CITY OF OTSEGO
COUNTY OF WRIGHT
MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO.: 2019-05
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE RELATED TO THE REQUIREMENT FOR STORM SHELTERS WITHIN RESIDENTIAL DWELLINGS.

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF OTSEGO DOES HEREBY ORDAIN:

Section 1. Section 11-17-12 of the City Code (General Yard, Lot Area, and Building Regulations – Storm Shelters) is hereby amended to read as follows:

11-17-12: STORM SHELTERS:

A. For any dwelling or dwelling unit that is constructed slab on grade within a preliminary plat approved after September 26, 2016, provisions shall provide for storm protection internally to the dwelling or dwelling unit.

B. Storm shelters internal to the dwelling or dwelling unit, other than within an attached garage, shall be provided in a bathroom laundry room, or other occupied space with sufficient area for standing so as to ensure accessibility and that the storm shelter is not obstructed by storage.

C. Storm shelters internal to the attached garage shall be allowed provided that the area of the garage is increased to maintain the following dimensions for vehicle parking:

1. A minimum depth of twenty (20) feet from the storm shelter to the exterior wall with the garage door when the storm shelter is located at the front of the vehicle stalls.

2. A minimum width of twenty (20) feet from the storm shelter to the opposite side wall when the storm shelter is located to the side of the vehicle stalls.

3. The door to the storm shelter shall be located so as to be accessible in accordance with the minimum dimensions established by Sections 11-17-12.C.1 and 2 of this section.

D. Compliance with this requirement shall be based upon Federal Emergency Management Agency (FEMA) P-320 guidelines and standards; except, that the shelter door shall be solid core construction (not limited to metal) and only one deadbolt lock shall be required.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

MOTION BY: Warehime

SECOND BY: Goede

ALL IN FAVOR: Stockamp, Warehime, Goede, Tanner, Darkenwald

THOSE OPPOSED: None

ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Otsego this 11th day of February, 2019.

CITY OF OTSEGO
By: Jessica L. Stockamp
Mayor
ATTEST: Tami Loff
City Clerk

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