



Executive Summary

City Council Workshop

AGENDA ITEM: Bulk Waste Storage
PREPARED BY: Kevin Larson, Assistant City Administrator
RECOMMENDED ACTION: Discussion

Policy Statement

The City of Maple Plain is committed to protecting public health, safety, and welfare by ensuring the proper placement, use, and regulation of temporary dumpsters. This amendment to Chapter 5 of the City Code establishes clear standards for dumpsters located on both public and residential property, with the goal of minimizing nuisances, traffic hazards, and negative impacts on neighborhoods.

Reason for the Change

The current City Code does not provide adequate regulation regarding the placement, duration, or conditions of temporary dumpsters. As a result, dumpsters have at times been left in public rights-of-way or on residential property without clear time limits or safety requirements. This can create issues such as blocked sidewalks, unsafe traffic conditions, public scavenging, and prolonged storage of waste that negatively affects community appearance and livability.

The proposed ordinance introduces:

- Defined terms for construction refuse, garbage, rubbish, and dumpsters.
- Application and approval processes for dumpsters placed on public property.
- Time limits and permit requirements for dumpsters on residential property.
- Seasonal restrictions to avoid winter hazards.
- Nuisance enforcement provisions to address violations swiftly and effectively.

Recommendation

City staff recommends that the City Council move forward with the proposed amendment to Chapter 5 of the Maple Plain City Code. Adoption will:

- Provide clear rules and expectations for residents, contractors, and businesses.
- Reduce health and safety risks associated with improper dumpster placement.
- Ensure consistency in enforcement and maintain community standards.
- Establish a fair permitting process with fees aligned to the City's adopted fee schedule.