

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

ORDINANCE 8090

**An Ordinance Adding Section 301.070 D.8. e. Minimum Architectural
Standards and Section 301.070 D.8.f. Landscaping to the
1979 Lake Elmo Municipal Code**

Section 1. Amendment:: Section 301.070 D.8.e. Minimum Architectural Standards, and Section 301.070 D.8.f. Landscaping shall read as follows:

301.070 D.8.e. Minimum Architectural Standards. It is in the best interest of the City to promote high standards of architectural design. New building proposals shall include architectural and site plans prepared by a registered architect and shall show the following as a minimum:

- i. elevations of all side of the buildings;
- ii type and color of exterior building materials;
- iii typical general floor plans
- iv. dimensions of all structures;
- v. location of trash containers, heating, cooling and ventilation equipment and systems; and
- vi. description of unique architectural features specific to the particular request.

The exterior surfaces of all buildings shall be faced with brick, stone, glass or equivalent. The City may allow architecturally enhanced and integrally colored block, in all cases examples of the proposed finish are to be submitted for review by the Planning Commission. No building shall be constructed with a main exterior surface of sheet aluminum, steel corrugated aluminum, or similar products; these materials are acceptable only as trim. Non-structural metal standing seam roofing is permitted. No accessory building shall exceed the height of a principal building. All exterior equipment and trash and recycling storage areas and dock areas shall be screened with materials used in the principal structure. Low profile, self-contained HVAC units which blend in with the building architecture are exempt from the screening equipment. Underground utilities shall be provided for all structures.

Section 301.070 D.8.f. Landscaping: All yard area shall either be landscaped green areas or open and left in a natural state. Yards to be landscaped shall be landscaped attractively with lawn, trees and shrubs, in accordance with a plan prepared by a landscape architect. Areas left in a natural state shall be kept free of litter, debris and noxious weeds. Yards adjoining any residential zone shall contain a buffer area consisting of berming, landscaping and/or fencing for the purpose of screening noise, sight, sound and glare. A reasonable attempt shall be made to preserve as many existing trees as is practical and to incorporate them into the Site Plan. Where areas abut residential districts, a buffer area of a minimum depth of 75 feet will be required. The buffer area shall be completely defined and designed, and approved by the City prior to all final City inspections for construction on-site. Prior to the issuance of a building permit or commencement of any improvements on site, the Owner shall provide the City with a financial security for a minimum of 24 months, approved by the City Attorney, to assure construction of the buffer area.

Section 2. Effective Date: This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage, publication according to law, and upon approval by the Commissioner of Natural Resources.



Wyn John, Mayor

Attest:



Mary Kueffner, City Administrator

Adopted by the Lake Elmo City Council the 25th day of January, 1994.

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