

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
HENNEPIN COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-12

**ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTERS 4, 7, 8, 10, AND 20
OF THE PLYMOUTH CITY CODE (2022004)**

THE CITY OF PLYMOUTH ORDAINS:

Section 1. [Amendment.](#) Section 410.15, Subd. 1 of the Plymouth City Code (RENTAL LICENSING—APPLICATION FOR LICENSES) is amended as follows:

Subd. 1. Name, business or residence address and telephone number of the owner of the dwelling. If the owner is a partnership, the name of the partnership, the name, residence address of the managing partner, and the full name and address of all partners. If the owner is a corporation, the name and address of the corporation, and the name and address of the chief operating officer. In cases where the owner of a dwelling resides outside the counties of Hennepin, Anoka, Washington, Ramsey, Dakota, Scott, Carver, Wright, Sherburne, Isanti, or Chisago; the owner's agent/contact person shall reside within one of the 11 counties listed herein.

Section 2. [Amendment.](#) Section 425.01, Subd. 6 of the Plymouth City Code (GRADING AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN—GRADING AND EROSION CONTROL PLAN) is amended as follows:

Subd. 6. All grading and construction activity that results in disturbance of the ground shall comply with Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's *General Permit to Discharge Stormwater Associated with Construction Activity No. MNR100001*, the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's *General Permit to Discharge Stormwater Associated with Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems No. MNR040000*, and the Minnesota Stormwater Manual.

Section 3. Amendment. Section 725.165 of the Plymouth City Code (STORM DRAINAGE SYSTEMS—SALT STORAGE) is added as follows:

725.165. Salt Storage. Proper salt storage practices are required at commercial, institutional, and industrial facilities in accordance with the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency's *General Permit to Discharge Stormwater Associated with Small Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems No. MNR040000*. The following requirements apply to all designated salt storage areas at commercial, institutional, and industrial facilities:

- A. Salt storage areas must be fully covered or indoors.
- B. Salt storage area must be located on an impervious surface.
- C. Practices such as sweeping, diversions, and/or containment must be implemented to reduce exposure when transferring material in designated salt storage areas.

Section 4. Amendment. Section 800.02, Subd. 17. C. 3. b. of the Plymouth City Code (CONSTRUCTION IN STREETS, ALLEYS AND PUBLIC GROUNDS—PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY REGULATIONS) is amended as follows:

- b. Notice of said hearing shall be published once in the official newspaper at least 10 calendar days prior to the hearing, and shall be mailed to all landowners of property directly abutting the area to be vacated and to all utility companies serving the area.

Section 5. Amendment. Section 807.03 of the Plymouth City Code (Vegetation Management—Vegetation Length) is amended as follows:

807.03. Vegetation Length. Except where native landscapes are allowed under in Section 811 of this Chapter and except on property zoned FRD (future restricted development), the length of turf grass and/or rank vegetation may not exceed eight inches.

Section 6. Amendment. Section 811 of the Plymouth City Code (Natural Preserves) is amended as follows:

Section 811 - Native Landscapes

811.01. Purpose and Intent. Native landscapes can add to the richness and quality of life in the community. They can reduce the need for lawn irrigation and chemical treatments, provide habitat for diverse plant and animal species, and provide food for residents. The purpose and intent of this Section is to recognize and encourage variety in landscapes, which includes but is not limited to, preservation or re-creation of natural areas and provision of diversity in plantings.

811.02. Definition of Native Landscapes. Public or privately-owned areas set aside to preserve, enhance, or re-create natural characteristics and areas planted with native- or food-producing species.

811.03. Rules:

Subd. 1. Native landscapes shall not exceed 50 percent of the vegetated yard areas of private properties.

Subd. 2. A minimum of 8 feet of maintained area (i.e., sod or mulch) is required between native landscapes on private properties and any roadway, sidewalk, trail, or lot line.

Subd. 3. Compliance shall be met with Section 807 (vegetation management) of this code.

811.04. Duration. If the City determines that a property owner is not meeting the requirements outlined in this Section, at the owner's expense, the native landscape shall be removed and the subject area(s) shall be sodded or seeded with typical perennial lawn grass (such as Kentucky bluegrass) that is mowed in compliance with Section 807.03 of this Chapter.

Section 7. Amendment. Section 1015.31, Subd. 2. (h) of the Plymouth City Code (PERMIT PROCEDURES AND FEES—ZONING AND SUBDIVISION FEES: SPECIAL PROVISIONS) is deleted as follows, and subsequent items shall be re-lettered accordingly:

Section 8. Amendment. Section 2025.05, Subd. 5. D. of the Plymouth City Code (NOISE—HOURLY RESTRICTION ON CERTAIN OPERATIONS) is amended as follows:

D. Routine testing and maintenance of emergency back-up generators shall comply with Section 2025.05, Subd. 2. Emergency back-up generators operated during power outages are exempt from Section 2025.05, Subd. 2.

Section 9. Amendment. Section 2025.09 of the Plymouth City Code (NOISE—AIR CIRCULATION DEVICES) is amended as follows:

2025.09. Air Circulation Devices and Generators. No person shall permanently install or place any air circulation device or generator in any outdoor location unless the device in that location will comply with the noise level standards prescribed in Section 2025.07. Air conditioning units and residential emergency back-up generators are exempt from this provision.

Section 10. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage.

ADOPTED by the City Council on this 16th day of August, 2022.

Jeffry Wosje, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodi M. Gallup, City Clerk