

**ORDINANCE #22-07**

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

**AN AMENDMENT TO SECTION 30 WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE NUISANCES SECTION OF THE CITY CODE OF RAMSEY, MINNESOTA.**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 30-3 (PROPERTY CONDITIONS CONSTITUTING A PUBLIC NUISANCE) 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. AMENDMENT TO CITY CODE SECTION 30-3**

The current City Code Section 30-3 is revised as follows (additions indicated by underline, deletions indicated by strikethrough):

Section 30-3. – Property Conditions Constituting a Public Nuisance

The following are declared to be nuisances affecting public peace, health, welfare, and/or safety of the community:

- (1) Exposed accumulation of decayed or unwholesome food or vegetable matter.
- (2) All diseased animals running at large.
- (3) Carcasses of animals not buried at least three feet deep or destroyed within 24 hours after death.
- (4) Accumulations of manure, refuse or other debris, except that any manure maintained in conformance with chapter 10 shall not be declared a public nuisance.
- (5) Privy vaults and garbage cans which are not rodent-free or flytight or which are so maintained as to constitute a health hazard or to emit foul and disagreeable odors.
- (6) The storage or accumulation of waste, refuse, or garbage that is not contained in a closed container designed or reasonably adapted for such purpose, except for 30 days preceding pick-up by a hauler. This includes any accumulation of appliances, plumbing fixtures, furniture, equipment, remnants of wood (decayed or weathered) unused construction materials, stockpiles of rocks or dirt, or any items that could not be put to use in the manner that they are intended.

- (7) The depositing of garbage or refuse on a public right-of-way or adjacent private property.
- (8) The placing or throwing on any street, sidewalk or other public property of any glass, tacks, nails, bottles or other substance which may injure any person or animal or damage any pneumatic tire when passing over such surface.
- (9) The pollution of any public well or cistern, stream or lake, canal or body of water by sewage, industrial waste, or other substances.
- (10) All grass, weeds, or noxious growths of vegetation upon public or private property exceeding eight inches in height, or whatever height specified in the appropriate zoning district, excluding acceptable prairie restoration plant materials.
  - a) Exemption- all ground cover vegetation located in the following areas are hereby exempt from height restrictions:
    1. Shore impact zones;
    2. Bluff impact zones;
    3. Areas within fifty feet (50') of a wetland or natural drainage way;
    4. Areas of native plant communities; and
    5. Significant vegetative stands identified under section 117-148, relating to Mississippi River Corridor Critical Area (MRCCA) Overlay District Development Standards.

Any vegetation management within the MRCCA overlay district shall comply with the requirements and standards of section 117-148(i) and with any vegetation clearing permits approved by the City of Ramsey.
- (11) Dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas and soot, or cinders in unreasonable quantities.
- (12) Snow, ice, or other precipitation not removed from sidewalks or the allowing of rain water, ice, or snow to fall from any building or structure upon any street or sidewalk or to flow across any sidewalk.
- (13) All wires and limbs of trees which are so close to the surface of a sidewalk or street as to constitute a danger to pedestrians or vehicles.
- (14) Obstructions and excavations affecting the ordinary use by the public of streets, alleys, sidewalks, or public grounds except under such conditions as are permitted by this Code or other applicable law.
- (15) Radio aerials or television antennas erected or maintained in a dangerous manner.
- (16) Any use of property abutting on a public street or sidewalk or any use of a public street or sidewalk which causes large crowds of people to gather, obstructing traffic and the free uses of the streets or sidewalks.
- (17) All hanging signs, awnings, and other similar structures over streets and sidewalks, or so situated so as to endanger public safety, or not constructed and maintained as provided by code.

- (18) Any barbed-wire fence less than six feet above the ground and within three feet of a public sidewalk or way unless a permit is granted by the city.
- (19) Wastewater cast or permitted to flow, upon streets or other public property.
- (20) Any well, hole or similar excavation which is left uncovered or in such other condition as to constitute a hazard to any child coming on the premises where it is located.
- (21) Obstruction to the free flow of water in a natural waterway or a public street drain, gutter, or ditch with trash or other materials.
- (22) The existence of any structure or part of any structure which, because of fire, wind, or other natural disaster or physical deterioration, is no longer habitable as a dwelling nor useful for any other purpose for which it may have been intended.
- (23) The existence of any vacant dwelling, garage or other outbuilding, unless such buildings are kept securely locked, windows kept glazed or neatly boarded up and otherwise protected to prevent entrance thereto by vandals.
- (24) All dangerous, unguarded machinery in any public place, or so situated or operated on private property as to attract the public.
- (25) The outdoor or outside storage of any abandoned or inoperable vehicles, as defined by this chapter.
- (26) The outdoor or outside storage of any part of a motor vehicle or piece of machinery that is deteriorating or unusable or intended to be used as salvageable parts.
- (27) Any violation of section 117-355, relating to off-street parking regulations.
- (28) Any violation of chapter 10, relating to the keeping of animals.
- (29) Any violation of chapter 34, article III, division 3, relating to clandestine drug labs.
- (30) Any other act or omission declared to be a public nuisance and for which no sentence is specifically provided.
- (31) The use or operation of a radio, musical instrument, amplified music or sound, or other machine or device used for production of reproduction or sound at a volume in the excess of that reasonably necessary for the convenient hearing of the person or in the room, vehicle, or chamber in which the same is being operated, as defined by this chapter. The operation between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m. of any radio, musical instrument, amplified music or sound, or other machine or device for the reproducing or producing of sound if the sound therefrom is audible from:
  - a. An apartment or hallway of a multifamily building adjacent to a unit where the device is operating.
  - b. The property line of the real property on which the device is being operated.
  - c. A distance of 50 feet from any motor vehicle in which the device is operating.
- (32) To operate or to cause to be operated, but not limited to, the use of any noise creating blower or power fan, internal combustion engine, air compressor or steam engine, automobile, motorcycle, snowmobile, motor boat, motor bike, scooter, recreational vehicle, all terrain vehicle, off-highway motorcycle, off-road vehicle, go-cart, or

remote controlled airplane, boat, or other vehicle powered by an engine or motor, the operation of which causes noise, unless the noise from the blower or fan is muffled and such engine or compressor is equipped with a muffler device sufficient to deaden and effectively prevent such noise so that the noise shall not annoy, disturb or affect the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

- a. *Sound levels.* No person shall operate or cause or permit to be operated any source of noise in such a manner as to create a noise level exceeding the limit set in Table 1.

TABLE 1

Land Use	7:00 A.M. — 10:00 P.M.		10:00 P.M. — 7:00 A.M.	
	L50	L10	L50	L10
Residential	60	65	50	55
Commercial	65	70	65	70
Industrial	75	80	75	80

- b. *Measurement procedure.* The following procedures must be used to obtain a representative sound level measurement by the use of a sound measuring device:
  1. A decibel meter will be used to obtain readings and be used as evidence.
  2. The operator of the device has sufficient training to properly operate the equipment and can testify as to the manner in which the device was set up and operated.
  3. The device is operated with minimal distortion or interference from outside sources; and has been certified as being accurate and reliable.
  4. Measurements must be made at least three feet off the ground or surface and away from natural or artificial structures which would prevent an accurate measurement.
  5. Measurements must be made using an A-weighting and fast response characteristics of the sound measuring device as specified in American National Standards Institute S1.4-1983.
  6. Measurements must not be made in sustained winds or in precipitation which results in a difference of less than ten decibels between the background noise level and the noise source being measured.
  7. Measurements must be made using a microphone which is protected from ambient conditions which would prevent an accurate measurement.
  8. Measurement must be made from the property of the person making the complaint, when applicable.

(33) Tracks and trails for riding motor vehicles are not allowed in a residential area unless said track or trail is:

- a. 1,000 feet from any residence except that of the owner; and

- b. At least 50 feet from property lines, public streets, utilities, or easements.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

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

**SECTION 5. SUMMARY**

The following official summary of Ordinance #22-07 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 #22-07 amends Chapter 30, Section 3 (Property Conditions Constituting a Public Nuisance) to revise the existing City of Ramsey Nuisances Code. The revised section exempts the MRCCA overlay district from height restrictions as they relate to ground cover vegetation.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Ramsey, Minnesota the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Introduction date:  
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Publication date:  
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