

ORDINANCE NO. 21A

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING NUISANCES WITHIN THE CITY OF
PRINSBURG, MINNESOTA, DEFINING SUCH NUISANCES, AND PROVIDING
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATIONS.

The City of Prinsburg does hereby ordain:

SECTION 1. No person, firm, association or corporation shall cause or permit any nuisance, as hereinafter defined, to be maintained or permitted upon residential property owned or under their control within the City limits of Prinsburg, Minnesota.

SECTION 2. Nuisance is hereby defined as the following:

- A. Accumulation and or storage of cans, bottles, trash, garbage, yard waste, furniture not specifically designed for outside usage, tires, unused building material, or any other debris. Yard maintenance equipment/tools, lawn mowers, snowblowers, all-terrain vehicles, three wheelers, side by sides, snowmobiles and golf carts being stored on a residential lot, in view from the street and not being used within a 24-hour period, are considered a nuisance.
- B. Firewood. Due to the threat of arboreal diseases, firewood is not to be transported into the City of Prinsburg unless it has been inspected by an authorized MN DNR firewood inspector prior to entry into the city. All firewood must be stacked in an orderly manner, out of view from the street and must not detract from the surrounding neighborhood, or inside an enclosure.
- C. Weeds and overgrown grasses on residential properties. All weeds, whether noxious as defined by law or not, are considered a nuisance. Grasses growing upon any residential property, outside the traveled portion of any street in the City of Prinsburg growing to a height of greater than seven inches, is prohibited. Exceptions to the ordinance are landscaping grasses and new seedings of lawn type of grasses.
- D. Vehicles. Maintaining or parking vehicles on private properties or City streets, within the City of Prinsburg, that lack wheels/tires, are inoperable, wholly or partially dismantled, or lacking a State registration permitting current operation within the State of Minnesota.
- E. Structures/Fences. Residences, fences and other structures that have been abandoned or so poorly maintained that their physical condition and appearance detract from the surrounding neighborhood.
- F. Property owners/residents within the City of Prinsburg shall not have parties or gatherings that emit excessively loud music or noises which would tend to alarm, disrupt or interfere with other property owners' enjoyment of life within the community.
- G. All other acts, omission of acts, occupations and uses or property which are injurious to health, indecent or offensive to the sense or an obstruction to the free

use of property, so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life or property.

SECTION 3. Specific Nuisance Remedies:

- A. Section 2 (A) and (B): The City Council shall give written notification to the owner/resident to abate the nuisance. The notice will include a copy of the specific nuisance ordinance being violated. A ten-business day abatement timeline will be specified within the notice. In the event the owner/resident fails to abate the nuisance(s), the City will review all remedy options available, including abatement pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 463.15 – 463.261 and § 617.80 – 617.97.
- B. Section 2 (C): The City Council shall give written notification to the owner/resident to abate the nuisance. The notice will include a copy of the specific nuisance ordinance being violated and pictures of the nuisance. A five-business day abatement timeline will be specified within the notice. In the event the owner/resident fails to abate the nuisance(s), the City will review all remedy options available, including performance of the work and the cost thereof made a special assessment against the property concerned or abatement pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 463.15 – 463.261 and § 617.80 – 617.97.
- C. Section 2 (D), (E), (F), (G): Are to be remedied as directed by the City Council, including appropriate reasonable abatement pursuant to Minnesota Statute § 463.15 – 463.261 and § 617.80 – 617.97.

Owners/occupants can request an extension to mitigate any nuisance by contacting the City of Prinsburg, in writing, outlining the reason for abatement delays and a time frame needed to abate the violation. The City Council will determine if an extension is appropriate.

SECTION 4. Failure to comply with nuisance abatement notifications:

Failure to comply with abatement requirements is considered a Misdemeanor offense. Any person convicted of violating any provision of this ordinance may be punished by a fine not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) or imprisonment for not more than ninety (90) days, or both, plus the costs of prosecution in either case. Each day a nuisance remains shall constitute a new misdemeanor violation. If the same individual/property is cited three (3) times for the same nuisance without abatement, the individual/property may be referred to the prosecuting attorney for prosecution.

SECTION 5. Repeal.

This ordinance repeals Ordinance No. 21 titled “An Ordinance Regulating Public Nuisances Within the City of Prinsburg, Minnesota” controlling nuisances within the area and dated December 10, 2024.

SECTION 6. Effective date.

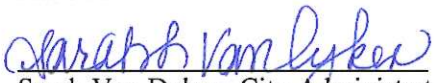
This ordinance becomes effective on the date of its publication, or upon the publication of a summary of the ordinance as provided by Minn. Stat., § 412.191, subd. 4, as it may be amended from time to time, which meets the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 331A.01, subd. 10, as it may be amended from time to time.

Passed by the City Council of Prinsburg, Minnesota this 14th day July, 2026.



Mitch Swart, Mayor

Attested:



Sarah Van Dyken, City Administrator