

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 300.10(4) OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER RELATING TO FORFEITURES FOR PUBLIC NUISANCES

WHEREAS, Chapter 300 of the Richland Center Municipal Code regulates public nuisances and provides for enforcement of such provisions; and

WHEREAS, §300.10(4) currently references forfeitures without specifying the minimum and maximum amounts, which may cause uncertainty in enforcement and does not fully align with Wisconsin statutory requirements; and

WHEREAS, Wis. Stat. §66.0113 and related provisions require municipal forfeiture amounts to be specified by ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Common Council finds it necessary to amend §300.10(4) to set clear minimum and maximum forfeiture amounts, while preserving the City's ability to recover costs and charges associated with nuisance abatement;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Richland Center, Richland County, Wisconsin as follows:

SECTION 1.

Section 300.10(4) of the Richland Center Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

(4) FORFEITURE. Any person who violates any provision of this Chapter or Chapter 823, Wis Stats., shall upon conviction, forfeit not less than \$100.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each separate offense, in addition to all applicable court costs, surcharges, and assessments as provided by law. Each day a violation continues to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 2.

This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as provided by law.

ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Richland Center on this 2nd day of September, 2025 by the following votes: AYES _____, NOS _____.

Todd Coppernoll, Mayor

Attest:

Amanda Keller, Clerk