

**CITY OF LAKE ELMO
COUNTY OF WASHINGTON
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 08-097

**AN INTERIM ORDINANCE DECLARING A MORATORIUM FOR A PERIOD OF NINE MONTHS ON
THE APPROVAL OF ANY DEVELOPMENT PROJECT OR SUBDIVISION OF LAND
ON PROPERTY GUIDED FOR RAD-ALT DEVELOPMENT IN THE COMPREHENSIVE PLAN**

WHEREAS, the City of Lake Elmo has received a preliminary 2040 regional forecast from the Metropolitan Council that would reduce the number of households and total community population by a substantial margin from the 2030 forecast; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Elmo City Council has developed a response to this forecast that reduces the overall household and population forecasts for the community, which will include reductions in the City rural development areas; and

WHEREAS, the City's portion of the regional forecast will not be finalized until the spring of 2014; and

WHEREAS, the Lake Elmo Planning Commission is studying the City's rural development areas, and in particular, is currently reviewing future development options for these areas;

WHEREAS, the City's RAD-ALT land use category was created in order to help the City achieve its 2030 growth forecast;

WHEREAS, the City is reviewing alternate strategies for growth and development within the rural development areas that will help the City achieve its household and population forecast while also observing the goals and objectives of the Comprehensive Plan, and in particular, the City's efforts to preserve its rural character; and

WHEREAS, while the Planning Commission is reviewing the land use plan for rural development areas in advance of the 2040 forecast being finalized by the Metropolitan Council, the City Council believes it is reasonable and appropriate and in the best interests of the City of Lake Elmo, for purposes of protecting the planning process and the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Lake Elmo, to limit the establishment of any new development within the RAD-ALT land use category; and

WHEREAS, Minnesota Statutes Sec. 462.355, Subd. 4 provides for the adoption of an Interim Zoning Ordinance during a planning process as heretofore and herein described.

NOW, THEREFORE, based on the foregoing, the City Council of the City of Elmo City does ordain:

SECTION 1. RAD-ALT Land Use. That for a period of nine (9) months from the date hereof, there is hereby declared a moratorium on the consideration and/or approval of any

subdivision or development project within land that is guided for Rural Area Development - Alternative Density (RAD-ALT) as defined and identified in the Lake Elmo Comprehensive Plan, Chapter III - Land Use Plan.

SECTION 2. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its legal passage and publication.

SECTION 3. Adoption Date. This Ordinance 08-097 was adopted on this 3rd day of December 2013, by a vote of ___ Ayes and ___ Nays.

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

Mike Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Adam Bell, City Clerk

This Ordinance 08-097 was published on the ___ day of _____, 2013.