

SUMMARY ORDINANCE NO. 23-020

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 OF THE CITY CODE RELATING TO ADMINISTRATION

The Common Council of the City of Marshall does ordain as follows:

Section 1: City Code of Ordinances

The City Council seeks to offer an alternative method of enforcement for city code violations rather than relying on the criminal court system. The formal criminal prosecution process does not provide an environment to adequately address the unique and sensitive issues that are involved in City Code violations, including, but not limited to, neighborhood concerns, livability issues, economic impact, physical limitations of the offenders and the stigma and unintended consequences of being charged with or convicted of a misdemeanor offense. In addition, the court system is a slow, overburdened, and methodical process that is not conducive to dealing with the violations in a prompt and timely manner. Finally, the penalties afforded the criminal court system are restricted to fines or physical confinement, which are not always effective solutions to address Code violations. In order to provide more flexibility in addressing Code violations on an individualized basis that will be more efficient and effective, the City Council finds that an alternative enforcement process is necessary. Therefore, to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the city, it is the City Council's intent to create a process for the use and imposition of administrative civil penalties that will provide the public and the city with a more effective alternative method for addressing city code violations.

Section 2: It is hereby determined that publication of this Title and Summary Ordinance will clearly inform the public of the intent and effect of Ordinance No. 23-020.

It is hereby directed that only the above Title and Summary of Ordinance No. 23-020 be published conforming to Minnesota Statutes §331A.01 with the following:

NOTICE

Persons interested in reviewing a complete copy of the Ordinance may do so at the office of the City Clerk, City Offices, 344 West Main Street, Marshall, Minnesota 56258.

Section 3: This Ordinance shall take effect after its passage and summary publication.

Passed and adopted by the Common Council this 8th day of August 2023.

THE COMMON COUNCIL
Robert Byrnes
Mayor of the City of Marshall, MN

ATTEST:
Steven Anderson
City Clerk