



**CITY OF ORR
ORDINANCE 96-1**

**"Prevent, Reduce or Eliminate Blighting Factors within
the City of Orr and to Provide Penalties for the
Violation Thereof."**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ORR, MINNESOTA DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1. CAUSES OF BLIGHT OR BLIGHTING FACTORS

A. It is hereby determined that the uses, structures and activities and causes of blight or blight described herein, if allowed to exist, will tend to result in blighted and undesirable neighborhoods, so as to be harmful to the public welfare, health and safety. No person, firm or corporation of any kind shall maintain or permit to be maintained, any of these causes of blight or blight upon any property in the City of Orr owned, leased, rented or occupied by such person, firm or corporation.

1. In any area, the storage upon any property of junk automobiles. For the purpose of this ordinance, the term "junk automobiles" shall include any motor vehicle, part of a motor vehicle or former motor vehicle, stored in the open, which is not currently licensed for use upon the highways of the State of Minnesota, and is either (1) unusable or inoperable because of lack of, or defects in component parts; or (2) unusable or inoperable because of damage from collision, deterioration, alteration or other factors; or (3) beyond repair and, therefore not intended for use as a motor vehicle; or (4) being retained on the property for possible use of salvageable parts.

2. In any area, the storage or accumulation of junk, trash, rubbish or refuse of any kind, except refuse stored in such a manner as not to create a nuisance for a period not to exceed thirty (30) days. The term "junk" shall include parts of machinery or motor vehicles, unused stoves, or other appliances stored in the open, remnants of wood, decayed, weathered or broken construction materials no longer suitable for sale, approved building materials, metal or other material or cast off material of any kind, whether or not the same could be put to any reasonable use.

3. In any area 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 or useful for any other purpose for which it may have been intended.

4. In any area, the existence of any vacant dwelling, garage, or other out-building, unless such buildings are kept securely locked, windows kept glazed or neatly boarded up and otherwise protected to prevent entrance thereto by vandals.

5. In any area the existence of any noxious or poisonous vegetation, such as poison ivy, ragweed or other poisonous plants or any weeds or grass over 6 inches tall, brush or plants, which are a fire hazard or otherwise detrimental to the health or appearance of the neighborhood.

6. In any area, buildings, fences or other structures which have been so poorly maintained that their physical condition and appearance detract from the surrounding neighborhood are declared to be public nuisances because they (a) are unsightly, (b) decrease adjoining landowners and occupants' enjoyment of their property and neighborhood and (c) adversely affect property values and neighborhood patterns.

SECTION 2. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

1. The owner and occupant of any property upon which any of the causes of blight or blight set forth in this ordinance are found to exist, shall be notified in writing, by the City Clerk to remove or eliminate such blight or causes of blight from such property within ten (10) days after service of the notice upon him. Such notice shall be served personally or by mail, the same by registered mail, return receipt requested, to the last known address of the owner, and if the premises are occupied, to the premises. Additional time may be granted by the enforcement officer where bona fide efforts to remove or eliminate such causes of blight or blight in progress.

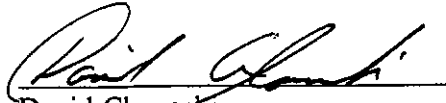
2. Failure to comply with such notice as prescribed in Section 2, paragraph #1 within the time allowed shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.

3. Violation of this ordinance shall be a misdemeanor.

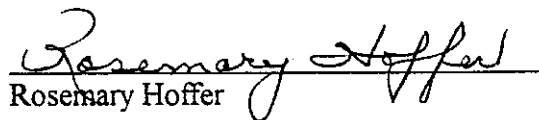
4. In the case of failure to remove any blight, or cause of blight as defined by this ordinance and within the time period prescribed, the council may order the removal of such blight or causes of blight. The council may order weeds to be cut by city personnel and to remove or otherwise destroy all noxious, inflammable, or detrimental vegetation and shall certify the costs thereof to the City Clerk. The City Clerk shall certify such cost to the County Auditor as a special assessment against the property involved for collections in the same manner as other special assessments. As an additional or alternative remedy, the owners of any interest in said land and the occupant shall be jointly and severally liable for such costs and the costs shall be recoverable in any action brought against any of them in the name of the City of Orr.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE

After adoption and attestation, this ordinance shall be published in the official newspaper of the City of Orr and shall be effective on and after thirty (30) days following such publication.


David Glowaski
Mayor

Attest:


Rosemary Hoffer
City Clerk - Treasurer

This ordinance passed by the Orr City Council on a motion by FRANCES NOVAIG
second by JAMES HOLMAN.

Voting Aye: TOOD GABRIELSON, MARIC MANICUS NOVAIG, HOLMAN

Voting Nay: — 0 —

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