: Items that will not count towards the number restriction include those items typically seen as accessory to a residential use. Examples would be lawnmowers, garden tractors and attachments, bicycles, wheelbarrows, play structures, stepladders, and other items used for routine home and lawn maintenance.
- g. Increase in the number of items will be allowed through an administrative zoning permit at the discretion of the zoning administrator if the applicant can demonstrate a higher number of drivers, topographical issues on the lot or other practical difficulties.
- [h. Adjacent parcels under single ownership shall be treated as one property to determine the number of allowed outdoor storage items based on the total size of the property.](#)

**SECTION 3. SUMMARY**

The following official summary of Ordinance #20-15 has been approved by the City Council of the City of Ramsey as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

Ordinance #20-15 amends Sections 117-111, 117-349, and 117-355 to create additional requirements for parking pads, driveways, and number of outdoor storage items in the City of Ramsey.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Ramsey, Minnesota the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2021.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Administrator

Introduction date:

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Effective date: