

ORDINANCE 217

AMENDMENT TO NUISANCE ORDINANCE 185, ADDING SECTIONS FOR PUBLIC NUISANCE PARKING AND STORAGE AND FOR BUILDING MAINTENANCE AND APPEARANCE

The City of Bird Island Nuisance Ordinance 185, is amended by the addition of Section 4A and Section 4B as follows:

Section 4A. Public Nuisance Parking and Storage. The outside parking and storage on residential use property of large numbers of vehicles, materials, supplies or equipment not customarily used for residential purposes is declared to be a public nuisance because it (a) creates cluttered and otherwise unsightly areas, (b) decreases adjoining landowners' and occupants' enjoyment of their property and neighborhood, and (c) otherwise adversely affects property values and neighborhood patterns; therefore, a person must not cause, undertake, permit or allow the outside parking and storage of vehicles on residential use property unless it complies with the following requirements:

1. No more than five (5) recreational vehicles and/or equipment, motor vehicles, or motorcycles, as defined by M.S. 168.002, may be parked or stored anywhere outside on residential use property. The following conditions and restrictions shall also apply to those vehicles:
 - (a) All vehicles or equipment shall be licensed (if licensing is required by state/local authority for use) and operable; and
 - (b) The parking surface for the vehicles or equipment shall be an improved surface such as pavement, asphalt or sufficient gravel to support the weight of the vehicle.
2. Exceptions: The restrictions in this section shall not apply to vehicles in excess of the numbers allowed above if the vehicles are stored within a garage or other structure which is totally sight-screened from abutting properties.

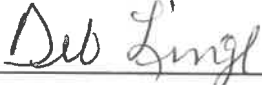
Section 4B. Building Maintenance and Appearance.

1. Declaration of nuisance. Buildings, fences and other structures that have been so poorly maintained that their physical condition and appearance detract from the surrounding neighborhood are declared to be public nuisances because they (a) are unsightly, (b) decrease adjoining landowners' and occupants' enjoyment of their property and neighborhood, and (c) adversely affect property values and neighborhood patterns.
2. Standards. A building, fence or other structure is a public nuisance if it does not comply with the following requirements:

- a. No part of any exterior surface may have deterioration, holes, breaks, gaps, loose or rotting boards or timbers.
- b. No glass, including windows and exterior light fixtures, may be broken or cracked, and no screens may be torn or separated from moldings.
- c. Exterior doors and shutters must be hung properly and have an operable mechanism to keep them securely shut or in place.
- d. Cornices, moldings, lintels, sills, bay or dormer windows and similar projections must be kept in good repair and free from cracks and defects that make them hazardous or unsightly.
- e. Roof surfaces must be tight and have no defects that admit water. All roof drainage systems must be secured and hung properly.
- f. Chimneys, antennae, air vents, and other similar projections must be structurally sound and in good repair. These projections must be secured properly, where applicable, to an exterior wall or exterior roof.
- g. Foundations must be structurally sound and in good repair.

This Ordinance becomes effective upon its passage and publication according to law.

Adopted by the City Council of Bird Island, Minnesota, this 9th day of October, 2017.



Administrator



Mayor