

## LEGAL NOTICE

An ordinance providing for fire protection and fire prevention at village of Brownsdale, State of Minnesota.

Be it ordained by the council of the village of Brownsdale as follows:

SECTION 1. Fire limits. The following shall be and is hereby declared to be the fire limits area: All are within the village limits of Brownsdale, MN.

SECTION 2. Permits. No wall, structure, building or part thereof shall hereafter be built, enlarged, or altered until a plan of the proposed work shall have been submitted to the Chief of the Fire Department who shall if in accordance with the provisions herein contained issue a permit for the proposed construction. Structures hereafter created without a permit, or not in conformity with this ordinance shall be removed.

SECTION 3. Limitations within fire limits. No building or structure of frame wall, or of unprotected metal wall construction which has a wooden cornice shall hereafter be erected in the fire limits except the following: Buildings of frame construction occupied exclusively as a private garage or stable, not more than one story in height nor more than three hundred square feet in area, located on the same lot with a dwelling, frame dwelling, not exceeding two stories in height and separated by at least five feet from lot line of adjoining property. Buildings of ordinary (wood joist and masonry wall) construction shall not exceed fifty feet in height and 7500 square feet in area.

SECTION 4. Walls. The thickness of masonry bearing walls shall not be less than twelve inches except that reinforced concrete walls may have a minimum thickness of 8 inches. Parapets shall be provided on all fire walls, party walls and exterior walls of masonry or reinforced concrete. Such parapets shall not be less than twelve inches thick for masonry and 8 inches or reinforced concrete construction and carried not less than eighteen inches above the roof.

SECTION 5. Roof covering. Every roof hereafter placed on a building shall be covered with a roofing of brick, concrete, tile, slate, metal, asbestos, or built up roofing finished with asphalt, slag or gravel.

SECTION 6. Chimneys. All chimneys shall be built of masonry not less than four inches thick. Every such chimney shall be lined with a flue lining and shall be built upon a solid masonry foundation.

SECTION 7. Removal or repair of unsafe buildings. A building or structure or part thereof declared structurally unsafe or hazardous by duly constituted authority may be restored to safe condition provided that if the damage or

cost of restoration and reconstruction is in excess of fifty percent of the value of the building or structure such building or structure if re-constructed or restored shall be made to conform to the requirements for buildings and structures contained in this ordinance.

SECTION 8. Inspections. (a) It shall be the duty of the Chief of the Fire Department to inspect or cause to be inspected by fire department members, not less than four times a year, all buildings and premises except the interiors of private dwellings for the purpose of ascertaining and causing to be corrected any conditions liable to cause fire. (b) Whenever the inspector shall find in any building or upon any premises or other place combustible or explosive matter or dangerous accumulation of rubbish or any highly flammable materials, and so situated as to endanger property he shall order the same to be removed or remedied.

SECTION 9. Electrical installations. All electrical wiring, apparatus, or appliances for furnishing light, heat or power shall be in the strict conformity with the statutes of the State of Minnesota and with approved methods of construction for safety to life and property. The regulations in the National Electrical Code shall be prima facie evidence of such approved methods.

SECTION 10. Penalties for violation. A person who shall violate a provision of this ordinance or fail to comply therewith, shall severally for each and every such violation and noncompliance, forfeit and pay a penalty not to exceed the sum of twenty-five dollars. Such violation shall be remedied within a reasonable time and each ten days that such violation is permitted to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 11. Validity. If any section or part of section or paragraph of this ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional, it shall not be held to invalidate or impair the validity force or effect of any other section or sections or part of a section or paragraph of this ordinance.

SECTION 12. Conflicting ordinances repealed. All ordinances and parts of ordinances inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 13. Date of effect. This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and legal publication.

Passed by a vote of the yeas and nays of the village council of Brownsdale this 1st day of November, 1948. Yeas 5 Nays 0

Approved:  
A. Viotor  
Mayor

Attest:  
R.W. Peet  
Village Clerk

November 9, 1948