

**CITY OF MEDICINE LAKE
ORDINANCE NO. 122**

**AN ORDINANCE LIMITING THE TIME ALLOWED TO COMPLETE EXTERIOR
WORK AFTER THE ISSUANCE OF A BUILDING PERMIT**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF MEDICINE LAKE ORDAINS:

PREAMBLE

The City Council finds that the lack of a time limit for completion of exterior work after issuance of a building permit allows the permit holder to leave work unfinished indefinitely, creating building sites that are potentially hazardous and aesthetically objectionable, endangering the health and safety of citizens and visitors to Medicine Lake and impairing the property values of other residents of Medicine Lake. To prevent such circumstances and to provide the City Council with an effective means of compelling the completion of exterior work after the issuance of a building permit, the City Council finds it necessary and appropriate to limit the time period for completion of work after issuance of a building permit.

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS. Except as may otherwise be provided or clearly implied by context, all terms shall be given their commonly accepted definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning.

CITY. Means the municipality of Medicine Lake.

CITY BUILDING OFFICIAL. Means the person designated by the City to accept applications for a Permit and to issue a Permit.

CODE. Means the Minnesota State Building Code as defined in Minn. Stat. 326B.103.

PERMIT. Means a building permit issued by the City Building Official to perform or have performed work in the City that is subject to the provisions of the Code.

SECTION 2. PERMIT TIME LIMIT. A Permit to perform exterior work that is subject to the provisions of the Code shall terminate on the date that is 9 months after the date the Permit is issued.

SECTION 3. PENALTY FOR FAILURE TO COMPLETE WORK. A Permit holder who fails to complete the work or have the work completed before the Permit terminates is in violation of this ordinance.

SECTION 4. PENALTY FOR VIOLATION. Any individual found in violation of any provision of this ordinance shall be a guilty of a misdemeanor.

SECTION 5. SEVERABILITY. If any provision of this ordinance is found to be invalid for any reason by a court of competent jurisdiction, the validity of the remaining provisions shall not be affected.

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 Minnesota Statute, Section 412.191, Subdivision 4, as it may be amended from time to time, which meets the requirements of Minnesota Statute Section 331A.01, Subdivision 10, as it may be amended from time to time.

Adopted by the City Council of Medicine Lake this 1st day of July, 2019.

Scott Marks, Mayor

ATTEST: Nancy Pauly, City Clerk