

Proposed ordinance

Ordinance No. ____-23

Ordinance regarding amendment to the floodplain district

The City of St. Louis Park does ordain:

Whereas, the city, began participating in the FEMA National Flood Insurance Program Community Rating System (CRS) on May 1, 2019, and

Whereas, the city desires to continue participating in the CRS program because it results in lower flood insurance premiums for St. Louis Park property owners, and

Whereas, continued participation in the CRS program requires clarification to the city's floodplain ordinance.

Whereas, the planning commission conducted a public hearing on this ordinance on July 5, 2023 and recommended the city council adopt this ordinance, and

Whereas, the City Council has considered the advice and recommendation of the planning commission (case no. 23-07-ZA), and

Now, therefore be it resolved that the following amendments shall be made to Chapter 36 of the City Code pertaining to zoning:

Section 1. Floodway district – service utilities. Chapter 36-296(d)(4) of the St. Louis Park City Code is hereby amended to add the following underlined text and delete the following struck-out text:

- d. Service utilities, such as electrical and mechanical ~~heating~~ equipment and ductwork, within these structures must be elevated to or above the regulatory flood protection elevation ~~or properly floodproofed~~;

Section 2. Flood fringe district. Chapter 36-297(b) of the St. Louis Park City Code is hereby amended to delete the struck-out language and to add the following underlined text:

- (6) All service utilities, including electrical and mechanical equipment and ductwork, must be elevated to or above the regulatory flood protection elevation ~~or water-tight to prevent infiltration of floodwaters~~.

Section 3. This ordinance shall take effect 15 days after publication.

First reading	July 17, 2023
Second reading	August 7, 2023
Date of publication	August 17, 2023
Date ordinance takes effect	September 1, 2023

Reviewed for administration:

Adopted by the City Council _____, 2023

Kim Keller, city manager

Jake Spano, mayor

Attest:

Approved as to form and execution:

Melissa Kennedy, city clerk

Soren Mattick, city attorney