

CITY OF EXCELSIOR  
Hennepin County, Minnesota

Summary of  
Ordinance No. 439

**An Ordinance Amending Section 62-6  
of the Excelsior City Zoning Code  
Pertaining to Designation of Historic Sites**

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**SECTION ONE:** That Article 62, Section 62-6, of the City of Excelsior, Minnesota, Zoning Code is hereby amended to read as follows:

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**SECTION TWO: Effective Date:** This ordinance shall be in effect 30 days after publication.

**SECTION THREE: Legal Description:** Attached hereto as Exhibit A is a copy of the legal description for the property located at 635 Glencoe Road, P.I.D. #34-117-23-24-0002.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Excelsior this 6<sup>th</sup> day of April 2009.

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ATTEST:

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**EXHIBIT A**

**LEGAL DESCRIPTION**

That part of Lot 216, Auditor's Subdivision No. 135,  
lying Westerly of the Easterly 290.6 feet thereof.