

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

RESOLUTION #26-021

**A RESOLUTION APPROVING A VARIANCE TO LOT WIDTH
IN OSHAUGHNESSY THIRD ADDITION**

RECITALS

1. The City of Ramsey received an application from Mr. Paul Throp of Houston Engineering, on behalf of his client, Mr. Tim O'Shaughnessy (the Applicant) requesting a Variance to the minimum lot width requirements in conjunction with a request to subdivide property (Major Plat) at 17201 St. Francis Boulevard NW into the plat of OSHAUGHNESSY THIRD ADDITION and legally described as follows:

Lot 4, Block 1, OSHAUGHNESSY THIRD ADDITION, Anoka County, Minnesota

(the "Subject Property")

2. That the Subject Property is guided as Rural Developing in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan.
3. That the Subject Property is zoned RR, Rural Residential District with the eastern portion within the Scenic River Protection Overlay District, as are adjacent parcels on the south and north.
4. That the Subject Property has a lot width of approximately 170.46 feet.
5. That City Code Section 106-953(b) specifies that minimum lot width for rural district lots in the Scenic River Protection Overlay is 300 feet.
6. That City Code Section 106-105 (Definitions) define Lot Width as means "the uniform width measured at the property line abutting the street at the minimum building setback line of the underlying zoning district. In the case of a lot abutting a cul-de-sac, the lot width is the width measured at right angles to the depth at the building setback requirement."
7. That the Applicant has requested to subdivide the property into four lots as OSHAUGHNESSY THIRD ADDITION.
8. That along the eastern portion of the property was previously an outlot in the plat of OSHAUGHNESSY SECOND ADDITION and that there is no additional land available to get additional width.
9. That the Environmental Policy Board (EPB) reviewed the variance request at its meeting on January 12, 2026, and recommended approval of it.

10. That the Applicant appeared before the Planning Commission for a public hearing pursuant to Section 106-220 (Variances) of the Ramsey City Code on January 22, 2026, and that said public hearing was properly advertised, including notice to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, and that the minutes of said public hearing are available.
11. That the City Council reviewed the EPB and Planning Commission’s recommendations at the regular meeting on February 10, 2026.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAMSEY, ANOKA COUNTY, STATE OF MINNESOTA, as follows: That the lot width of Lot 4, Block 1, OSHAUGHNESSY THIRD ADDITION, Anoka County, Minnesota, may be reduced to 170.46 feet in width and that this variance is based on a “practical difficulty” as it is remaining in character with the surrounding neighborhood. It is further conditioned that the house and any accessory buildings must be constructed outside of the area of the property that is within the Scenic River Protection Overlay District.

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 thereof:

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 10th day of February, 2026.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Clerk