

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

ORDINANCE NO. 08-____

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE LAKE ELMO CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES BY
EXEMPTING SUBDIVISION OF PROPERTY RESULTING FROM ACQUISITION BY
GOVERNMENTAL AGENCIES FOR PUBLIC IMPROVEMENTS OR USES FROM THE
PLATTING PROCESS.**

SECTION 1. The City Council of the City of Lake Elmo hereby amends Chapter 153: Subdivision Regulations, Section 153.09: Exceptions to Platting, by inserting the following:

(A) *Minor subdivision.* A minor subdivision is a division of land which results in no more than 4 parcels wherein each resultant parcel complies with the city's minimum lot dimension and public road frontage requirements for the zoning district in which the land is located.

(B) *Lot line adjustment.* A lot line adjustment is a division of land which results in no more than 4 parcels wherein each resultant parcel does not comply with the city's minimum lot dimension and/or public road frontage requirements for the zoning district in which the land is located. The City Council hereby waives compliance with the city's platting regulations for lot line adjustments which satisfy 1 of the following conditions:

(1) Each resultant parcel, when combined with an abutting parcel through a Tax Parcel Consolidation Procedure approved by Washington County, equals or exceeds the minimum lot dimension requirements and public road frontage requirements for the zoning district in which the property is located;

(2) In those cases where the City Administrator determines that it is not reasonably possible for each resultant parcel to comply with the provisions of division (B)(1) above, each resultant parcel, when combined with an abutting parcel through a Tax Parcel Consolidation Procedure approved by Washington County, is less non-conforming after the lot consolidation than it was before the lot consolidation; or

(3) In those cases where, in regard to property which is zoned agricultural or rural residential, the City Administrator determines that each resultant parcel will equal or exceed minimum lot dimensions for the zoning district in which the property is located, but that 1 of the resultant parcels cannot satisfy the minimum public road frontage requirements for the zoning district in which the property is located, access to the noncomplying parcel is protected by a restrictive covenant approved by the City Attorney which includes the city as a beneficiary.

(C) *Subdivision of Property for Public Purpose.* The subdivision of property resulting from acquisition by governmental agencies for public improvements or uses.

(D) *Application for minor subdivision/lot line adjustment.* An application for a minor subdivision or a lot line adjustment shall be submitted on forms provided by the City

Administrator. The applicant will be responsible for all expenses incurred in obtaining the required information, which includes the following:

(1) Name, address, and telephone number of the property owner/applicant and evidence of title;

(2) A legal description of the parcel which is being subdivided and legal descriptions for each of the resulting parcels; and, in regard to lot line adjustments, legal descriptions for the consolidated parcels;

(3) A written description stating the reason for the request; and

(4) A land survey prepared by and signed by a registered land surveyor describing the minor subdivision and/or lot line adjustment and showing all buildings, driveways, easements, setbacks, and other pertinent information including the legal descriptions herein required.

(E) *Review of minor subdivision.*

(1) A completed application shall be submitted to the Planning Commission for its review and recommendation to the City Council.

(2) The City Council may attach reasonable conditions to its approval and shall require the conveyance of necessary street, utility, and drainage easements on forms approved by the City Attorney; and shall require the payment of a public use dedication fee.

(F) *Review of lot line adjustment.* A completed application shall be reviewed administratively by the City Administrator who shall make a written finding in regard to the provisions of division (B) above. The City Administrator's approval shall be conditioned upon tax parcel consolidation. Prior to the issuance of any development permits, and no later than 60 days after administrative review and approval, the applicant shall provide the City Administrator with the verifications listed below. Failure to provide the required verifications shall invalidate the City Administrator's approval:

(1) Recorded documents or recorded document numbers for the deeds of conveyance which effectuate the lot line adjustment; and/or

(2) Proof that the Washington County Assessor has approved a Tax Parcel Consolidation and has assigned a new tax parcel number for the consolidated parcel or parcels.

(G) *Review of Subdivision of Property for Public Purpose.* A completed application, accompanied by a fully executed deed that designates a governmental agency as a grantee, shall be reviewed administratively by the City Administrator who shall make a written finding in regard to the provisions of paragraph (C) above and if the conveyance falls within the definition of paragraph (C), the City Administrator shall approve the subdivision. The City Administrator's approval shall be conditioned upon receipt of a copy of the recorded deed. Failure to provide a copy of the recorded deed shall invalidate the City Administrator's approval.

SECTION 2. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective immediately upon adoption and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Lake Elmo.

SECTION 3. Adoption Date. This Ordinance 08-____ was adopted on this ____ day of _____, 2016, by a vote of ____ Ayes and ____ Nays.

LAKE ELMO CITY COUNCIL

Mike Pearson, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Johnson, City Clerk

This Ordinance 08-____ was published on the ____ day of _____, 2016.