

**Chapter 1**  
**GENERAL REGULATIONS**

**SECTION:**

XX-1-1: Administration

XX-1-2: Rules

XX-1-3: More Restrictive Provisions

XX-1-4: Separability

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XX-1-6: Effective Date

**XX-1-1: ADMINISTRATION:** This ordinance shall be administered and enforced by the building official appointed by the town board. (Ord. 920, 18 Apr 22)

**XX-1-2: RULES:** The language set forth in the text of this ordinance shall be interpreted in accordance with the following rules of construction:

- A. The singular number includes the plural, and the plural the singular.
- B. The present tense includes the past and the future tenses, and the future the present.
- C. The word "shall" is mandatory while the word "may" is permissive.
- D. The masculine gender includes the feminine and neutral.
- E. All measured distances expressed in feet shall be to the nearest tenth of a foot.
- F. For terminology not defined in this ordinance, the Minnesota state building code, or the Webster's dictionary shall be used to define such terms. (Ord. 920, 18 Apr 22)

**XX-1-3: MORE RESTRICTIVE PROVISIONS:** Where the standards imposed by any provisions of this ordinance are either more restrictive or less restrictive than comparable conditions imposed by any other law, ordinance, code, statute, rule, resolution, or regulation, the regulations that are more restrictive or impose higher standards or requirements shall prevail. (Ord. 920, 18 Apr 22)

**XX-1-4: SEPARABILITY:** It is hereby declared to be the intention of the town that the several provisions of this ordinance are separable in accordance with the following:

- A. If any court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge any provision of this ordinance to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect any other provisions of this ordinance not specifically included in said judgment.
- B. If any court of competent jurisdiction shall adjudge invalid the application of any provision

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of this ordinance to a particular property, building, or other structure, such judgment shall not affect the application of said provision to any other property, building, or structure not specifically included in said judgment. (Ord. 920, 18 Apr 22)

**XX-1-5: VIOLATION:** A violation of this chapter shall be a misdemeanor. (Ord. 920, 18 Apr 22)

**XX-1-6 EFFECTIVE DATE:** This ordinance shall become effective as of June 20, 2022 in accordance with ordinance 920 adopted the town board of Baldwin Township on April 18, 2022.