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To: Gregory E. Buckley, City Manager
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Ref: Sex Offender Ordinance Amendments

Two Rivers Municipal Ordinance 9-9: **Sexual Offender Residency Restrictions** was adopted on December 7th, 2015. This ordinance was modified on August 16, 2021, creating and expanding various provisions. Recent events identified that 9-9-3 A. related to “Domicile Restrictions” could be interpreted and therefore applied in a manner inconsistent with the original intent of that provision.

The following items are suggested to be included in an ordinance amendment:

- 9-9-2 – Definitions, Section D. “**Permanent Residence**” - Amend the definition to read: “The place where a person sleeps, abides, lodges or resides for 14 or more consecutive days and which qualifies as a residence under the laws of the State of Wisconsin, and the ordinances of the City of Two Rivers.”
- 9-9-3 – Domicile Restrictions, Section A. – Amend to read: “Residency prohibited. No offender shall be permitted to reside in the City, and no supervised release of such offender shall be established in the City, unless the offender was domiciled as a permanent residence as defined above in the City at the time of an offense resulting in such conviction or the person previously resided in the City for a continuous period of at least five (5) years and that such residency has not lapsed for 10 or more years.”

The proposed amendments address the potential circumstance of a person simply visiting or passing through the City, committing a sex offense and subsequently having the ability, as a convicted sex offender, to establish residency in the City of Two Rivers. The aforementioned recommendations have been added to a draft revised ordinance for presentation to the City Council.



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