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Local Korean War veteran receives overdue award

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The Korean Conflict is often referred to as “the Forgotten War.” Sandwiched between World War II and the controversies surrounding the Vietnam War, many only recognize it as the setting for the acclaimed (but historically inaccurate according to some historians) TV show “M*A*S*H.”

There are, however, organizations dedicated to keeping the memory of what President Harry S. Truman called at the time a “police action” alive, along with paying homage to the soldiers who fought in it. One such organization is the Borinqueneers Motorcycle Club.

This organization is dedicated to honoring and preserving the memory of the 65th Infantry Regiment, also known as the Borinqueneers. The Borinqueneers were primarily composed of Puerto Ricans, but over time also featured soldiers from other nationalities. And that is why one of its members rode all the way from Florida to Cambridge — to recognize Braham graduate and current Cambridge resident Sergeant Dehl Lindstrom.

Lindstrom enlisted in the US Army Reserves in 1951 and was inducted into the active-duty Army a year later. He was eventually assigned to the 65th Infantry Regiment in Korea. During his time in Korea, he was awarded a Bronze Star with V device for Valor for helping treat wounded during one particular heavy barrage of mortar fire in July 1953.

CONGRESSIONAL GOLD MEDAL

While his individual actions are certainly worthy of recognition, what brought people together in the Cambridge-Isanti High School



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Dehl Lindstrom adds his name to a pair of posters filled with the signatures of all the Borinqueneers who have received their Congressional Gold Medals from the Borinqueneers Motorcycle Club. One of the posters will go to the Korean War Museum and the other will go to the Smithsonian.

Performing Arts Center was his affiliation with the Borinqueneers.

The unit was formed in World War I and activated for World War II, in addition to Korea. During its time, the unit became famous for fighting valiantly but was also infamous due in large part to prevailing racism. Prior to Lindstrom joining the unit, there was an incident that resulted in 91 members being court-martialed and sent to jail. Those courts-martial were eventually overturned and in 2014, President Obama bestowed every member of the 65th Infantry Regiment with the Congressional Gold Medal.

“Though the 65th Infantry was mostly comprised of Puerto Ricans throughout the

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Dehl Lindstrom salutes during the retiring of the colors at the conclusion of the award ceremony held in his honor at the Cambridge-Isanti High School Performing Arts Center.

Cambridge garbage haulers not changing

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Cambridge residents don’t have to worry about being forced to change refuse haulers for the next five years. On the other hand, residents won’t have any additional options besides the two current ones either.

After making a request for proposals several months ago, only Lepage and Waste Management, who are the current residential haulers; plus ACE, who is the commercial hauler, responded.

According to City Administrator Evan Vogel, all the proposals were nearly identical to current contracts, which expire Dec. 31, with the exception of

prices. Both Lepage and ACE put in price increases that would automatically take effect for the third, fourth, and fifth years of the contract. Waste Management put in two bids. The first featured a higher initial price but didn’t include any automatic increases. As with the previous contract, if Waste Management wished to increase its fees, it would have to get council approval. The second had a lower starting price but also included automatic increases each year.

After a brief discussion, the council unanimously approved continuing with Lepage as a residential, plus the Waste Management bid that did not include automatic fee increases. ACE will continue to provide commercial service, but not residential.

CITY STAYING WITH MIDCO

Another service that isn’t changing, at least for the city itself, is the internet provider. The city’s contract with MidCo is also expiring on Dec. 31, and much to Vogel’s chagrin, he admittedly didn’t get the contract renewal on the council’s agenda until the last meeting of 2024.

“This is something I wish I would have brought to you about a month ago,” Vogel admitted to the council. “That would have made this a little cleaner.”

The reason for this admission is the new contract with MidCo is for five years, and the council was

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C-I Schools’ levy shows minimal change

BY BILL STICKELS III
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The big news coming out of the Cambridge-Isanti Schools’ Truth in Taxation meeting is that there isn’t that big of news regarding the 2025 budget and levy.

As Finance Director Chris Kampa repeatedly notes, a school district’s budget is set “backward” from other government entities. While other governments build their budgets and then establish a levy amount based on that budget, school districts are given their local levy amounts by the state, and then they must adjust their budgets accordingly. Each district’s levy amount is established based on a complex formula created by the state. Kampa said nearly 95% of a district’s budget comes either from state aid or local levies. The only way a district can increase that levy amount is via a voter-approved referendum.

Last year, changes to the state’s formula mandated Cambridge-Isanti Schools to increase its local levy amount by 12.8%. That increase, according to Kampa, was due to the area’s large market rate increase, which the state’s formula viewed as an indicator local residents could afford to contribute more of the district’s budget through the levy.

This year, Kampa is happy to announce there is a mere 2.5% increase in the district’s levy. Given a decrease in the tax rate, many property owners should see a decrease in the school district’s portion of their property taxes, assuming their property values didn’t increase.

“The overall headline is that this year’s impact is pretty minimal,” Kampa said. “There will be a small decrease for residential property owners — somewhere in the neighborhood of twenty to forty dollars, depending on your property valuation.”

On the flip side of the coin, however, Kampa said the district’s funding from the state has also remained the same, despite the fact expenses continue to rise. One of the biggest areas where this is noticed is in special education.

“Special education is becoming a larger part of our budget,” Kampa said. “It is supposed to be 100% reimbursed by the state and federal government, but that’s not the case, and I don’t think it has ever been the case. So that results in what we call a ‘general ed cross-subsidy,’ where we take dollars that are meant for general education and all students and we have to apply it to special ed.”

He added that the amount as of late has been \$3 million.

Back to the positive news, Kampa said following the years when the district was facing multi-million dollar budget shortages that forced it to drastically cut the budget while at the same time dip into its fund balance, the district’s fund balance has been recovered back to an acceptable level. This in large part was due to the voter-approved operating levy referendum.

Kampa cautioned, though, that the district is looking at projections of having to do minor deficit spending in the near future, which will decrease the fund balance.



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Lisa Iverson is flanked by her husband and son, plus the Cambridge City Council as she is given a plaque commemorating her years of service on the council. The Dec. 16 meeting was her last on the council as she declined to run for re-election in the last election.

CAMBRIDGE: No other refuse haulers returned bids from request for proposal

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wondering about doing a request for proposal considering there are now other internet providers available in the area (namely East Central Electric) who might be able to provide the same or better service for the same or less cost to the city.

Vogel said with the contract with MidCo being five years, there are price breaks built in the city probably would not receive with a shorter contract. Additionally, since the current contract does expire in two weeks, the only way the city could renegotiate with MidCo and/or ask ECE for a bid would be to hold a special meeting on Dec. 30 — something nobody on the council appeared to be too enthusiastic about.

“The only concern I have is continuity of service,” Vogel said. “We need to have something in place (by Dec. 31).” Councilmember Aaron Berg suggested that since ECE is still relatively new in the internet provider business, waiting five years will allow them to work

out all the possible bugs and glitches in their system.

“Five years might not be a bad trial run for ECE to get their potential hiccups figured out,” Berg said. “There’s nothing like switching to an internet provider that can’t provide the service you absolutely need to provide daily government service.”

Ultimately, the council unanimously approved MidCo’s five-year contract.

ODDS AND ENDS

In other action, the council:

- Approved the purchase of new tasers for the Police Department;
- Approved a policy change to forbid smoking in city-owned vehicles;
- Amended the city ordinance regarding building exterior wall finishes to allow for engineered wood; and
- Pushed a possible ordinance change increasing the maximum allowable vehicle weight that can be parked in driveways and/or on city streets to the Planning Commission.

VETERAN: Congressional Medals given to all members of Borinqueneers

‘We consider every member of the 65th Regiment a Borinqueneer, whether you are Puerto Rican or other ethnicity. You are a Borinqueneer for life.’

Victor Ramos
Borinqueneer Motorcycle Club member

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war, their rich heritage and culture of mixed ancestry allowed the Regiment to proudly serve shoulder-to-shoulder with different ethnicities forged by an unbroken bond on the battlefield,” said Victor Ramos, member of the Borinqueneers Motorcycle Club. “Our position is simple. All who served under the distinctive insignia of the Borinqueneers, we strive daily to honor every living and departed Borinqueneer. We consider every member of the 65th Regiment a Borinqueneer, whether you are Puerto Rican or other ethnicity. You are a Borinqueneer for life.”

With that, Ramos presented Linstrom with his Congressional Gold Medal. “Since you couldn’t go to Congress in Washington D.C., we have brought it here to you.”

Additionally, Lindstrom was presented with the Korean Ambassador of Peace Medal on behalf of the Korean Government, a Certificate of Recognition from the Borinqueneer Motorcycle Club, and a badge and coin specifically made and minted for members of the Borinqueneers.

“Thank you for the honors. It is people like you that we fought for,” Lindstrom simply and succinctly said.

North Branch Schools’ levy dips slightly

BY MOLLY WHELAN
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North Branch taxpayers got good news from the schools on the 2025 tax levy, which will go down by 1.07% over the 2024 levy, for a total of \$10,036,461.

The district’s finance director, Todd Tetzlaff, presented the levy information at the North Branch Area Public School’s board meeting during the annual required Truth in Taxation hearing.

The dip is in part due to a fully funded OPEB trust, which funds benefits to former district employees. Last year’s levy included a \$419,692 payment into the district’s trust.

This savings means the district will collect \$113,893 more for the general fund, \$31,409 more for community education, and \$166,146 more for general debt service while still collecting

\$108,245 less overall compared to the 2024 levy.

According to Tetzlaff’s presentation, the majority of District 138’s \$48,208,164 revenue budget for 2025 comes from the state, with just 16% coming from local property taxes.

Tetzlaff also told the board the district will still be able to maintain a fund balance to pay its projected expenses during low-revenue months of the year.

Director Adam Trampe praised Tetzlaff and the board for lowering costs to taxpayers at a time when other local authorities are raising them.

“When we’re all sitting here, feeling like our property taxes all keep going up,” Trampe said, “and we’re not part of that this year? Good for us.”

The board-certified the 2025 levy unanimously.

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MON & THUR
Alcoholics Anonymous
7p.m. Main Street Church 6500 Main Street, North Branch, MN. Enter east door. Informational Hotline is 763-312-1088

MON - FRI
Senior Dining
North Branch, Chisago County Senior Center 11:45 a.m. Diners need to pre-register at least one day in advance by calling 651-674-1956 between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m. A completed annual registration form is required before dining.

MONDAYS
Bridge
1 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Scrabble (2nd Monday)
10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

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Mahjong
Noon to 3 p.m. at Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Fresh Beginnings Alanon
Family Groups meets each Monday 7 - 8 p.m.



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Illuminate Isanti continues through the 31st in Bluebird Park. Admission is free.

at Access Church, 4359 - 392nd St., North Branch. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org for more information.

Book Club
Every third Monday of the month from 11 a.m. to noon at the Isanti County Senior Activity Center, 140 Buchanan St., N. #164 in Cambridge. Isanti County Library lends the books and there is no cost to participate. For more info: sacs@midconet-work.com

TUES & THURS
Boxing for Those w/Parkinson's
Tuesdays and Thursdays at 10:15 a.m. and 5 p.m. at 115 Adams Street South, Cambridge. For more information, call 763-221-6883.

TUESDAYS
Knitting Night
Come stitch at North Branch Library from 6:30 to 7:45 p.m. All forms of needlework welcome. Materials provided or bring your own.

A Memory Café

Meets the first Tuesday of each month from 10 - 11:30 a.m Heritage Center at GracePointe Crossing, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge.

Braham Parkinson's Support
7 p.m. on the third Tuesday of each month at Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church, 905 Central Drive W., Braham. For more information call Lonnie Anderson at 612-423-1863.

Alzheimer's Support
Meets the third Tuesday of each month from 10-11 a.m. at GracePointe Heritage Center, 322 River Hills Place North, Cambridge. For info contact Lyndsey Larson at 763-691-6172.

Music
At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave., North Branch Area musicians and vocalists donate their time and talents to provide music before the meal 11:15 a.m.

Dominos
At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th

Ave North Branch at 10 a.m.

Dominoes
10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC

Square Dancing Lessons
6:45-8:30pm. They'll be at the Isanti Intermediate School. This is a low impact exercise that's good for the mind and body. Call Kim at 612-961-8128 or Community Ed 763-689-6189

South Dakota State University "Jack Rabbits" Alumni and Friends
Meets second Tuesday of each month from 6:3 to 8 p.m. at Club Lounge Grace Pointe Crossing 1545 River Hills Drive NW, Cambridge. Come visit and reminisce.

PrimeTime Singers
A choir of senior citizens, age 60 and over, who love to sing and share their music with others. Rehearsals are Tuesdays at 1:30 p.m., at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old N. Main St, downstairs in the Choir Room. Coffee and treats follow every

rehearsal. No auditions or fees required; new members are always welcome. Director is Arne Everson; phone, 612-619-2111.

WEDNESDAYS
Cribbage
9 to 11 a.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Wizard
11 a.m. to noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Pinochle
12:30 to 3 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC

Mahjong
12:30 to 2:30 p.m. at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

Alanon
7 p.m. at the Isanti Alano Club, 790 Heritage Blvd. Isanti. 763-444-4605

THURSDAYS
East Central Baby Cafe
Free drop-in breastfeeding support from 11 a.m. to 12:30 p.m. at the Adult Enrichment Center, 540 5th Ave NW, Cambridge, MN. For

more information, call 763-689-1711.

Cambridge-Edgewood AFG
Cambridge-Edgewood Al-Anon Family Group meets from 7-8 p.m. at Cambridge Lutheran Church, 621 Old Main Street N. Visit minnesotanorth-al-anon.org for more information.

Parkinson's Support Group
Third Thursday of the month – 1-2:30 p.m. Walker Methodist Levande, 2011 6th Lane SE, Cambridge, MN for more info call 763-325-0100

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At the Chisago County Senior Center 38790 6th Ave North Branch at 10a.m.

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10 a.m. to Noon at the Cambridge SAC, 140 Buchanan St, Cambridge

ACA Adult Children of Alcoholics/ Dysfunctional Families Meeting
7 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd St, North Branch. For more information call 612-251-6556 or email acanorth-branch@gmail.com

Fresh Beginnings Alanon Family Group
From 7-8 p.m. at Access Church, 4359 392nd Street, North Branch. Visit minnesota-al-anon.org for more information.

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Minnesota DNR accepting comments on off-highway vehicle strategic master plans

BY MOLLY LOU PINTOK
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The Minnesota Department of Natural Resources is accepting comments through Feb. 21 on strategic master plans for each of the three primary categories of off-highway vehicle (OHV) recreation: all-terrain vehicles (ATV), off-road vehicles (ORV), and off-highway motorcycles (OHM).

The plans communicate the background and trends of OHV recreation, share information about statewide OHV trail management and strategic planning, and provide guidance regarding future trail maintenance and development practices. While the plans do not identify specific trail alignments or include commitments for future development, they do identify considerations that might make an area well-suited or

ill-suited for future trail development. In addition to the three strategic master plans, the DNR has developed an overview document that ties the individual plans together.

The plans and overview document are available for review on the OHV planning project webpage (engage.dnr.state.mn.us/off-highway-vehicle-strategic-master-plans). Printed copies of the plans are available by request.

The DNR will host an online webinar with live captioning on Jan. 28, at 6 p.m. to provide an overview of the draft plans. Instructions for how to join the webinar can be found on the project webpage (engage.dnr.state.mn.us/off-highway-vehicle-strategic-master-plans). Individuals with a disability who need a reasonable accommodation to participate in this event are asked to contact Molly Lou Pintok at Molly-

Lou.Pintok@state.mn.us or 651-259-5095 by Jan. 14.

Comments on the draft plans must be submitted no later than 4:30 p.m. on Friday, Feb. 21.

Comments can be provided electronically through the project webpage (engage.dnr.state.mn.us/off-highway-vehicle-strategic-master-plans) or by emailing them to OHV.Planning.DNR@state.mn.us.

Mail-in comments should be sent to Molly Lou Pintok, 500 Lafayette Road, St. Paul, MN 55155.

All comments will be considered as the DNR finalizes the plans during the first half of 2025. More information about OHV recreation is available on the DNR website (mndnr.gov/ohv).

For additional questions, to request printed copies of the plans, or for more information about the Jan. 28 webinar, contact Molly Lou Pintok at MollyLou.Pintok@state.mn.us or 651-259-5095.

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OPINION

In favor of 'Cambridge Shores', for now

When I first heard over a year ago about the city of Cambridge's plans to build a new park featuring a beach, event center, plus more, I will admit I had some concerns. Those concerns were regarding both components of the plans, with the primary concern being money. Over a year later, as the city has crossed the proverbial "point of no return," I will say some, but not all, of those concerns have been lessened.

The first of my concerns is regarding the selling of a majority of the land to a developer. I remember very well how this kind of tactic can - and has - blown up in the city's face. What I am talking about is the city purchasing the former state hospital land now

known as Heritage Greens. The city made that purchase thinking they would turn a huge profit only to see a majority of the land sit vacant for years. Even after lots started to get bought up, it wasn't until the city changed the zoning to allow for apartments and townhomes that the city could sell the last large chunk of land to what is now The Emerald Apartments.

With the Munkberg land, the city did do exactly what it said it would do and didn't finalize that sale until it had a developer to almost immediately partner with. On top of that, the city figured out a way to pay for the purchase using cash on hand and not with direct local taxpayer money. However, in these uncertain times in the housing market, I won't breathe easy until the third and final of the yearly payments are made by the developer.

In regards to the park component, I will first say I have always been in favor of adding recreational amenities to the city. In fact, when I was tasked with finding a focus project during a lead-

ership training I took, I chose adding recreational amenities as my project. That being said, I also have repeatedly said I would only support projects that were constructed and operated in a fiscally responsible manner. Many readers know about the ten-plus-year debate about building a YMCA or some other indoor recreational facility that would include a pool. People who have read my comments about that would think I am dead-set against it. That is only true because according to reliable sources, that just isn't possible without a major impact on the levy.

So, why would my opinion be different for this project? Well, for one, maintaining a beach, event center, etc. would be far less expensive than an indoor pool. A public beach would be free of charge to those using it, unlike a pool. The costs of running an event center could easily be offset by the rental fees, just like with any other event center. Sure, there would be some costs such as lifeguards and staffing of a kayak, canoe, and paddleboard rental. But those

would be relatively minor.

That does leave the biggest "if," and what would be a dealbreaker for my support. The construction of the park, which could eclipse \$10 million, must also be accomplished without impacting local property taxes through the city's levy. So far, the city has pledged that is exactly what will happen. They plainly have said construction of the various components of the park will be built piece-by-piece, as cash becomes available. So, for the time being, I will take their word for it.

At the same time, I am giving the city fair warning. As soon as I sense that is no longer the case, as soon as I start hearing any sort of justification for using levy money, I will publicly call them out on it and retract my support for it.

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Worth a Thousand Words

Bill Stickels III

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When distracted driving turns deadly: A precautionary message

With the holidays upon us I wanted to share a message about distracted driving. Here is some information we recently shared on our Department of Public Safety blog.



Ask A Trooper
Jesse Grabow

“It was supposed to be a routine trip for 20-year-old Megan Severson. On Oct. 17, 2019, Severson was driving from Preston in southeastern Minnesota to visit her boyfriend in North Dakota. But when she reached Highway 52 in St. Paul, everything changed in an instant.

The crash - Severson glanced over at her GPS to see which exit she needed to take. “I looked down and I was speeding, so it felt a lot shorter than it actually was,” said Severson. “When I came to realize that the cars in front of me were stopped, I hit my brakes as fast as I thought I could.”

She couldn’t stop in time. Severson Walked away from the crash with her life. An innocent passenger did not. Severson rear-ended the stopped car in front of her, causing a chain-reaction

crash involving multiple vehicles. A passenger in the car she hit, Anthony Kawino, 33, of Burnsville was killed. “I just looked around at the scene that was in front of me,” Severson recalled. “It was horrific. I saw them pulling the blanket over the deceased, and at that point it clicked into my brain that this is bad. Very, very bad.”

Minnesota State Patrol Sgt. Daniel Dixon was the reconstructionist who documented how and why this crash happened. The answers were obvious, he said. Severson was speeding at 70 mph in a 55 mph zone just before she hit the car Kawino was in. “At that speed, if you’re looking at your GPS for five seconds to try to figure out where you would need to go next, you just traveled almost two football fields of distance,” Dixon said.

Somber anniversary - Severson was charged with criminal vehicular homicide because she was speeding and distracted at the time of the crash. She still remembers her lawyer explaining what this felony charge could mean for her future. “When he first said people normally get prison time, I went off the rails in my mind,” Severson added. “I didn’t know what to think. I was in a big state of panic. I mean, nobody wants to go to prison.”

Severson pleaded guilty to the charge. She was sentenced to around three months in jail and five years of probation. The judge also granted a request from Kawino’s family; having Severson report to jail on Oct. 17 each year – the anniversary of the deadly crash.

“It’s probably the worst day of the year for me,” Severson said. “Everything just cycles back as if it happened yesterday. All of it. The crash, Anthony, his family. What would he be doing? Would he have a family of his own? Married? Kids?”

Lessons learned - Severson hopes sharing her story will encourage other drivers to put distractions away when they are behind the wheel. “Don’t do it, because there are heavy consequences and it’s more than prison, jail or probation. It’s your whole life. It’s the guilt, the pain,” Severson said. “We have to realize it’s not just us on the road. It takes just one wrong, slight move to end your life or another person’s life – and it happens fast.”

Across Minnesota, distracted driving was a factor in one in 11 crashes from 2019 to 2023. Distracted driving contributed to an average of 29 deaths and 146 life-changing injuries a year over that same time period. So far in 2024, distractions have been a factor in 27

(comes on Tuesday current as of 12/17) traffic deaths.

It’s frustrating for Dixon knowing something preventable is causing deaths on Minnesota roads. “It seems like as the cars get better, safer and smarter that drivers get more relaxed and less attentive to what’s going on out there,” he said. “It’s evident that the message is not getting across because people are still playing on their phones, while driving all the time, as much as you try to explain that this is dangerous.”

As Severson works to move on from that tragic crash five years ago, she says she is taking this second chance at life seriously – knowing Kawino wasn’t as fortunate. “I’m not living for just myself. I’m living for two. The life that I took. It makes me want to push to be the best I can be.””

For more information and blogs please visit: <https://dps.mn.gov/news/blog>

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A time-honored tradition continues at Historic St. John’s German Lutheran Church of Bradford.

A German tradition that has stood the test of time in Isanti County is the Epiphany, which is historically recognized twelve days after Christmas. Celebrating the Epiphany varies with different cultures and most commonly signifies not only the end of the Christmas season, but recognizes the amount of time it took after the birth of Jesus for the magi, or wise men, to travel to Bethlehem for the Epiphany. The service and tradition can be traced back thousands of years in countries worldwide.

At one of the last remaining original Isanti County country churches, the Epiphany celebration began during the early conception of the St. John’s Church at Bradford shortly after its construction in 1882. This classic one-room country church held services until its closure in 1956. As the church sat vacant for many years, area residents began to recognize the historic significance the church had on the community, and in 1976, the church was brought back to life. Small improvements continued over the years until a substantial restoration occurred in 2007.

The collective efforts of several residents and organizations resulted in the church being placed on the prestigious National Register of Historic Places. The quaint country church is virtually unchanged from its 1882 configuration. In keeping with tradition, a cedar shake roof, clapboard siding, woodstove, rich maple pews, restored pump organ, and old kerosene lamps round out the historic look and feel. The

building however is not just for looks, as several times throughout the year it’s open to the public for events.

Bridging the gap in generations, the Isanti County Historical Society and the Friends of Historic St. John’s Church of Bradford will once again be hosting a historic Epiphany service. This year, we hope you will join us on Sunday, Jan. 5, 2025. There are two services held that day: German and English. Both services include carols, readings, a candlelighting ceremony, warm drinks, and a host of sweet treats. Everyone is welcome to attend, the German service (spoken in German) starts promptly at 2 p.m. The English service gets underway at 4 p.m.

The Sunday services offer a rare opportunity to not only step back in time to a traditional Epiphany celebration, but also experience the warmth, nostalgia, and sense of community a one-room country church can bring. St. John’s German Lutheran Church of Bradford is located 3 miles west of Isanti at 900 County Road 5 NW. There is ample parking on the north side of 5; please use caution when crossing County Road 5.

SAM KLOCKSIEN is Executive Director of the Isanti County Historical Society, which is located at 33525 Flanders St. NE, Cambridge. He can be reached at 763-689-4229 or director@isanticountyhistory.org.

Arts funding is available now

The East Central Regional Arts Council (ECRAC) is currently welcoming new and former applicants to apply for arts grant funding. ECRAC funds art projects in the Minnesota counties of Chisago, Isanti, Kanabec, Mille Lacs and Pine, known as region 7E. ECRAC provides arts funding to artists, culture bearers, arts organizations, nonprofits, and local units of government, or organizations sponsoring art events, located in region 7E. ECRAC accepts grant applications now through 11:59 pm on February 1, 2025.

The February 1st grant opportunities include five grant programs, two for artists and three for organizations. The applications vary and ECRAC Staff are available to assist you with determining which grant program fits the art project you’d like to apply for.

The grant programs for artists include the ECRAC Mid-Career Artist Grant in amounts up to \$3,600 and the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund Legacy (ACHF) Individual Artist Grant in amounts up to \$2,000. The grant programs for organizations include the Art in Our Schools Grant in amounts up to \$5,000, the Small/Art Project Grant in amounts between \$500 - \$5,000, and the ACHF Legacy Organization Grant in amounts between \$5,000 - \$20,000. Detailed information about each of the grant opportunities can be found on the ECRAC website: ecrac.org.

Applicants are invited to attend a grant information session to learn about these grant programs and how to apply. Upcoming grant information sessions are online via Zoom. Artists can register for one of the following grant info sessions: January 7th at 3:00pm, February 6th at 10:00 am, or March 4th at 3:00pm. Organizations can register for one of the following grant info sessions: January 7th at 10:00am, February 6th at 2:00pm, or March 4th at 10:00am. To register visit the ECRAC Event Calendar, <https://www.ecrac.org/art-community/events-calendar>, or email ECRAC staff at grantinfo@ecrac.org. Grant information sessions for artists and organizations are also recorded and can be found on the ECRAC YouTube channel. You may also reach out to ECRAC staff to set up a time that works for you to discuss these grant opportunities and learn more about ECRAC.

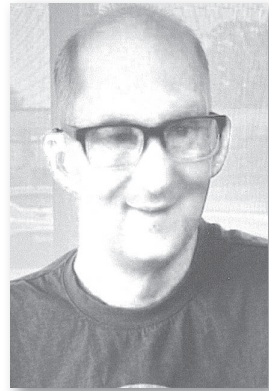
For details on eligibility and how to apply, check out the ECRAC website at ecrac.org. If you have questions, contact the Grant Program Officer at grantinfo@ecrac.org or call 320-336-0200 and leave a voicemail.

This activity is made possible with funds provided by the McKnight Foundation and with funds appropriated by the Minnesota State Legislature from its general fund and the Arts and Cultural Heritage Fund. ~ East Central Regional Arts Council

OBITUARIES

Lucas (Luke) Thomas Manthey

Lucas (Luke) Thomas Manthey, age 47, passed peacefully on Dec. 13, 2024, at his group home in North Branch, Minnesota. He was born on Feb. 19, 1977 in Minneapolis to parents Tom and Cathie Manthey.



Luke was a cherished son, brother, nephew, uncle and friend. He lived with his parents until 2007, after which he moved to North Branch, where he spent the next 17 years at Mains’l Group Home. Luke graduated from Centennial High School and White Bear Lake 916 in 1999. He was actively involved in various achievement programs, including Rise, Chisago Lakes Achievement Center and WBL 916, and found great

joy in participating in Special Olympics, where he won medals in bocce ball, bowling, and cornhole. Luke had a love for all animals, fishing with his parents, and an eclectic taste in music and movies—especially horror films. He enjoyed spending time with family and friends, playing Uno, working on puzzles, coloring, and indulging in Oreo blizzards at Dairy Queen. His gentle and joyful spirit touched everyone he met; his family and friends will forever treasure the time spent with him.

Luke was preceded in death by his grandparents Stanley and Barbara Manthey, Dick and Dorothy Pulkka, Dee and Jack Harris, as well as his uncles Rusty and Jimmer Pulkka and Aunt Doris Krog. He is survived by his parents, Cathie and Tom Manthey of Harris, MN; his sister Nicole Manthey (Josh Nase); nephews Adam and Benjamin of Rush City, MN; and many uncles, aunts, cousins, and friends.

Luke’s family expresses their heartfelt thanks to Mains’l Group Home, Provide Care, and St. Croix Hospice for their compassionate and loving care throughout the years.

Lucas will be deeply missed by all who knew him. We love you, “Cool Hand Luke.”

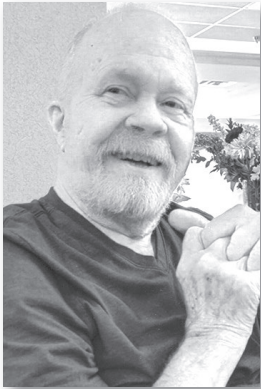
Please join us to honor and celebrate Lucas’ life on Saturday, Jan. 25, 2025 at 1 p.m. at Grandstrand Funeral Home, North Branch, Minnesota, visitation one hour prior.

In lieu of flowers, donations may be made to North Branch Special Olympics MN in memory of Lucas Manthey. Checks can be mailed to Special Olympics MN, (900 Second Avenue South, Suite 300) Minneapolis, MN, 55402, or online at Donate | Special Olympics | Support Special Olympics. (Support. special.olympics.org>minnesota)

Arrangements are under the direction and care of Grandstrand Funeral Home and Cremation Service in North Branch. www.grandstrandfh.com

Rev. David B. Franzmeier

Funeral Services will be 2 p.m. on Friday, Jan. 3, 2024 at Trinity Lutheran Church in Sauk Rapids for Rev. David B. Franzmeier, age 84, who passed away peacefully on December 11 at The Good Shepherd Community. Pastor Greg Tomhave will officiate



and visitation will be at the church two hours prior to the service. Arrangements have been entrusted to Williams Dingmann Family Funeral Home in Sauk Rapids.

David was born Nov. 17, 1940 in St. Paul, MN to Arthur and Elma (Turpen) Franzmeier. He attended Concordia College in St. Paul, Concordia Theological Seminary in Fort Wayne, IN and graduated with a Master of Theology from Concordia Seminary in St. Louis, MO. He was ordained into the ministry on June 1968 at his home church, Bethlehem Lutheran in St. Paul. That same year David started Hope Lutheran Church, a new mission church in Dewitt, MI. In 1976 David moved back home to Minnesota where he spent the next 40 years serving numerous parishes, including Zion Lutheran Church (Rural Fairmont), St. James Lutheran Church (Northrop), Trinity Lutheran Church (Sauk Rapids), Bethlehem Lutheran Church (Frazee), and Joy Lutheran Church (Cambridge). David retired in 2006 but continued ministering part-time for various churches over the next 14 years. He truly loved serving all of his parisheners.

David married the love of his life, Linda Kallsen on June 26, 1965 at St. John’s Lutheran Church in Chaska, MN. They were blessed with three children, Martin, Deirdre, and Briana, plus four beautiful grandchildren, Alyssa, Jacob, Madison and Jahmari. He loved his family deeply and was a wonderfully caring husband, dad and grandpa. David shared his love of music throughout his life, playing guitar and singing in many choral groups. He liked to exercise and was proud to have completed 25 Grandma’s Marathons in Duluth. David also enjoyed riding horses with Linda, camping, biking and hiking. You could frequently hear him cheering on the Twins and the Vikings. His passion was people; he was a thoughtful listener and excelled in interpersonal relationships.

David is survived by his wife, Linda, of Sauk Rapids; son, Martin (Paula) Franzmeier of Sartell; brothers, Art (Mary) Franzmeier of Bayport, Ed (Sue) Franzmeier of Maplewood, Ken (Pam) Franzmeier of Wyoming; grandchildren, Alyssa (Kaeden), Jacob (Miranda), Madison, and Jahmari.

He is preceded in death by his parents; daughters, Deirdre Franzmeier and Briana Franzmeier; siblings, Stephen (Nedra) Franzmeier, Eloise (Loren) Schmalz and Melvyn (Carol) Franzmeier.

Memorials are preferred in lieu of flowers. Obituary, Guest Book and Video Tribute are available online: www.williamsdingmann.com

NAMES IN THE NEWS

Degrees

Elena Drake (BS, Nursing, Summa Cum Laude) of Isanti; **Deyton Drost** (BS, Gender and Women Studies, Magna Cum Laude), and **Caden Kantowicz** (BS, Construction Management, Summa Cum Laude) of North Branch from Minnesota State University, Mankato.

Isanti County hosts free winter trail day at Anderson Park

BY BARRY WENDORF
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The Isanti County Parks Department is inviting the public to the first annual Winter Trail Day event on Saturday, Jan. 11, 2025, from 9 a.m. to noon at Irving & John Anderson County Park, located at 27241 Furman St. NE.

Attendees will have the opportunity to use cross-country skis and snowshoes provided on-site, with sizes available for all ages. Equipment will be available near the picnic shelter at no cost.

The event is funded through a Connecting People to the Outdoors grant from the Greater Minnesota Regional Parks & Trails Commission and aims to introduce residents to winter sports in a fun, accessible setting.

No prior experience is needed, making it an ideal opportunity for families and beginners to try skiing or snowshoeing.



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A Spine Tingling Ribbon Cutting

Dr. Jacqueline Saul, DC, and the staff of Saul Family Chiropractic, joined by members of the North 65 Chamber of Commerce, celebrated the grand opening of their new Cambridge location with a ribbon-cutting ceremony on December 19. Located at 110 Main Street South, the clinic provides a holistic approach to chiropractic care, emphasizing wellness and vitality for the Cambridge community. Dr. Saul’s practice focuses on treating the whole person, integrating traditional chiropractic methods with attention to mental health and stress management to promote overall well-being. This expansion reflects the clinic’s dedication to fostering physical and emotional balance for patients in a welcoming space.



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Talking winter skin health with U of M

The winter months bring fun activities for those willing to brave the outdoors, but time outside in the dry and cold air can be harsh on our skin. Dr. David Pearson, an associate professor at the University of Minnesota Medical School and a dermatologist with M Health Fairview, talks about how to keep your skin healthy during the winter.

Q: What unique challenges does our skin face in the winter?

Dr. Pearson: Our skin is our interface with the environment. As temperatures and humidity levels drop, one of the first places we experience this is on our skin — particularly in places like Minnesota, where it gets very cold and dry. Unsurprisingly, a number of studies show that skin and fingernail moisture content is much lower during the winter months. When our skin dries out, its barrier function is compromised and we become more susceptible to external allergens, irritants and even infections. The effects of cold can range from being a nuisance to quite dangerous. Frostbite can occur when the skin temperature gets to 28 F — this only takes about 30 minutes when the thermometer reads 0 F. Our skin isn't physiologically equipped for unprotected, prolonged exposure to these temperatures, so be sure to wear warm coats, hats and gloves when you're going outside.

Q: What common skin issues do you see during the winter?

Dr. Pearson: We see lots of dry skin, even incidentally, in people who come in for other skin concerns. Winter is often a more difficult time for people with eczema — especially on their hands. Winter itch is a common rash resulting from excessive dryness that resembles a dried-up riverbed, with red, itchy, cracked skin. This is most common on the legs and usually spares body folds and the face, and we treat it with moisturizers and sometimes prescription topical anti-inflammatory medications. We also see many irritant reactions, such as frequent tissue use during respiratory virus season or rashes from licking your lips. I specialize in autoimmune connective tissue diseases and see a lot of Raynaud's and pernio (chilblains). Raynaud's is the rapid onset of white or blue discoloration of the fingers and/or toes from cold exposure due to constriction of blood vessels.

Pernio is the delayed onset of tender pink bumps on the fingers and toes one to two days after cold exposure.

Q: What are your go-to recommendations for those suffering from dry winter skin?

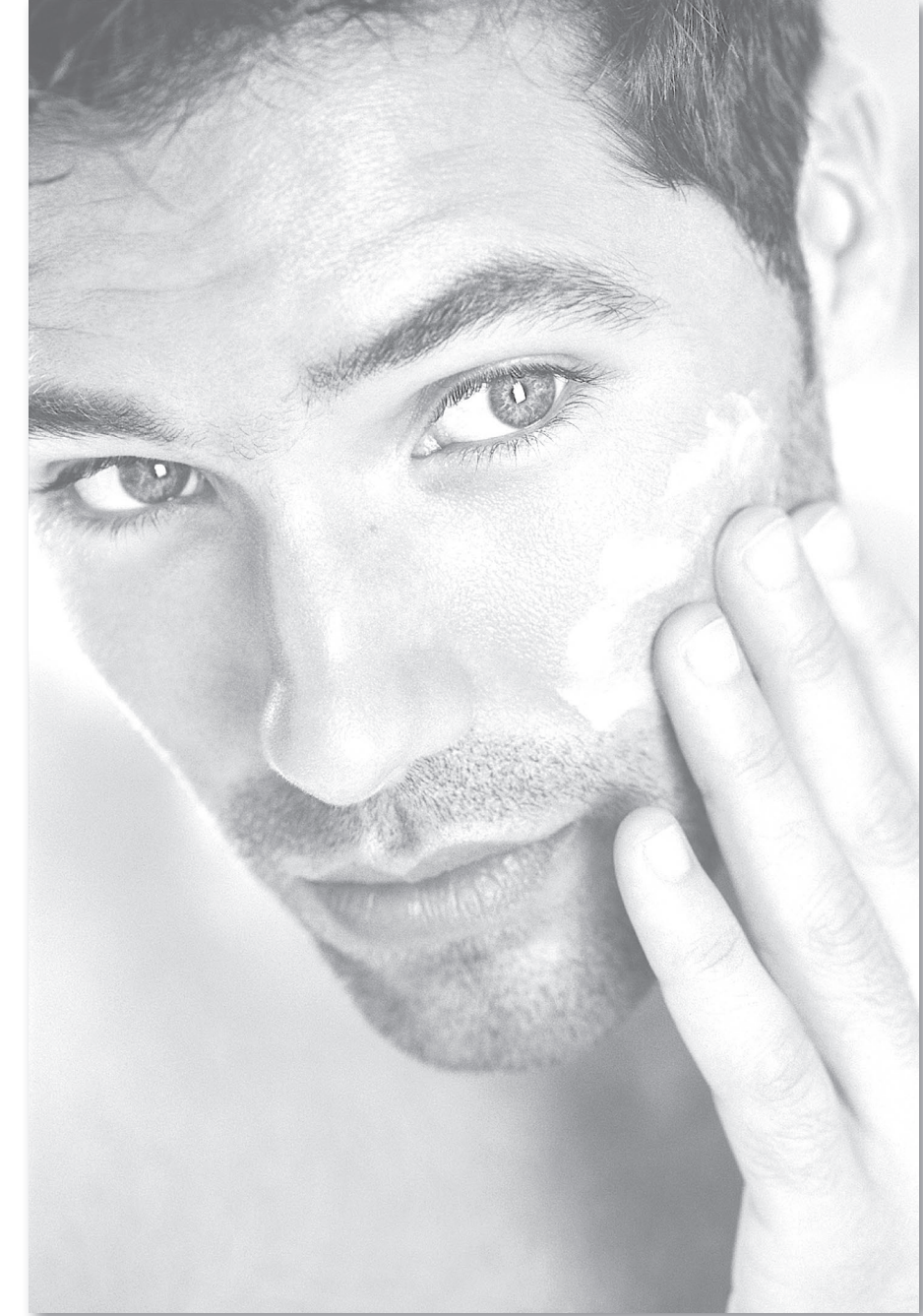
Dr. Pearson: Moisturize, moisturize, moisturize! It's pretty intuitive, but it bears repeating. The environment treats our skin differently in the winter and we may have to change our behaviors to acclimate. I recommend a thick moisturizing cream that you have to scoop out of a jar or squeeze out of a tube over those with a pump handle, which tend to be used for thinner products. I don't like a lot of additives, perfumes or scents — keep it simple. Ceramides are a good ingredient to look for and may help restore the skin barrier. I also recommend a gentle soap that doesn't have perfumes or scents, as these can irritate the skin. Some data suggests humidifiers can be helpful in certain circumstances, but probably less so than moisturizers.

Q: Should people still wear sunscreen/SPF in the winter?

Dr. Pearson: In short, yes. Getting into a routine with sunscreen improves the consistency of use, so I often recommend working in a combined moisturizer/SPF product every day. The long answer is a little more nuanced. In Minnesota, our UV index — how much ultraviolet light reaches us — is pretty low in the winter. People's skin is usually covered up in the winter, but there's actually a fair amount of reflection of UV light from the snow. Prolonged exposure through outdoor activities (or long drives) can add up. If you're lucky enough to travel south or upwards in elevation, I would definitely recommend applying sunscreen like you would during the summer months.

Q: What are you doing to advance research in the dermatology field?

Dr. Pearson: As the director of the Autoimmune Connective Tissue Diseases Specialty Clinic, my interests are focused on lupus, dermatomyositis, scleroderma, morphea and vasculitis, among others. Our group is involved in several industry-sponsored clinical trials aimed at developing new and better therapies for these diseases which currently have limited treatments and can be devastating to people who suffer from them. I'm particularly interested



in the environmental triggers of these skin diseases. I'm working with Drs. Michael McAlpine and Tianhong Cui, both in the U of M's mechanical engineering department, to develop novel, skin-interfaced sensors. Like many autoimmune diseases, the conditions I study are characterized by periods of both increased and decreased activity, and we still have a lot to learn about why and when flares will happen.

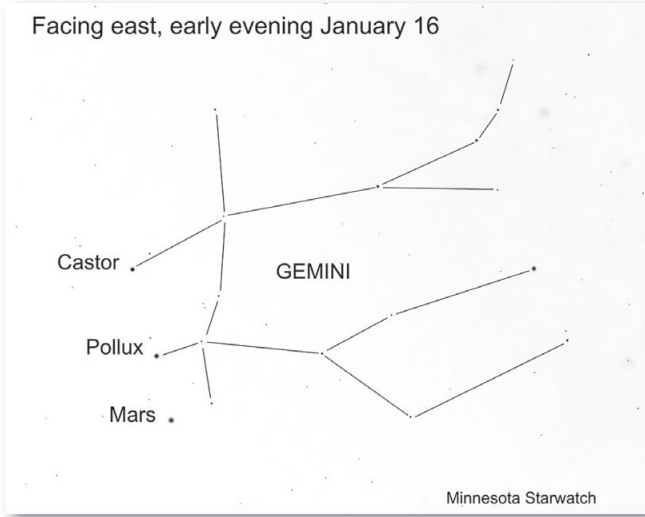
Dr. David Pearson is an associate

professor of dermatology at the University of Minnesota Medical School, a dermatologist with M Health Fairview and the director of the Autoimmune Connective Tissue Diseases Specialty Clinic. His research interests include environmental triggers of autoimmune connective tissue diseases, effects on quality of life and development of novel therapies for these conditions. - The University of Minnesota Medical School

Minnesota starwatch for January 2025

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The new year comes bearing gifts of bright planets and the annual splendid display of winter stars. The year opens with Venus blazing in the southwest for a couple of hours after sunset. In the first three days of January, a young crescent moon climbs out of the sunset and passes Venus. But while Venus gains altitude throughout the month, Saturn—which starts out to the upper left of Venus—plummets. The planets pass each other between the 15th and the 18th. In the east, all the bright winter stars and constellations will be up by 8 p.m., and earlier every evening. Sirius, the brightest of stars, shines from Canis Major, the big dog. It is also the lowest bright star in the assembly. Try comparing it to Venus, the brightest planet, when the two objects are facing each other from opposite horizons. Earth laps Mars in the orbital race the evening of the 15th. At that moment Mars will be gliding below Pollux, the brighter of the Gemini twins. To find the red planet that night, follow an imaginary line leading upward and leftward from Sirius. It will lead first to Procyon, the bright star in Canis Minor, the little dog, then to Mars, which will rival Sirius in brightness. January's full moon arrives at 4:27 p.m. on the 13th. At approximately 8:08 p.m. that night, Mars disap-



pears behind the advancing moon—an event that may be lost in the moon's glare. Also among the winter stars in the east, look for Orion, the hunter, with his hourglass shape and three closely spaced stars in his belt. At the top of the stellar assembly you'll find brilliant Capella, in Auriga, the charioteer. And even more brilliant Jupiter is near Aldebaran, the eye of Taurus, the bull. Next to the moon and Venus, Jupiter is the brightest object in the night sky.



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Additionally, Vice Chair Mike Warring reminded the council the county had previously maintained flat levies for several consecutive years only to wind up in a financial bind that took the county several years to

Zoning administrator Trina Bergloff informed the council what the Planning Commission's recommendations were for the ordinance for such things as which zoning districts a cannabis shop could be opened, plus minimum distances away from such things as schools or rehabilitation facilities. Several of the commissioners, especially Commissioner

The commissioners were also reminded that technically since the county's ordinance wouldn't be codified until after Jan. 1, if the state miraculously got its act together and started approving license applications, the county would be powerless to regulate those businesses. However, based on recent litigation, the likelihood of that happening was minimal. Despite that, County Attorney Jeff Edblad advised the board to expedite the passing of its ordinance.

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Allina Health Minneapolis Heart Institute brings advanced cardiac imaging to Cambridge

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People who experience chest pain, shortness of breath, or uncomfortable heart beats, typically receive a stress test, electrocardiogram, echocardiogram, or a Holter monitor as first steps in diagnosing a heart issue. However, to fully diagnose specific heart disease and formulate treatment plans, advanced cardiovascular imaging may be needed.

As part of Allina Health’s commitment to investing in the communities it serves, it recently added advanced cardiac imaging technology at its Allina Health Minneapolis Heart Institute (AHMHI) at Cambridge Medical Center. Now more patients in the northern Twin Cities metro area can receive advanced cardiac care close to home.

According to the American Heart Association, heart disease along with stroke, is the fifth leading cause of death in the U.S., claiming more lives in 2021 than all forms of cancer and chronic lower respiratory disease combined. Additionally, the 2024 Heart Disease and Stroke Statistics: A Report of U.S. and Global Data From the American Heart Association found heart disease has been the leading cause of death in the U.S. for 100 years.

These statistics are startling and a reminder that access to advanced technology is a critical piece in managing cardiovascular disease. AHMHI leverages the latest in cardiac imaging and now offers an advanced cardiac imaging test, cardiac magnetic resonance (cardiac MRI) at its Cambridge location. Cardiac MRI is one of the most comprehensive cardiovascular tests, as it evaluates the size, function, thickness and quality of the heart muscle, identifies valve conditions, measures the aorta size, and quantifies blood flow of the muscle during a stress test.

“The cardiac MRI results provide important diagnostic and prognostic information to the patients, and to providers by guiding the next steps in their care, whether that’s a medical intervention, different medications, lifestyle changes or a combination of these,” explained João Cavalcante, MD, head of cardiac imaging and senior cardiologist at AHMHI.



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Allina Health Minneapolis Heart Institute is adding advanced cardiac imaging to Cambridge Medical Center. The new equipment will provide important diagnostic and prognostic information for patients in Cambridge and the surrounding area.

EXPANDING ACCESS

Allina Health has more than doubled its advanced cardiac imaging capabilities over five years, with more planned in 2025, allowing patients to benefit from seamless access to tests and treatments all in one place. Adding cardiac MRI to Cambridge Medical Center is an important investment and helps ensure people across the Twin Cities area have easy access to highly skilled providers who are using the latest technology. This brings the number of Allina Health sites with cardiac MRI technology to five. Additional locations include Abbott Northwestern and United hospitals as well as both campuses of Mercy Hospital.

“In the past, advanced cardiac imaging tests were limited to large hospitals or specialty centers in urban areas,” said Dr. Cavalcante. It’s exciting we’re able to expand our reach and offer this advanced cardiac MRI technology close to where people live or work, so they can get the care they need without needing to travel far.”

To learn more about the advanced cardiac imaging tests, contact AHMHI at Cambridge Medical Center at 763-688-9956 or 763-688-9974 or visit its website.

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North Branch's Ella Dick hits her pike tsukahara vault during the Vikings' meet at Cambridge-Isanti, scoring a second-place 9.275.



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Cambridge-Isanti's Aubrey Wilson finishes her floor routine with flair during the Jackets' home meet against North Branch. Wilson tied Dakota Esget for first place on the event with matching 9.4 scores.



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The Cambridge-Isanti girls and boys basketball teams played a double-header against neighbor rival St. Francis on Friday, Dec. 20, with the two schools playing to a split as the Saints edged the Jackets 47-43 in the girls game and the Jacket boys cruising to a 80-44 win over the Saints. (Far left photo) C-I's Kenna Sjoberg looks for a team-mate to pass to after getting trapped along the baseline by two St. Francis defenders. (Near left photo) C-I's Eddie Lundeen gets fouled by St. Francis' Tayler Hardie as he goes for a layup.

DEC. 18 - 21 SCOREBOARD

- December 18**
C-I wrestling 26, Woodbury 44
C-I wrestling 40, Park 31
C-I wrestling 53, Irondale 19
- December 19**
C-I boys swimming & diving 83, Chisago Lakes 97
*1st place finishers: Joshua Clinkenbeard (50 freestyle), Gabe Ludwig (100 butterfly), Ethan Rock (100 freestyle)
C-I gymnastics 141.575, North Branch 136.875
*1st place finishers: vault - Dakota Esget (9.4), bars - Zoe Klocksien (8.95), beam - Aubrey Wilson (9.525), floor - Wilson & Esget (9.4), All-Around - Esget (36.7)
NB boys basketball 80, Chisago Lakes 79
*Ethan Thorsen - 20 points
NB girls basketball 61, Chisago Lakes 47
*Ella Kuhlman - 17 points
Northern Edge boys hockey vs. Tartan - ppd
- December 20**
C-I girls basketball 43, St. Francis 47
*Ellie Davis - 12 points
C-I boys basketball 80, St. Francis 44
*Ethan Bergloff - 24 points
C-I boys hockey 1, Pine City 1
C-I girls wrestling 16, Milaca 64
Northern Edge boys hockey 2, Monticello 13
- December 21**
C-I wrestling @ Rochester
*Top finisher - Jacob Henderson (5th place, 215 pounds & 100th career win)
C-I gymnastics @ St. Cloud Tech Invite - 3rd/8 teams (142.05)
*Top finishers: Zoe Klocksien (tied 1st, bars, 9.3; 3rd, All-Around, 36.15), Aubrey Wilson (1st, beam, 9.45; 2nd, All-Around, 36.35)

Enjoy the ice over the holidays, but check it often

BY NICOLE BIAGI
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With fresh snow in many parts of the state, anglers and others recreating on the ice must keep in mind that snow can hinder ice-making and cover up potentially dangerous areas, according to the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources.

In addition, it's vital people check the ice thickness frequently, and keep in mind the DNR's ice thickness recommendations, which apply to new, clear ice (double them for white or snow-covered ice):

More than 4 inches for ice fishing or other activities on foot.

5-7 inches for a snowmobile or a small ATV.

7-8 inches for a side-by-side ATV.

9-12 inches for a car.

13-17 inches for a truck.

More than 20 inches for a large truck with a wheelhouse shelter.

When measuring the thickness of the ice, measure only the clear ice – not any slush or snow that's settled on top of it. It's important to keep in mind, too, that ice thickness and quality can vary even within a small area on the same body of water.

DNR conservation officers report lakes throughout the state are attracting increasing numbers of anglers, and they expect things will be even busier over the holidays. COs continue reminding



ice recreationalists of the importance of wearing safety gear such as ice picks and a life jacket or float coat, and to check the ice for themselves – not rely on someone else's tracks, footprints, or social media post.

"We understand and share in people's excitement for getting onto the ice and making the most of a short season," said Col. Rodmen Smith, director of the DNR Enforcement Division. "But there's nothing good to be gained by pushing the envelope. There are plenty of good ice-fishing opportunities out there, but please check the ice yourself and take our thickness guidelines seriously."

Every year, unexpected falls through thin ice result in serious injury or death. Checking the ice thickness with a spud

bar, auger, or other device is the best way to prevent falling through. Wearing a life jacket or float coat is the best way to avert tragedy should someone fall through the ice, since the initial shock of falling into cold water can incapacitate even strong swimmers. A good set of ice picks will help the person get out, and a cell phone, whistle or other communications device makes it more likely they would be able to call for help. Make sure to let someone on shore know where you're going and when you plan to return.

For more information, visit the DNR's ice safety (mndnr.gov/icesafety) and boating safety webpages (mndnr.gov/boatingsafety).



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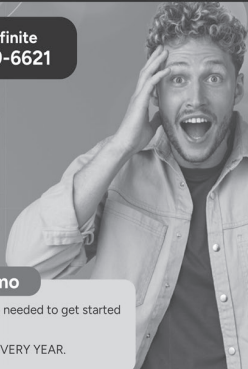
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WORSHIP *guide*

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763-689-1173. Call the church office or visit our website for current service times and programs.
firstbaptistcambridge.org

North Isanti Baptist Church
Lead Pastor: Travis Blake
2248 313th Ave. NE, Cambridge, MN 55008. www.nib-church.com
Email: nibchurch@msn.com
763-689-3576. 8:30am Worship Service (traditional style)
10:45am Worship Service (contemporary style)

South Isanti Baptist Church
3367 Cty. Rd. 5 NE, Isanti.
763-444-5860, Pastor Bob Venneman. Sunday Worship 9:30am. Wednesday "Life & Light" Bible studies for all ages. Adults & children. For info call or go to southisantibaptist.org.

Springvale Baptist
Pastor Zane Hall
9:30am Sunday School
10:30am Sunday Worship
Wednesday: 6:00 pm Band of Brothers
Thursday: 10:00 am Ladies Bible Study
410 County Road 6 NW
Stanchfield, MN 55080
763-689-1373
springvalechurchmn.org

Sunrise Bible Church
41300 Second St., North
Branch, Pastor David Stertz. Sunday school for all ages 9:30am, Sunday morning Worship 10:30am, Sunday evening 6pm, Wed. Kids 4 Truth & Bible studies for all ages 6:30pm. More info at sunrise bible church.org or 651-674-4107.

Catholic

St. Elizabeth Ann Seton
207 Whiskey Rd NW, Isanti, MN.
763-444-4035
Email: annseton76@gmail.com. Mass: Tues. & Wed. 8:30am. Sun. 8:30am. stelizabeth-isanti.org.

Evangelical Covenant

Karmel Covenant Church
5799 County Road 6, Princeton, MN
763-389-3169
Lead Pastor: Jason Hovis
Pastor of Youth: Kohl Hanson
Sunday School for all ages 9:00 am
Sunday Worship Service 10:00 am
Wednesday AWANA 6:30 pm
Wednesday Youth Group 6:30 pm
Karmelcov.org

Evangelical Free

Dale Evangelical Free Church
45268 Brunswick Rd,
Harris, MN 763-689-5817
Pastor/Teacher Dr. Harvey Martin. Sunday School – all ages 9am. Sunday Service 10:25am.
www.daleefc.com

Kost Evangelical Free Church
37405 Kost Trail, North Branch, MN – Jct. of CR 11 & CR 72
651-583-3281 • Kostchurch.org
Pastor Josh Jensen
Sunday worship service 9:30 am followed by fellowship & Sunday School
Youth group Wednesdays 7 pm
Respawn Gaming Ministry for teen boys – 2 Fridays per month.

Oxlip Evangelical Free Church

29237 Roanoke St NW, Isanti
(1 mile West of Cty 5 and Hwy 47)
763-444-5134 oxlip.org
9am Worship Service
10:45am Christian Education
Awana children's ministry Wednesdays 6:30 to 8pm

Wyanett Evangelical Free Church
12 Miles West of Cambridge on Highway 95
www.wyanettevangelicalfree.org
Pastor Bruce Talso 763-221-4469
Sunday School 9:30 am Morning Worship 10:30 am
Mondays - Women's Evening Bible Study 6:00 pm
Tuesdays - Men's Bible Study 5:00 pm
Wednesdays - Midweek Bible Study/Prayer 2:00 pm
Thursdays - Women's Morning Bible Study 9:30 a.m. at Heart Matters Ministry, 403 1st St. Princeton
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Lutheran

Braham Evangelical Lutheran Church (ELCA)
West Central Drive & County Road 4, Braham
320-396-2755
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service - BELC
Sunday: 10:00 a.m. Worship Service Live on Facebook
Office hours 9:00 a.m. to 1 p.m. Tuesday thru Thursday

Calvary Evangelical Lutheran Church Of Rush Point (ELCA)
Pastor Vicki Vandervegt.
320-358-4829, 600 Rush Point Dr.
10:30am Worship with Fellowship following my.calvaryofrushpoint.org.
Office: calvaryrushpoint@gmail.com

Cambridge Lutheran Church (ELCA)
621 Old North Main Street, Cambridge
763-689-1211
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
9:15 & 10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service
www.cambridgelutheran.org - fb.com/CambridgeLutheran

Christ Ev. Lutheran Church (WELS)
32962 Vickers St. NE, Cambridge, 763-689-5333
Pastor Samuel L. Biebert.
Sunday Worship 9am, Sunday School/Bible Class 10:30am
www.christcambridge.com

Faith Lutheran Church (ELCA)
109 Second Ave NW, Isanti
763-444-9201
Pastor Daniel Shantu
Sunday School 8:30 a.m.
Sunday Service 9:30 a.m.
Home of Heavenly Sunshine Preschool
email: office@faithlutheranisanti.com

First Lutheran Church (ELCA)
43779 Gates Ave., Harris.
651-674-4498. Handicapped accessible.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt
Sunday Worship 9:20am
Coffee & fellowship following service
Email: firstlutheran@q.com
www.firstlutheranharris.org

Joy Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
1155 Joy Circle, Cambridge
763-689-4355
www.joylutheran.net
Pastor James Ritter
8:30 a.m. Traditional Service
10:30 a.m. Contemporary Service

Living Branch Lutheran Church (LCMS)
6486 Elm St (PO Box 335), North Branch
651-674-5576
Pastor Glen Kleppe
Sunday Worship 8am
Sunday School @ 9:15am

Sunday Adult Bible Study @ 9:15am
Wednesday Youth Group @ 6:30 pm
Christmas Eve Candlelight Service @ 7pm
www.livingbranch.org
office@livingbranch.org

Long Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)
3921 277th Ave NW Isanti, MN 55040
763-444-5315
Pastor Sue Olson
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8am Traditional Worship Service
9:10am Sunday School
10am Contemporary Worship Service
Wednesday Schedule
5pm Wednesday Meal
6pm Worship
6:30pm Confirmation

Salem Lutheran Church
4638 381st Ave. NW, Dalbo, MN 55017. 763-689-1687
Join us for worship every Sunday at 9am
Sunday school for 3 yrs to 6th gr. begins at 9:30am
Coffee fellowship after worship
www.salemlutherandalbo.com

Spring Lake Lutheran Church (ELCA)
8440 Erickson Road, PO Box 958, North Branch, MN 55056
(9 mi. E. of Cambridge on Hwy. 95, North one block on Erickson Road).
651-674-4606.
Pastor Vicki VanderVegt.
sllchurch.org
Email: sll.church@gmail.com
8:15am Worship with fellowship following

St. John Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
28168 Jodrell St. NE, North Branch Located 6 mi. E. of Isanti on Co. Rd. 5; (or 7 mi. W. of North Branch on Co. Rd. 5); then 1-1/2 mi. S. on Co. Rd. 12. 763-444-5988, Paul Anderson, Pastor; Sunday 9am Worship; 10:20am Adult Bible Study; Thursday 6:30pm Bible study. Email: stjohnlutheran@att.net

St. John's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
980 West 4th Street, Rush City 320-358-3623
Sunday 8:45am Worship
Monday 10am Longer Look Bible Study
stjohnsrushcity.org

St. Stephen's Lutheran Church (Missouri Synod)
400 SE 8th St., (Isanti #4 E.), PO Box 37, Braham
320-396-3103
9:30am Sunday School & Adult Bible Study. 10:30am Worship.
ststephensbraham.org

Trinity Lutheran Church (ELCA)
38460 Lincoln Trail, North Branch
651-674-7047 Pastor Paul Cannon
In person and online worship
8 am & 10 am worship
9 am Fellowship and Coffee Hour
9 am Sunday School
www.trinitynorthbranch.org
office@trinitynorthbranch.org

Methodist

Common Ground - A United Methodist Community
404 Cypress St. North, Cambridge. 763-689-2071.
Pastors Amelia & Andrew Buschena. Sunday 9:30am Worship.
Livestream of services and more info at commongroundumc.org.
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Non-Denominational

Grace Gospel Church
37126 MN-65, Stanchfield, MN 55080
Coffee fellowship: 9:45am
Service: 10:00am
Pastor: Tim Miller
www.gracegospelmn.org
info@gracegospelchurchmn.com
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Journey of Faith
Bible based worship.
651-600-9878.
faiththroughaction777@gmail.com
Sunday fellowship 9am
Worship & Youth Ministry 10am Come as you are. All welcome. Junction Bowl. 123 Cajima Street, NE, Isanti. Refreshments served.

JustPassinthru IHS Ministries
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763-228-0883
Meeting at Crossroads Commons 1001 1st Ave. E., Suite 100, Cambridge MN
justpassinihs@gmail.com
Justpassinthru.net
Pastor Tom Bakke
Sunday mornings at 10 am
Sunday nights and Wednesdays

Pentecostal

The Journey New Life Church
601 Heritage Blvd NE, Isanti
Pastor David L. Willis.
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY OF ISANTI DISTRICT COURT TENTH JUDICIAL DISTRICT
Case Type: Civil
Court File No. _____
Edwina D. Bengtson and Eloise E. Nettleton, As Trustees of the LaVonne E. Anderson Trust under Agreement dated January 10, 2014
Plaintiffs,
vs.
LaVonne E. Anderson, Edwina D. Bengtson, Eloise E. Nettleton, Robert M. Anderson and Raynold Anderson, and all unknown persons claiming any right, title, or interest in or to the subject real property,
Defendants.

SUMMONS

THIS SUMMONS IS DIRECTED TO THE DEFENDANTS ABOVE NAMED:

1. YOU ARE BEING SUED.

The Plaintiffs have started a lawsuit against you. The Plaintiff's Complaint against you is attached to this Summons. Do not throw these papers away. They are official papers that affect your rights. You must respond to this lawsuit even though it may not yet be filed with the Court and there may be no court file number on this Summons.

2. YOU MUST REPLY WITHIN 21 DAYS TO PROTECT YOUR RIGHTS. You must give or mail to the person who signed this Summons a written response called an Answer within 21 (twenty-one) days of the date on which you received this Summons. You must send a copy of your Answer to the person who signed this Summons located at; Joslin & Moore Law Offices, 221 NW 2nd Avenue, Cambridge, MN 55008.

3. YOU MUST RESPOND TO EACH CLAIM. The Answer is your written response to the Plaintiff's Complaint. In your answer, you must state whether you agree or disagree with each paragraph of the Complaint. If you believe the Plaintiff should not be given everything asked for in the Complaint, you must say so in your Answer.

4. YOU WILL LOSE YOUR CASE IF YOU DO NOT SEND A WRITTEN RESPONSE TO THE COMPLAINT TO THE PERSON WHO SIGNED THIS SUMMONS. If you do not answer within 20 (twenty) days, you will lose your case. You will not get to tell your side of the story, and the Court may decide against you and award the Plaintiff everything asked for in the Complaint. If you do not want to contest the claims stated in the Complaint, you do not need to respond. A default judgment can then be entered against you for the relief requested in the Complaint.

5. LEGAL ASSISTANCE. You may wish to get legal help from a lawyer. If you do not have a lawyer, the Court Administrator may have information about places where you can get legal assistance. Even if you cannot get legal help, you must still provide a written answer to protect your rights or you may lose the case.

6. ALTERNATIVE DISPUTE RESOLUTION Pursuant to M.S.A. § 543.22. The parties may agree to be ordered to participate in an alternative dispute resolution process under Rule 114 of the Minnesota General Rules of Practice. You must still send your written response to the Complaint even if you expect to use alternative means of resolving this dispute.

Dated: December 11, 2024
JOSLIN & MOORE LAW OFFICES, P.A.

Clark A. Joslin, #52802
Attorney for Plaintiffs
221 NW 2nd Avenue
Cambridge, MN 55008
cjoslin@joslinmoore.com
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NOTICES

CAMBRIDGE SELF STORAGE AND ISANTI SELF STORAGE
This is notice of intent to sell items located at Cambridge Self Storage and Isanti Self Storage. If Jennifer Gates C69, Reinaldo Gonzalez H19, Taylor Johnson J44, Lee Raverty I33, Jaelyn Thompson M02, Jennifer Boxwell E150, Cori Gustafson E45, Amber Jorgenson E171, and Matthew Nelson E104 fail to pay in full by January 8, 2025 at 9AM, auctions will be held at www.storageauctions.net on January 9, 2025 at 9AM, the units contain household and garage items.
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FISH LAKE TOWNSHIP NOTICE OF FILING FOR

TOWNSHIP ELECTION

Notice is hereby given to qualified voters of Fish Lake Township that filing for town office will be held beginning December 31, 2024, and ending at 5:00 pm on January 14, 2025.

Office to be filled at the March Annual Election is for 1 Supervisor (three-year term)

If you wish to file for candidacy, please file with the township clerk by appointment. If you would like to make an appointment or need further information, please contact the town clerk at clerk@fishlaketownship.com or 651-248-4968. The clerk's office located at 2170 Brunswick Road, Harris, MN 55032 will be open for filing from 1:00 to 5:00 PM on January 14, 2025

Andrea Nekowitsch
Fish Lake Township Clerk
December 10, 2024
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PUBLIC NOTICE-REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS ATTORNEY'S OR LAW FIRMS

The City of Harris is requesting proposals from Attorney's or Law firms to present to City Council regarding their Municipal experience, their services would be on a need basis. Please respond by email to the City Clerk by Jan17, 2025 if you wish to be scheduled for a presentation. Clerk@harrismn.com

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PUBLIC NOTICE-REQUEST FOR PROPOSALS FROM ENGINEER FIRMS

The City of Harris is requesting proposals from Engineering firms to present to City Council regarding their services they offer. Please respond by email to the City Clerk by Jan17, 2025 if you wish to be scheduled for a presentation. Clerk@harrismn.com

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CITY OF CAMBRIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION UPCOMING VACANCIES

The City of Cambridge is seeking applications for two (2) seats on the Planning Commission for three-year terms (February 1, 2025- January 31, 2028). Applicants must be a City of Cambridge resident or a resident within the City's USA I (Urban Service Area) boundaries. The Planning Commission conducts a regular monthly meeting, typically on the first Tuesday of each month at 7 PM, with additional meetings on an as needed basis.

If you have questions, please contact City Planner Jacob Nosbush at 763-552-3255 or jnosbush@ci.cambridge.mn.us. Applications may be obtained at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE or online at www.ci.cambridge.mn.us. The application deadline is 4:30 pm on January 7th, 2025.

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SUMMARY PUBLICATION OF THE PROCEEDINGS OF THE CAMBRIDGE CITY COUNCIL REGULAR MEETING – DECEMBER 16, 2024

The complete minutes are available for public inspection at the office of the City Administrator, 300 3rd Ave. NE, Cambridge, Minnesota.

Members Present: Mayor James Godfrey; Councilmembers Aaron Berg, Bob Shogren, Lisa Iverson, and Mark Ziebarth.

- Called meeting to order at 6:00 pm
- Approved consent agenda items A – L
- Discussed ordinance on semi-truck parking on private property
- Approved a policy for no smoking in City vehicles
- Selected providers for 2025-2029 refuse hauling
- Approved Ordinance 794 Cannabis in Zoning Code
- Approved Ordinance 795 Exterior Materials
- Approved Munkberg land purchase
- Approved Purchase Agreement offer from Centra Homes
- Approved Midco Agreement for Internet Service
- Approved Axon Taser Purchase
- Presented a plaque honoring City Councilmember Lisa Iverson

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CAMBRIDGE PLANNING COMMISSION NOTICE OF

MEETING

The City of Cambridge Planning Commission will hold a regular meeting on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 7:00 pm in the Council Chambers of Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, Minnesota 55008, to discuss the following public hearing items and other items on the agenda.

1. PUBLIC HEARING – Lyle Dahlin, 755 24th Ave SW; for a rezone request from R-1 to R-2. The legal description is Lot 11, Block 2, Goldenwood 1st Addition, Isanti County, Minnesota.

2. PUBLIC HEARING –A request by the City of Cambridge, 300 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, to amend Title XV Land Use, Chapter 156 Zoning, Section 156.088 Exterior Building Wall and Roof Finishes; to amend language relating to allowed materials for commercial and industrial buildings.

3. PUBLIC HEARING –A request by the City of Cambridge, 300 3rd Ave NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, to amend Title XV Land Use, Chapter 156 Zoning, Section 156.062 Residential Outdoor Parking and Storage; to discuss weight of vehicles allowed to park in Residential zoning districts.

More information is available at Cambridge City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge, MN 55008, including full legal descriptions. Cambridge Planning Commission Meetings are typically scheduled on the 1st Tuesday of every month and are open to the public.

Marcia Westover
Community Development Director
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STATE OF MINNESOTA COUNTY ISANTI DISTRICT COURT

Judicial District: 10th
Court File Number: 30-FA-24-297
Case Type: Domestic Abuse
In the Matter of: Autumn Rae Holycross and On Behalf of Minor Children, Petitioner vs. Nathan Wayne Folkse Respondent

Notice of Hearing by Publication (Minn. Stat. § 518B.01, subd. 8)
To Respondent named above:
An order has been issued directing you to appear at the Isanti County Courthouse on January 10, 2025 at 1:30 p .m. and explain why the relief sought in the Petition for the Order for Protection should not be granted.

You may obtain a copy of the Petition and any order issued from the court from the Isanti County Court Administrator's Office.

If you do not appear at the scheduled hearing, the Petitioner's request may be granted as a default matter. Failure to appear will not be a defense to prosecution for violation of the Court's Order.

Date: 12/18/2024
Court Administrator / Deputy: Deborah Nagle

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PUBLIC NOTICE NOTICE OF VACANCY ON THE CITY COUNCIL

Pursuant to Isanti City Council Resolution No. 2024-175, A vacancy on the City Council has been declared. An application for Candidates interested in serving in the vacant City Council position is available at Isanti City Hall, 110 First Avenue NW, Isanti, MN 55040 and on the city website www.cityofisanti.us. In addition to the application, a resume may also be submitted by the Candidate. Applications will be accepted until 4:30 p.m., Tuesday, January 7, 2025. A tentative interview schedule for Candidates with the City Council shall be posted at City Hall on Friday, January 10, 2025. Interview questions shall be available to applicants and the public prior to interviews. Interviews are tentatively scheduled for the January 21, 2025 Council meeting.

Jaden Strand
City Clerk
Posted: December 18, 2024
Published: December 26, 2024 and January 2, 2025
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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING NORTH BRANCH PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that the North Branch Planning Commission will hold Public Hearing on Tuesday, January 7, 2025, at 6:30 p.m., or as soon thereafter as the matter may be heard, at North Branch City Hall, 6408 Elm Street, North Branch, Minnesota. The purpose of this public hearing is to allow for public testimony regarding a

proposed amendment to the 2018 Comprehensive Plan and Zoning Map, rezoning from (R-3) High-Density Residential to (I) Industrial

Applicant(s)
North Branch EDA
Property Owner(s)
North Branch EDA
General Location(s)
Lot 4 and Lot 5, Block 2, Essby Business Park 4th Addition

PID(s)
11.01072.31 and 11.01073.32
Pertinent information about this request is on file at City Hall. Persons interested in providing comment as to this request may do so in writing at or before the public hearing. Comments may be sent to: Nate.Sondrol@ci.north-branch.mn.us.

Angela Tveit, Deputy Clerk
angelat@ci.north-branch.mn.us
(651) 674-8113
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION

Ordinance 794 amended Title XV Land Use, Chapter 156 Zoning, Sections 156.007 Definitions, 156.040 Business Districts, 156.041 Industrial Districts, and 156.094 Requirements for Cannabis to regulate the Cannabis industry. A complete copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge for inspection.

ATTEST:
Evan C. Vogel, City Administrator
Published in the Isanti-Chisago County STAR on December 26, 2024

SUMMARY PUBLICATION

Ordinance 795 amends Title XV Land Use, Chapter 156 Zoning, Section 156.088 Exterior Building Wall and Roof Finishes. The amendment clarifies the language to allow engineered wood siding and clarifies language on the removal and replacement of non-conforming materials. A complete copy of the ordinance is available at City Hall, 300 3rd Avenue NE, Cambridge for inspection.

ATTEST:
Evan C. Vogel, City Administrator
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SUMMARY PUBLICATION

The Cambridge City Council adopted Ordinance 796 which provides a fee schedule to all licenses, fees, and permits issued by the City of Cambridge.

ATTEST:
Evan C. Vogel, City Administrator
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ORDINANCE NO. 822 AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 795 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 5, 2023 AND ORDINANCE NO. 579 ADOPTED ON APRIL 15, 2014, TITLED TOBACCO, CANNA-BIS, HEMP AND RELATED DELIVERY PRODUCTS.

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE NO. 790 ADOPTED ON JUNE 20, 2023 AND ORDINANCE NO. 786, ADOPTED ON MAY 2, 2023, TITLED CANNABINOID PRODUCTS WITH CANNABIS, HEMP, TOBACCO AND OTHER DELIVERY PRODUCTS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1 – Repeal. Repeal Ordinances 795 and 579, codified as Chapter 295 of the City Code.

Section 2 – Repeal and Replace. Repeal Ordinances 790 and 786, codified as Chapter 123 of the City Code, and replace as follows:

Chapter 123 CANNABIS, HEMP, TOBACCO AND OTHER DELIVERY PRODUCTS ARTICLE I CANNABIS AND HEMP § 123-1. Administration.
The purpose of this ordinance is to implement the provisions of Minnesota Statutes, chapter 342, which authorizes the City of Isanti to protect the public health, safety, welfare of Isanti residents by regulating cannabis businesses within the legal boundaries of the City of Isanti.

The City finds and concludes that the provisions herein are appropriate and lawful regulations that will promote the community's interest and are for the public good.

§ 123-2. Authority and Jurisdiction.
The City of Isanti has the authority to adopt this ordinance pursuant to:

A. Minn. Stat. 342.13(c), regarding the authority of a local unit of government to adopt reason-

able restrictions of the time, place, and manner of the operation of a cannabis business provided that such restrictions do not prohibit the establishment or operation of cannabis businesses.

B. Minn. Stat. 342.22, regarding the local registration and enforcement requirements of state-licensed cannabis retail businesses and lower-potency hemp edible retail businesses.

C. Minn. Stat. 152.0263, Subd. 5, regarding the use of cannabis in public places.

D. Minn. Stat. 462.357, regarding the authority of a local authority to adopt zoning ordinances.

§ 123-3. Definitions.

Unless otherwise noted in this section, words and phrases contained in Minn. Stat. 342.01 and the rules promulgated pursuant to any of these acts, shall have the same meanings in this ordinance. For the purpose of this chapter, the following definitions shall apply unless the context clearly indicates or requires a different meaning. The definitions in Minnesota Statute, as may be amended from time to time, are hereby incorporated and other terms as applicable are in addition to those.

Cannabinoid Product- Any product containing cannabinoids, including an edible cannabinoid product, that is sold for human consumption whether chewed, smoked, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, vaporized, or ingested by other means.

Cannabis Product - A product meaning any of the following: cannabis concentrate; a product in-fused with cannabinoids, including but not limited to tetrahydrocannabinol, extracted or derived from cannabis plants or cannabis flower; or any other product that contains cannabis concentrate.

Cannabis product includes adult-use cannabis products, including but not limited to edible cannabis products and medical cannabinoid products. Cannabis product does not include cannabis flow-er, artificially derived cannabinoid, lower-potency hemp edibles, hemp-derived consumer prod-ucts, or hemp-derived topical products.

Cannabis Delivery Service - A business licensed to operate as a “cannabis delivery service” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Cannabis Cultivation: A cannabis business licensed to grow cannabis plants within the approved amount of space from seed or immature plant to mature plant, harvest cannabis flower from mature plant, package and label immature plants and seedlings and cannabis flower for sale to other cannabis businesses, transport cannabis flower to a cannabis manufacturer located on the same premises, and perform other actions approved by the office.

Cannabis Event - A temporary event organized by a licensed cannabis event organizer at which cannabis and/or lower-potency hemp edibles may be offered or sold.

Cannabis Event Organizer - A business licensed to operate as a “cannabis event organizer” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Cannabis Manufacturer - A business licensed to operate as a “cannabis manufacturer” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Cannabis Microbusiness - A business licensed to operate as a “cannabis microbusiness” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Cannabis Retail Business - A retail location and the retail location(s) of a mezzobusinesses with a retail operations endorsement, microbusinesses with a retail operations endorsement, medical combination businesses operating a retail location, (and/excluding) lower-potency hemp edible retailers.

Cannabis Retailer - Any person, partnership, firm, corporation, or association, foreign or domestic, selling cannabis product to a consumer and not for the purpose of resale in any form.

Cannabis Testing Facility - A business licensed to operate as a “cannabis testing facility” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Cannabis Transporter - A business

licensed to operate as a “cannabis transporter” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Cannabis Wholesaler - A business licensed to operate as a “cannabis wholesaler” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Compliance Checks - The system the City uses to investigate and ensure that those authorized to sell cannabis or licensed cannabinoid products are following and complying with the requirements of this ordinance. Compliance checks involve the use of persons under 21 who purchase or attempt to purchase cannabis or licensed products. Compliance checks may also be conducted by the City or other units of government for educational, research, and training purposes, or for investigating or enforcing Federal, State, or local laws and regulations relating to cannabis, cannabinoid or licensed products.

Dispensary - A business licensed to operate as a “cannabis retailer” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Manufacturer - A business licensed to operate as a “lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer - A business licensed to operate as a “lower-potency hemp edible retailer” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Medical Cannabis Combination Business - A business licensed to operate as a “medical cannabis combination business” by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342.

Moveable Place of Business - Any form of business operated out of a kiosk, truck, van, automobile, or other type of vehicle or transportable shelter and not a fixed address, storefront or other permanent type of structure authorized for sales transactions.

Office of Cannabis Management - Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, referred to as “OCM” in this ordinance.

Place of Public Accommodation - A business, accommodation, refreshment, entertainment, recreation, or transportation facility of any kind, whether licensed or not, whose goods, services, facilities, privileges, advantages or accommodations are extended, ordered, sold, or otherwise made avail-able to the public.

Preliminary License Approval - OCM preapproval for a cannabis business license for applicants who qualify under Minn. Stat. 342.17.

Public Property - Real and personal property owned, managed or controlled by the City, including City buildings and surrounding land, parking lots, parks, trails and City rights-of-way consisting of both the traveled portion and the abutting boulevard, sidewalks and trails, and any City personal property, including motor vehicles and equipment.

Retail Registration - An approved registration issued by the City of Isanti to a state- licensed cannabis retail business.

School - A public or private facility that provides educational programs to 10 or more persons that are under the age of 21 in a classroom setting. The term includes, but is not limited to, any school operated by an independent school district, charter school operating under Minnesota Statutes, chapter 124E, and school operated by the Minnesota State Colleges and Universities system.

State License - An approved license issued by the State of Minnesota's Office of Cannabis Management to a cannabis retail business.

§ 123-4. Registration for Cannabis Businesses.

A. No individual or entity may operate a state-licensed cannabis retail business or other cannabis/ hemp business seeking retail endorsement within the City without first registering with the City of Isanti.

B. Prior to issuance of a cannabis retail business registration, the City shall conduct a preliminary compliance check to ensure compliance with local ordinances.

Pursuant to Minn. Stat. 342, within 30 days of receiving a copy of a state license application from OCM, the City shall certify on a form provided by OCM whether a proposed cannabis retail business complies with local zoning ordinances and, if applicable, whether the proposed

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business complies with the state fire code and building code.

C. A registration fee, as established in the City's fee schedule, Chapter 160, shall be charged to applicants applying for a retail cannabis registration as required by the City. An initial retail registration fee shall not exceed \$500 or half the amount of an initial state license fee under Minn. Stat. 342.11.

A medical combination business operating an adult-use retail location may only be charged a single registration fee, not to exceed the lesser of a single retail registration fee, defined under this section, of the adult-use retail business.

D. The City shall issue a retail registration to a state-licensed cannabis retail business that adheres to the requirements of Minn. Stat. 342.22.

E. An applicant for a retail registration shall complete an application form, as provided by the City. The form shall include, but is not limited to:

- (1) Full name of the property owner and applicant;
- (2) Address, email address, and telephone number of the applicant;
- (3) The address and parcel ID for the property which the retail registration is sought;
- (4) Certification that the applicant complies with the requirements of local ordinances established pursuant to Minn. Stat. 342.13.

F. The applicant shall include with the form:

- (1) The registration fee as required by the City.
- (2) A copy of a valid state license or written notice of OCM license preapproval.

G. Once an application is considered complete, the City shall inform the applicant, process the application fees, and forward the application to the City Council for approval or denial.

H. A state-licensed cannabis retail business shall be required to submit a new application for registration under this section if it seeks to move to a new location still within the legal boundaries of the City of Isanti.

I. A state-licensed cannabis retail business shall apply to renew registration annually on a form established by the City at the same time OCM renews the cannabis retail business' license.

J. A renewal retail registration fee as established in the City's fee schedule, Chapter 160, shall be charged at the time of the second renewal and each subsequent renewal thereafter.

K. A cannabis retail registration issued under this ordinance shall not be transferred.

L. The application or renewal fee shall be non-refundable once processed. Fees are non prortata.

§ 123-5. Basis for Denial.

The City may refuse the registration and/or license renewal registration if the license is associated with an individual or business who no longer holds a valid license, has failed to pay the registration or renewal fee, or has been found in noncompliance in connection with a preliminary or renewal compliance check.

§ 123-6. Suspension of Registration.

The City may suspend a cannabis retail business's registration if it violates the ordinance of the City or poses an immediate threat to the health or safety of the public. The City shall immediately notify the cannabis retail business in writing the grounds for the suspension.

The City shall immediately notify the OCM in writing the grounds for the suspension. OCM will provide the City and cannabis business retailer a response to the complaint within seven calendar days and perform any necessary inspections within 30 calendar days.

The suspension of a cannabis retail business registration may be for up to 30 calendar days, unless OCM suspends the license for a longer period. The business may not make sales to customers if their registration is suspended. The City shall reinstate a registration if OCM determines that the violation(s) have been resolved.

§ 123-7. Limiting Registrations.

The City does not limit the number of retail business registrations.

§ 123-8. Hours of Operation.

Cannabis businesses are limited to retail sale of cannabis, cannabis flower, cannabis products, lower potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products as defined in Minn. Stat.

§ 123-9. Advertising.

Cannabis businesses are permitted to place signage if approved in accordance with the permit procedures listed within the Zoning Ordinance.

§ 123-10. Permitted Locations.

A. Location Regulations.

(1) Cannabis and hemp-related businesses are allowed as expressly indicated in this section. Such uses are subject to compliance with all applicable provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342, any rules

promulgated the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management, and all applicable regulations established in this section and the City's Zoning Ordinance.

(2) Cannabis and hemp-related licensed businesses are not permitted to be located within 300' feet of a school. For purposes of this provision, distances shall be measured from the primary entrance of the business, and the primary entrance of the school. For purposes of this provision, distances of a business within a multi-tenant facility or strip mall will be measured from the primary entrance of the business.

(3) No registration shall be issued to a moveable place of business. Only fixed location businesses shall be eligible to be registered under this ordinance unless explicitly permitted by Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342. B. Cannabis Cultivator. Cannabis cultivators may be allowed in I-1 Industrial Park (indoor only) and R-1A Rural Residential (indoor only) zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures and regulations listed within the Zoning Ordinance.

C. Cannabis Delivery Service. Cannabis delivery services may be allowed in I-1 Industrial and BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures and regulations listed within the Zoning Ordinance.

D. Cannabis Event. Cannabis events may be allowed in the B-1 Central Business, B-2 General Business and BIT – Business/ Industrial Transitional zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit process listed below. The following supplemental regulations apply to cannabis events:

(1) A permit is required to be issued and approved by the City Council prior to holding a Temporary Cannabis Event. Details for the event must be included in the permit application. There is no fee for this application.

(2) A copy of the OCM cannabis event license application must be included with the City permit application.

(3) Cannabis events may not occur within 300 feet of a school.

(4) Cannabis events may occur for no more than 4 consecutive days, there must be at least 30 days between events and no single site may host more than 2 events per calendar year.

(5) Cannabis events are prohibited on any city-owned property.

(6) Cannabis events may not take place outdoors and must be held in a completely en-closed building.

(7) The on-site consumption of cannabis or hemp products during any cannabis event are allowed.

(8) Retail sales are permitted so long as compliance with all applicable provisions of Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 342, and any rules promulgated by the Minnesota Office of Cannabis Management are followed.

E. Cannabis Event Organizer. Cannabis event organizers may be allowed B-1 Central Business, B-2 General Business, B-3 Neighborhood Business, BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional, and I-1 Industrial Park zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures and regulations listed within the Zoning Ordinance. The following supplemental regulations apply to cannabis event organizers:

(1) The cannabis event organizer must complete a Special Event Permit Application to the City Council for approval. The permit application must include:

(a) Security plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management;

(b) Waste management plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management

F. Cannabis Manufacturer. Cannabis manufacturers may be allowed in I-1 Industrial zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures listed within the Zoning Ordinance.

G. Cannabis Mezzobusiness. Cannabis mezzobusinesses may be allowed in the applicable zone for the cultivation, manufacturing and/ or dispensary use if approved in accordance with the permit procedures and regulations listed within the Zoning Ordinance. The following supplemental regulations apply to cannabis mezzobusinesses:

(1) Cannabis mezzobusinesses may not take place outdoors and must occur in a completely enclosed building.

(2) All cultivation activities conducted as part of a cannabis mezzobusiness are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis cultivators.

(3) All manufacturing activities conducted as part of a cannabis mezzobusiness are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis manufacturers.

(4) All cannabis retail sales activities conducted as part of a cannabis mezzobusiness are subject to all

regulations that apply to cannabis retailers provided, however, that such activities may be conducted in the I-1 or BIT zoning districts only if done in conjunction with cultivation or manufacturing activities.

H. Cannabis Microbusiness. Cannabis microbusinesses may be allowed in the applicable zone for the cultivation, manufacturing and/ or dispensary use as detailed below if approved in accordance with the permit procedures listed within the Zoning Ordinance. The following supplemental regulations apply to cannabis microbusinesses:

(1) Cannabis microbusinesses may not take place outdoors and must occur in a completely enclosed building.

(2) All cultivation activities conducted as part of a cannabis microbusiness are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis cultivators.

(3) All manufacturing activities conducted as part of a cannabis microbusiness are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis manufacturers.

(4) All cannabis retail sales activities conducted as part of a cannabis microbusiness are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis retailers of this section, provided, however, that such activities may be conducted in the I-1 or BIT zoning districts only if done in conjunction with cultivation or manufacturing activities.

I. Cannabis Retailer. Dispensaries may be allowed in the B-1 Central Business, B-2 General Business, B-3 Neighborhood Business, BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional, and I-1 Industrial Park zoning district if approved in accordance with the permit procedures and regulations listed within the Zoning Ordinance.

J. Cannabis Testing Facility. Cannabis testing facilities may be allowed in I-1 Industrial Park and BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures and regulations listed within the Zoning Ordinance.

K. Cannabis Transporter. Cannabis transporters may be allowed in I-1 Industrial and BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures and regulations listed within the Zoning Ordinance.

L. Cannabis Wholesaler. Cannabis wholesalers may be allowed in I-1 Industrial and BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures and regulations listed within the Zoning Ordinance.

M. Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Manufacturer. Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturers may be allowed in I-1 Industrial zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures and regulations listed within the Zoning Ordinance.

N. Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer. Lower-potency hemp edible retailers are only permitted in B-1 Central Business, B-2 General Business, B-3 Neighborhood Business, BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional, and I-1 Industrial Park zoning districts. The following supplemental regulations apply to lower-potency hemp edible retailers:

(1) The sale of Low-Potency Edibles is permitted in a Municipal Liquor Store.

(2) Low-Potency Edibles shall be sold behind a counter, and stored in a locked case.

(3) A cannabinoid registration fee, as established in the City's fee schedule, Chapter 160, shall be charged to applicants applying for a lower- potency hemp edible retail registration as required by the City.

O. Medical Cannabis Combination Business. Medical cannabis combination businesses may be allowed in the applicable zone for the cultivation, manufacturing and/or retail use as detailed below if approved in accordance with the permit procedures and regulations listed within the Zoning Ordinance. The following supplemental regulations apply to medical cannabis combination businesses:

(1) Medical cannabis combination businesses may not take place outdoors and must be held in a completely enclosed building.

(2) All cultivation activities conducted as part of a medical cannabis combination businesses are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis cultivators.

(3) All manufacturing activities conducted as part of a medical cannabis combination businesses are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis manufacturers.

(4) All cannabis retail sales activities conducted as part of a medical cannabis combination businesses are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis retailers, provided, however, that such activities may be conducted in the I-1 or BIT zoning districts only if done in conjunction with cultivation or manufacturing

activities.

§ 123-11. Other Cannabinoid Products; Exclusion.

A. Cannabinoid retail sales licensed through the State and outlined per Minnesota Statutes, Chapter 151.72, are required to obtain registration through the City as outlined in § 123-4 and pay the applicable cannabinoid registration fee outlined in the City's fee schedule.

B. Business retailers selling non-intoxicating cannabinoids such as CBD, CBG, and CBN, each serving may not exceed 25 mg CBD and 25 mg CBG, are not required to obtain a City registration.

§ 123-12. Compliance Checks.

The City shall conduct, at minimum, one unannounced age verification compliance check per calendar year of every cannabis business to assess if the business meets age verification requirements, as required under Minn. Stat. 342 and this chapter.

Age verification compliance checks shall involve persons at least 17 years of age but under the age of 21 who, with the prior written consent of a parent or guardian if the person is under the age of 18, attempt to purchase adult-use cannabis flower, adult-use cannabis products, lower-potency hemp edibles, or hemp-derived consumer products under the direct supervision of a law enforcement officer or an employee of the local unit of government.

Any failures under this section must be reported to the Office of Cannabis Management.

§ 123-13. Responsibility.

All registered businesses are responsible for the actions of their employees regarding the sale, offer to sell, and furnishing of products on the business' premise. The sale, offer to sell, or furnishing of any licensed product by an employee shall be considered an act of the registered business. Nothing in this section shall be construed as prohibiting the City from also subjecting the employee to any civil penalties that the City deems to be appropriate under this ordinance, state or federal law, or other applicable law or regulation.

§123-14. Use on municipal property prohibited.

No person shall vaporize or smoke cannabis flower, cannabis products, artificially derived cannabinoids, or lower-potency hemp consumer products in a public facility or on public property.

§ 123-15. Violations and Penalties.

Violation of any section of this chapter is punishable as a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as provided by Chapter 1, Article I, of this Code of the City of Isanti.

§ 123-16. Severability.

If any section or provision of this ordinance is held invalid, such invalidity will not affect other section or provisions that can be given force and effect without the invalidated section or provision.

ARTICLE II
TOBACCO AND OTHER
DELIVERY PRODUCTS

§123-18. Definitions.

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

Electronic Delivery Device - Any product containing or delivering nicotine, lobelia, or any other substance, whether natural or synthetic, intended for human consumption through the inhalation of aerosol or vapor from the product. Electronic delivery devices include, but is not limited to, devices manufactured, marketed, or sold as e-cigarettes, e-cigars, e-pipes, vape pens, mods, tank systems, or under any other product name or descriptor. Electronic delivery device includes any component part of a product, whether marketed or sold separately. Electronic delivery device does not include any nicotine cessation product that has been authorized by the U.S. Food and Drug Administration to be marketed and for sale as "drugs," "devices," or "combination products," as defined in the Federal Food, Drug, and Cosmetic Act.

Indoor Area - All space between a floor and a ceiling that is bounded by walls, doorways, or windows, whether open or closed, covering more than 50 percent of the combined surface area of the vertical planes constituting the perimeter of the area. A wall includes any retractable divider, garage door, or other physical barrier, whether temporary or permanent.

Licensed Products - The term that collectively refers to any tobacco, tobacco-related device, electronic delivery device, or nicotine or lobelia delivery product.

Nicotine or Lobelia Delivery Product - Any product containing or delivering nicotine or other substance intended for human consumption, or any part of such a product, that is not tobacco as defined in this section, not including any

product that has been approved or otherwise certified for legal sale by the United States Food and Drug Administration for tobacco cessation, harm reduction, or for other medical purposes, and it being marketed and sold solely for that approved use.

Public Place - Property that is generally open to or accessible by the public, except on those premises licensed by the State to permit on-site consumption.

Public Property - Real and personal property owned, managed, or controlled by the City, including City buildings and surrounding land, parking lots, parks, trails, and City rights-of-way consisting of both the traveled portion and the abutting boulevard, sidewalks and trails, and any City personal property, including motor vehicles and equipment.

Smoking - Inhaling or exhaling smoke from any lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product, or inhaling or exhaling vapor from any nicotine or other electronic delivery device. Smoking shall include carrying a lighted or heated cigar, cigarette, pipe, or any other lighted or heated tobacco or plant product intended for inhalation.

Tobacco or Tobacco Related Products - Includes cigarettes and any product containing, made, or derived from tobacco that is intended for human consumption, whether chewed, smoked, absorbed, dissolved, inhaled, snorted, sniffed, or ingested by any other means, or any component, part, or accessory of a tobacco product: cigars; cheroots; stogies; perique; granulated, plug cut, crimp cut, ready rubbed, and other smoking tobacco; snuff, snuff flour, cavendish; plug and twist tobacco; fine-cut and other chewing tobaccos; shorts; refuse scraps, clippings, cuttings and sweepings of tobacco; and other kinds and forms of tobacco.

Tobacco Products Shop - Any licensed retail establishment that derives at least 90% of its revenue from tobacco or tobacco products and where no person under the age of 21 is present, or permitted to enter, at any time.

Tobacco Related Devices - Include any tobacco product as well as a pipe, rolling papers, ashtray, or other device intentionally designed or intended to be used in a manner which enables the chewing, sniffing or smoking of tobacco or tobacco products or the inhalation of vapor from an electronic device. Tobacco-related devices shall include accessories of components of tobacco-related devices which may be marketed or sold separately.

§123-19. License Required.

No person shall sell or offer to sell any tobacco, tobacco products, tobacco related devices, electronic cigarettes, electronic delivery devices, or nicotine or lobelia delivery devices without first having obtained a license to do. Per Minnesota Statutes, the tobacco retail licensing authority is Isanti County.

§123-20. Compliance Checks.

All licensed premises must be open to inspection by law enforcement or other authorized officials during regular business hours. Compliance checks will be performed in accordance with state law.

§123-21. Use in public places prohibited; exceptions.

No person shall smoke a cigarette, cigar, pipe, or other lighted tobacco-related device, or use nicotine or lobelia delivery devices or any other electronic delivery device, in any public place, places of employment, public buildings, or other public areas, as defined under the provisions of the Minnesota Clean Indoor Air Act, or in any other place where smoking is restricted by City resolution or by any other applicable laws, except in a tobacco products shop by a customer or potential customer for the purpose of sampling such tobacco products legally offered for sale by such establishment.

§123-22. Use on municipal property prohibited.

No person shall use a tobacco electronic delivery device or smoke a cigarette, cigar, pipe or other lighted tobacco-related device or use a nicotine delivery device, or chew or otherwise use tobacco, within any municipal owned public place.

§ 123 -23. Violations and Penalties.

Violation of any section of this chapter is punishable as a misdemeanor and upon conviction shall be punished as provided by Chapter 1, Article I, of this Code of the City of Isanti.

Section 3 – Effective Date.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.

Adopted by the City Council this 17th day of December 2024.

Mayor James Gordon

Attest:

Jaden Strand

City Clerk

Posted on: December 4, 2024

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**ORDINANCE NO. 823
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE 809, ADOPTED ON
MAY 7, 2024, ORDINANCE 799,
ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 5,
2023, ORDINANCE 797, ADOPTED
ON SEPTEMBER 19, 2023,
ORDINANCE 791, ADOPTED ON
JUNE 20, 2023, ORDINANCE
780, ADOPTED ON 12-30- 2022,
ORDINANCE 765,
ADOPTED ON 12-30-2021,
ORDINANCE 760, ADOPTED
ON 7-20-2021, ORDINANCE
754, ADOPTED ON 3-2-2021,
ORDINANCE 746, ADOPTED ON
12-15-2020 AND ORDINANCE
727, ADOPTED ON 4-7-2020 AND
TITLED FEES
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF ISANTI, MINNESOTA
ORDAINS:**

Section I- Amendment.

Ordinance 809, Ordinance 799, Ordinance 797, Ordinance 791, Ordinance 780, Ordinance 765, Ordinance 760, Ordinance 754, Ordinance 746, and Ordinance 727 titled Fees, codified in Chapter 160 of the City Code, are hereby amended as follows:

**Chapter 160
FEES**

§ 160-2 Enumeration of fees.

A. Administration.

(1) Administrative hearing filing fee: \$75.

(2) Adult use fee: \$2,500.

(3) Adult use investigation fee: \$300.

(4) Affidavit of candidacy: \$15.

(5) Cannabinoid registration: \$125.

(6) Cannabis registration: \$500. (or 50% of State annual license fee, whichever is less.)

(7) Cannabis registration renewal: \$500. (\$500 (or 50% of State renewal license fee, whichever is less).

(8) Copies - standard printed: \$0.25 per page.

(9) Copies - large format printed: \$5 per page; \$20 per plan set.

(10) Copies - USB drive: \$5.

(11) Dog bite: actual cost including containment.

(12) Dog boarding (at impound): per contract.

(13) Dog impound 1st time: per contract.

(14) Dog impound 2nd time: per contract.

(15) Dog impound 3rd time: per contract.

(a) Additional fee for pickup (7:00 p.m. - 8:00 a.m. and holidays): per contract.

(16) Euthanasia/disposal: actual cost.

(17) FAX - in: \$0.25 per page.

(18) FAX - out: \$0.25 per page.

(19) Gambling permits - application and gambling investigation fee: \$50.

(20) Investigation/background fee: \$35

(21) Kennel license (commercial): \$100 per year.

(22) Kennel license (residential): \$50 per year.

(23) Mowing abatement: per mowing contract.

(24) Noncompliance fee: \$25.

(25) Notary: \$5 per document.

(26) Pawnbroker/shop: \$1,500.

(27) Pawnshop investigation fee; initial application only, does not apply to renewal: \$1,500.

(28) Pawnshop transaction fee: \$1.30.

(29) Peddler license:

(a) Day: \$25.

(b) Month: \$75.

(c) Seasonal (six months or less): \$200.

(30) Peddler investigation fee: \$35.

(31) Peddler license and investigation fee - nonprofit: no charge.

(32) Retail fireworks permit - application fee: \$15.

(33) Retail fireworks permit - permit fee: \$25.

(34) Returned checks: \$30.

(35) Secondhand goods dealer: \$1,500.

(36) Secondhand goods dealer investigation fee; initial application only, not for renewals: \$1,500.

(37) Secondhand goods dealer, temporary: \$750.

(38) Secondhand goods dealer transaction fee: \$1.30.

(39) Small cell wireless.

(a) Annual fee per support structure/pole: \$150.

(b) Annual maintenance fee per support structure/pole: \$25.

(40) Small cell wireless facility electrical service fee.

(a) Per radio node less than or equal to 100 watts: \$73 annually.

(b) Per radio node over 100 max watts: \$182 annually; or actual cost of electricity annually, if costs exceed

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either of the preceding amounts.
(41) Small cell wireless/pole attachment permit fee: \$250 plus actual engineering costs if additional review is required.
(42) Special assessment fee; unpaid utility bills, code enforcement violations, etc.: \$30 per assessment.
(43) Special meeting request: \$500.
(44) Special vehicle permit: \$25.
(44) Staff time (not specified elsewhere): actual hourly wage multiplied by 145%.
Section 2 – Effective Date:
This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.
Adopted by the Isanti City Council this 17th day of December 2024.

Mayor James Gordon
Attest:
Jaden Strand
City Clerk
Posted On: December 4, 2024
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ORDINANCE NO. 824
AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL ORDINANCE NO. 579, ADOPTED ON 4-15-2014, ORDINANCE 699, ADOPTED ON 5-7-2019, ORDINANCE NO. 795, ADOPTED ON 9-5-2023 AND TITLED CHAPTER 295 TOBACCO, CANNABIS, HEMP AND RELATED DELIVERY PRODUCTS THE CITY COUNCIL OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:
Section 1 – Repeal. Ordinances 579, 699 and 795, codified in Chapter 295 of City Code are hereby repealed in its entirety.
Section 2 – Effective Date.
This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication in the official City newspaper.
Adopted by the City Council this 17th day of December 2024.

Mayor James Gordon
Attest:
Jaden Strand
City Clerk
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ORDINANCE NO. 825
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 445 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 21, 2008; ORDINANCE NO. 451 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 17, 2009; ORDINANCE NO. 547 ADOPTED ON JANUARY 15, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 568 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 19, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 594 ADOPTED ON JANUARY 20, 2015; ORDINANCE NO. 644 ADOPTED ON MAY 17, 2016; ORDINANCE NO. 733 ADOPTED ON JUNE 2, 2020; ORDINANCE NO. 735 ADOPTED ON JULY 7, 2020; ORDINANCE NO. 752 ADOPTED ON JANUARY 5, 2021; ORDINANCE NO. 771 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 3, 2022; SECTION 6 RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:
Section 1- Amendment. Ordinance No. 771, Ordinance No. 752, Ordinance No. 735, Ordinance No. 733, Ordinance No. 644, Ordinance No. 594, Ordinance No. 568, Ordinance No. 547, Ordinance No. 451, Ordinance No. 445, Section 6, Article 6, Subdivision 2 are hereby amended as follows:
Chapter 445
SECTION 6: Residential Districts
ARTICLE SIX: “R-1a” RESIDENTIAL RURAL DISTRICT
Subdivision 2: Permitted Uses
The following are permitted uses:
A. Dwellings, Single-family detached.
B. Cannabis cultivation, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
C. Essential services.
D. Farming.
E. Group family daycare facility licensed under Minnesota Rules 9502.0315 to 9502.0445, to serve fourteen (14) or fewer children as allowed under Minnesota Statutes 462.357, Subdivision 7, as amended.
F. Public open space.
G. State licensed daycare facility serving twelve (12) or fewer persons as allowed under Minnesota Statutes 462.357, Subdivision 7, as amended.
H. State licensed residential facility (group home) or a housing with services establishment registered under Minnesota Statutes Chapter 144D, serving six (6) or fewer persons as allowed under Minnesota Statutes 462.357, Subdivision 7,

as amended. Residential facilities whose primary purpose is to treat juveniles who have violated criminal statutes related to sex offenses or have been adjudicated delinquent on the basis of conduct in violation of criminal statutes relating to sex offenses shall be considered prohibited.
Section 2- Effective Date. This Ordinance takes effect upon its passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Isanti.
Adopted by the City Council this 17th day of December 2024.

Mayor James Gordon
Attest:
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City Clerk
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ORDINANCE NO. 826
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE NO. 445 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 21, 2008; ORDINANCE NO. 446 ADOPTED ON DECEMBER 16, 2008; ORDINANCE NO. 454 ADOPTED ON MARCH 3, 2009; ORDINANCE NO. 466 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 15, 2009; ORDINANCE NO. 480 ADOPTED ON MARCH 16, 2010; ORDINANCE NO. 490 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 17, 2010; ORDINANCE NO. 496 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 3, 2010; ORDINANCE NO. 499 ADOPTED ON FEBRUARY 15, 2011; ORDINANCE NO. 512 ADOPTED ON MAY 17, 2011; ORDINANCE NO. 541 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2012; ORDINANCE NO. 542 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 20, 2012; ORDINANCE NO. 550 ADOPTED ON APRIL 16, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 445 ADOPTED ON ORDINANCE NO. 554 ADOPTED ON JUNE 18, 2013; ORDINANCE NO. 575 ADOPTED ON MARCH 18, 2014; ORDINANCE NO. 583 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 16, 2014; ORDINANCE NO. 618 ADOPTED ON AUGUST 18, 2015; ORDINANCE NO. 649 ADOPTED ON JULY 19, 2016; ORDINANCE NO. 657 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 15, 2016; ORDINANCE NO. 708 ADOPTED ON JULY 2, 2019; ORDINANCE NO. 726 ADOPTED ON MARCH 17, 2020; ORDINANCE NO. 730 ADOPTED ON MAY 5, 2020; ORDINANCE NO. 731 ADOPTED ON JUNE 2, 2020; ORDINANCE NO. 732 ADOPTED ON JUNE 2, 2020; SECTION 7 BUSINESS DISTRICTS THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:
Section 1- Amendment. Ordinance No.732, Ordinance No. 731, Ordinance No. 730, Ordinance No. 708, Ordinance No. 657, Ordinance No. 649, Ordinance No. 618, Ordinance No. 583, Ordinance No. 575, Ordinance No. 554, Ordinance No. 445 Zoning, Section 7, Article 1 Subdivision 2, Article 2 Subdivision 2 and Article 3 Subdivision 2 are hereby amended as follows:
Chapter 445
SECTION 7: Business Districts
ARTICLE ONE: “B-1” CENTRAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (CBD)
Subdivision 1: Purpose
The purpose of the “B-1” Central Business District (CBD) is to promote mutually compatible business activities in downtown Isanti. What makes the Central Business District unique from the General Business District is that it is a commercial area that serves as a focal point both culturally and historically for the City of Isanti. Commercial uses, to include but are not limited to retail, office, and service uses; encourage and support pedestrian movement and activity within the Central Business District. To keep and preserve the character of this area, development and redevelopment of parcels within the district shall be architecturally compatible with the existing structures and should be arranged so as to encourage a compact, high-density environment. New buildings and renovations to existing buildings should enhance the small-town character found within the downtown area.
Subdivision 2: Permitted Uses
The following are permitted uses:
A. Agricultural sales and services.
B. Artist studios. (Ord No. 466)
C. Bakery.
D. Business services.
E. Cannabis event, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
F. Cannabis event organizer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
G. Cannabis delivery services

subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
H. Cannabis retail, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
I. Catering establishments.
J. Coffee house.
K. Convenience stores (not accessory to a gas station).
L. Essential services.
M. Financial institutions.
N. Funeral home.
O. General office.
P. General retail establishments.
Q. Government office.
R. Health care clinics.
S. Instruction/learning center. (Ord No. 466)
T. Lower-potency hemp edible retailer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
U. Mobile food unit, providing that such uses meets the requirements as provided within Chapter 245 of the Isanti Code of Ordinances. (Ord No. 731)
V. Museums. (Ord No. 550)
W. Personal service establishments. (Ord No. 550)
X. Print shops. (Ord No. 550)
Y. Theater, indoor (not adult-use). (Ord No. 550)
Z. Thrift store. (Ord No. 550)
Subdivision 3: Conditional Uses
The following are conditional uses within the “B-1” Central Business District and shall require a Conditional Use Permit based upon the procedures set forth and regulated by Section 21 of this Ordinance. Additional specific standards and criteria may be cited for respective conditional uses and a request shall be evaluated based upon those additional standards and criteria.
A. Club, Private.
B. Community center.
C. Drive-thru facilities.
D. Household maintenance and small engine repair facility, subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 446)
E. Meat market and meat processing facilities to include slaughtering providing the following requirements are met:
1. Meat processing facilities may be allowed by a Conditional Use Permit only as an accessory use to a meat market. The meat processing facility shall be located in the same building as a meat market and the floor area of the meat processing facility shall not exceed the floor area of the meat market.
2. The applicant shall submit a plan showing all staging areas for the temporary storage of carcasses and disposal of animal remains, as outside storage is prohibited within the Central Business District.
3. The applicant shall demonstrate that the performance standards and requirements for meat processing facilities as outlined in Section 13 can be met.
F. Motor vehicle rental facility with accessory open sales lot. Such establishments are subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 493)
G. Motor vehicle sales facility with accessory open sales lot, limited to ATV's, dirt bikes, scooters, and trailers. Such establishments are subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 490)
H. Mixed use buildings.
I. Parking facilities, when not accessory to a principal commercial use.
J. Public buildings.
K. Religious institutions.
L. Restaurants (carry-out, fast food, and sit-down).
M. Senior citizen housing.
N. Brewpub. (Ord No. 554)
O. Brewer tap room. (Ord No. 554)
P. Microbrewery. (Ord No. 554)
Q. Micro distillery. (Ord No. 554)
R. Adult Day Center. (Ord. No. 594)
S. Commercial Recreation. (Ord No. 730)
Subdivision 4: Interim Uses
A. Animal sales and services (does not include animal boarding facility).
B. Bar.
C. Farmer's market, in accordance with the performance standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
D. Recreational Vehicle Repair Facility, subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
E. Extended Home Occupations, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 583)
Subdivision 5: Uses By Administrative Permit
A. Outdoor Sales, Temporary (General Retail Establishments and Civic Organizations), providing that such uses meet the requirements as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
B. Transient Merchants, providing that such uses meet the requirements as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance and Chapter 245 of

the Isanti City Code of Ordinances. (Ord No. 480)
Subdivision 6: Permitted Accessory Uses
A. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to any of the permitted uses. Accessory buildings are subject to the regulations as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
B. Off-street parking and loading, in accordance with Section 17 of this Ordinance.
C. Outdoor patios and decks, as an accessory use to a bar, restaurant, club, or other assembly use with food or liquor sales, providing the requirements as listed in Section 13 are met.
D. Outdoor smoking shelters, as an accessory use to a bar, restaurant, club, or other assembly use with food or liquor sales, providing the requirements as listed in Section 13 are met.
E. Signs, in accordance with Section 16 of this Ordinance.
F. Trash receptacle enclosures, in accordance with the standards as provided within Section 14, Subdivision 3 of this Ordinance.
Subdivision 7: Lot Requirements and Setbacks
The following minimum requirements shall be observed in the Central Business District; subject to additional requirements, exceptions, and modifications as set forth within this Ordinance:
A. Setbacks and Height Restrictions – Principal Building. Minimum Setback from a Railroad Right-of-Way 10 feet
Front, Side, and Rear Yards
Zero Lot Line
Maximum Building Height
Three (3) stories or forty-five (45) feet, whichever is less
Subdivision 8: Site Plan Approval Required
New and/or intensified development within the Central Business District shall obtain Site Plan Approval in accordance with Section 18 of this Ordinance.
Subdivision 9: Additional Standards
Exterior Building Materials, Parking, Lighting, and Screening/Landscaping shall be in accordance with regulations as presented in Section 11, Article 1: “D-1” Downtown Overlay District.
ARTICLE TWO: “B-2” GENERAL BUSINESS DISTRICT (GBD)
Subdivision 1: Purpose
This district is designed and intended to promote the development of commercial uses which are predominantly auto-oriented in nature. The district caters to high-way-oriented businesses as well as to businesses that provide basic shopping and service needs to the community. When designing a commercial site within the General Business
Subdivision 2: Permitted Uses
The following are considered permitted uses within the “B-2” General Business District:
A. Agricultural sales and services.
B. Artist studios. (Ord No. 466)
C. Bakery.
D. Broadcasting and recording studio.
E. Business service.
E. Cannabis event, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
G. Cannabis event organizer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
H. Cannabis delivery services subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
I. Cannabis retail, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
J. Catering establishments.
K. Coffee house.
L. Community shopping centers (medium-scale).
M. Convenience store (not accessory to a gas station).
N. Day care center.
O. Dry cleaning and Laundromats.
P. Essential services.
Q. Financial institutions.
R. Funeral home.
S. General office.
T. General retail establishments.
U. Government office.
V. Health care clinic.
W. Health club.
X. Hospital. (Ord No. 499)
Y. Hotel or motel.
Z. Instruction/learning center. (Ord No. 466)
AA. Locksmith.
BB. Lower-potency hemp edible retailer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
CC. Massage therapy (not adult use).
DD. Personal service establishments.
EE. Mobile food unit, providing that such use meets the require-

ments as provided within Chapter 245 of the Isanti Code of Ordinances. (Ord No. 731)
FF. Print shop.
GG. Showroom.
HH. Theaters, indoor (not adult use).
II. Thrift store.
JJ. Tool / equipment rental facility (indoor only).
Subdivision 3: Conditional Uses
The following are conditional uses within the “B-2” General Business District and shall require a Conditional Use Permit based upon the procedures set forth and regulated by Section 21 of this Ordinance. Additional specific standards and criteria may be cited for respective conditional uses and a request shall be evaluated based upon those additional standards and criteria.
A. Ambulance or medical carrier services. (Ord No. 499)
B. Automobile car wash establishment, subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
C. Automobile sales and service, with accessory open sales lot, subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
D. Commercial recreation.
E. Community centers.
F. Drive-thru facilities.
G. Farm implement.
H. Gas stations, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
I. Garden center.
J. Helipad or helistop in conjunction with a hospital. (Ord No. 499)
K. Home improvement center.
L. Hospice. (Ord No. 499)
M. Household maintenance and small engine repair facilities, subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
N. Meat markets and meat processing facilities to include slaughtering, providing that the following requirements are met:
O. Meat processing facilities may be allowed by a conditional use permit only as an accessory use to a meat market. The meat processing facility shall be located in the same building as a meat market and the floor area of the slaughter area shall not exceed the floor area of the processing area and meat market.
P. The applicant shall submit a plan showing all staging areas for the temporary storage of carcasses and disposal of animal remains, as outside storage is prohibited within the Central Business District (CBD).
Q. The applicant shall demonstrate that the general standards and requirements for meat processing facilities as outlined within Section 13 of this Ordinance can be met.
R. Medical research laboratory.
S. Medical support facilities. (Ord No. 499)
T. Motor vehicle rental facilities w/ open sales or display lot. Such establishments are subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
U. Motor vehicle repair facilities, establishments are subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
V. Motor Vehicle Sales, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord. No. 649)
W. Nursery, retail
X. Parking facilities, when not accessory to a principal use.
Y. Private clubs.
Z. Public buildings.
AA. Religious institutions.
BB. Restaurants (Carry-out, Drive-in, Fast food, or Sit-down).
CC. Senior residential care facilities, as defined within Section 2 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 496)
DD. Social service facility.
EE. Temporary patient/family housing. (Ord No. 499)
FF. Tool / equipment rental facility (with accessory open sales lot), subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
GG. Trade / business school.
HH. Wholesale establishment, indoors.
II. Wind energy conversion systems, as an accessory use, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance. (Ord No. 512)
JJ. Brewpub. (Ord No. 554)
II. Brewer tap room. (Ord No. 554)
JJ. Microbrewery. (Ord No. 554)
KK. Micro distillery. (Ord No. 554)
LL. Micro distillery cocktail room. (Ord No. 732)
MM. Educational Institutions, subject to the following requirements.
1. Number of students to be defined based on location, traffic and any other factors determined appropriate in relation to school size.
2. The applicant shall submit a plan showing traffic flow and safety concerns.
3. Additional standards as provided in Section 13 shall be met. (Ord. No. 575)
NN. Adult Day Center. (Ord. No. 594)
Subdivision 4: Interim Uses
A. Animal sales and services.
B. Bars.

C. Commercial kennel, as defined in Section 2 of this Ordinance, meeting the registration and licensing requirements as provided within Chapter 87, Article II Dogs of the Isanti City Code. (Ord No. 542)
D. Farming.
E. Farmer's market, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
F. Flea markets.
G. Gunsmith.
H. Liquor store.
I. Pawn shops.
J. Secondhand store.
K. Tattoo parlor / body piercing studio (non-adult use), subject to the standards and licensing requirements as provided within the Isanti City Code of Ordinances.
L. Temporary motor vehicle sales, accessory to a financial institution, in which such sales event is permitted two (2) times per calendar year and shall not exceed three (3) days per event. No more than the number of events identified shall be permitted for the same property in any given calendar year. (Ord No. 480)
Subdivision 5: Uses By Administrative Permit
A. Outdoor Sales, Temporary (General Retail Establishments and Civic Organizations), providing that such uses meet the requirements as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
B. Transient merchants, providing that such uses meet the requirements as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance and Chapter 245 of the Isanti City Code of Ordinances. (Ord No. 480)
Subdivision 6: Permitted Accessory Uses
A. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to any of the permitted uses. Accessory buildings are subject to the regulations as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.
B. Off-street parking and loading, in accordance with Section 17 of this Ordinance.
C. Outdoor patios and decks, as an accessory use to a bar, restaurant, club, or other assembly use with liquor or food sales, providing the requirements as listed in Section 13 are met.
D. Outdoor smoking shelters, as an accessory use to a bar, restaurant, club, or other assembly use with liquor or food sales, providing the requirements as listed in Section 13 are met.
E. Recreation support facilities may be permitted only as an accessory use to commercial recreation facilities.
F. Signs, in accordance with Section 16 of this Ordinance.
G. Supporting retail and service uses associated and located within a hospital or health care clinic, to include: cafeteria, employee exercise facilities, shops for medical equipment, pharmaceutical supplies, gift shops, bookstores, florists, banking facilities, laundry/dry cleaning, community rooms, and chapels.
H. Trash receptacle enclosures, in accordance with the provisions within Section 14, Subdivision 3 of this Ordinance.
Subdivision 7: Lot Requirements and Setbacks
The following minimum requirements shall be observed in the General Business District; subject to additional requirements, exceptions, and modifications as set forth within this Ordinance:
A. Setbacks and Height Restrictions – Principal Building. Minimum Front Yard Setback 30 feet
Minimum Side Yard Setback 15 feet
Minimum Street Side Yard Setback 20 feet
Minimum Rear Yard Setback 15 feet
Maximum Building Height
Three (3) stories or forty-five (45) feet, whichever is less.
B. Impervious Surface Coverage. Twenty-five (25) percent of the total lot area shall consist of green space. Five (5) percent of the total lot area shall be green space within the parking perimeter. (Ord. No. 618)
Subdivision 8: Site Plan Approval Required
Prior to the construction of any building within the General Business District; Site Plan Approval and Building Appearance Review shall be required in accordance with Section 18 of this Ordinance.
Subdivision 9: Exterior Building Materials
A. The exterior wall finishes on any building shall be comprised of one or more of the following materials:
1. Face brick.
2. Natural stone.
3. Glass.
4. Decorative concrete block as approved by the City Council.
5. Specifically designed pre-cast concrete units; if the surfaces have been integrally treated with an applied decorative material or texture.
6. Masonry stucco.
7. Other comparable or superior

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material as recommended by the Planning Commission and approved by the City Council.

B. All subsequent additions and accessory buildings constructed after the erection of the original building or buildings, shall be constructed with exterior finishes comprised of the same materials as the original structure(s).

Subdivision 10: Parking and Driveways

Parking, driveways, and driving areas shall meet the requirements of Section 17 of this Ordinance, subject to the following additional requirements, exceptions, and modifications as set forth:

A. Parking lots and drive aisles shall be setback a minimum of ten (10) feet from front, rear, and side yards.

B. When abutting a residentially zoned district, parking and drive aisles shall be setback a minimum of twenty (20) feet.

Subdivision 11: Lighting

Any lighting used to illuminate off-street parking areas, signage, or buildings shall be directed away from residential properties and shall meet the standards as stipulated within Section 14 of this Ordinance.

Subdivision 12: Screening and Landscaping

Screening and Landscaping within the Neighborhood Business District shall be provided in accordance with the requirements as stipulated within Section 15 of this Ordinance. On lots adjacent to a residential district, a minimum twenty (20) foot landscaped buffer strip shall be planted.

Subdivision 13: Additional Standards

Properties along Highway 65 are subject to the regulations presented in Section 11, Article 5: “H65” Highway 65 Corridor Overlay District. (Ord. No. 657)

ARTICLE THREE: “B-3” NEIGHBORHOOD BUSINESS DISTRICT (NBD)

Subdivision 1: Purpose

The purpose of the Neighborhood Business District (NB) is to provide for the establishment of local centers for convenient, limited retail or service outlets that cater to surrounding residential neighborhoods. These centers are not intended to draw customers from the larger community. The centers should be small in scale. Site and architectural design should be compatible with the surrounding uses.

Subdivision 2: Permitted Uses

The following are considered permitted uses within the “B-3” Neighborhood Business District:

A. Cannabis event organizer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

B. Cannabis retail, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

C. Coffee house.

D. Convenience stores of 3,000 square feet or less in gross floor area (not accessory to a gas station).

E. Dry cleaner or Laundromat.

F. Essential services.

G. Financial institution.

H. General office.

I. General retail establishments of 3,000 square feet or less of gross floor area per unit that provides direct retail sales to users of goods and services and, which are conducted within the primary or accessory structures.

J. Health care clinics.

K. Instruction/learning center. (Ord No. 466)

L. Lower-potency hemp edible retailer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

M. Neighborhood shopping centers or similar multi-tenant developments with 8,000 square feet or less of gross floor area.

N. Personal service establishments.

Subdivision 3: Conditional Uses

The following are conditional uses within the “B-3” Neighborhood Business District and shall require a Conditional Use Permit based upon the procedures set forth and regulated by Section 21 of this Ordinance. Additional specific standards and criteria may be cited for respective conditional uses and a request shall be evaluated based upon those additional standards and criteria.

A. Automobile car wash (as an accessory use to a gas station or convenience store), subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

B. Daycare centers, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

C. Drive-thru facilities.

D. Gas Station, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

E. Health clubs of 3,000 square feet or less in gross floor area.

F. Mixed use buildings.

G. Restaurant, (sit down or carry-out) providing that the use meets the following requirements:

1. Cooking odors shall be controlled, so as not to be noticeable

to adjacent residential properties.

2. Gross floor area of the restaurant shall not exceed 3,000 square feet.

H. Adult Day Center. (Ord. No. 594)

Subdivision 4: Interim Uses

A. Animal sales and services of 3,000 square feet or less in gross floor area (does not include animal boarding facility).

Subdivision 5: Uses by Administrative Permit

A. Outdoor Sales, Temporary (General Retail Establishments and Civic Organizations), providing that such uses meet the requirements as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

Subdivision 6: Permitted Accessory Uses

A. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to any of the permitted uses. Accessory buildings are subject to the regulations provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

B. Off-street parking and loading, in accordance with Section 17 of this Ordinance.

C. Signs, in accordance with Section 16 of this Ordinance.

D. Trash receptacle enclosures, in accordance with the standards as provided within Section 14, Subdivision 3 of this Ordinance.

Subdivision 7: Lot Requirements and Setbacks

The following minimum requirements shall be observed in the Neighborhood Business District; subject to additional requirements, exceptions, and modifications as set forth within this Ordinance:

A. Lot Requirements.

Minimum Lot Size 2 0 , 0 0 0 square feet

Minimum Lot Width 100 feet

Minimum Lot Depth 200 feet

B. Setbacks and Height Restrictions – Principal Building.

Minimum Front Yard Setback 30 feet

Minimum Side Yard Setback 10 feet

Minimum Street Side Yard Setback 20 feet Minimum Rear Yard Setback 15 feet

Maximum Lot Coverage 60% (Ord. No. 618)

Maximum Building Height

Two and one-half (2 ½) stories or thirty-five

(35) feet, whichever is less.

Subdivision 8: Site Plan Approval

Prior to the construction of any building within the Neighborhood Business District; Site Plan Approval and Building Appearance Review shall be required in accordance with Section 18 of this Ordinance.

Subdivision 9: Exterior Building Materials

A. Buildings within the Neighborhood Business District shall be designed so as to be compatible with the surrounding residential uses. High quality, exterior building materials shall be limited to one or a combination of the following:

1. Face or modular brick
2. Natural stone
3. Stucco
4. Fiber-cement siding
5. Glass

6. Integrated, concrete masonry units, if the surfaces have been treated with an applied decorative material or texture.

7. Accent materials may include tile, stone, metal and/or wood.

B. The City Council may waive these exterior material requirements; provided that both conditions are met:

1. The exterior materials are maintenance free and contain ornamental patterns.
2. The development contains other architectural features, such as ornamental columns, unique roof lines, or special exterior spaces.

Subdivision 10: Building Design and Layout

A. Roof Design. Buildings shall have a variety of roof shapes, to include: pitched, gable or hip roofs or detailed parapets and cornices for flat roofs.

B. Facades. Building facades shall be articulated using such techniques as staggering, arcades, awnings, window treatments, or other unique details.

C. Building Orientation. Primary Entries shall be oriented towards public streets and loading/unloading areas shall be oriented away from public streets.

Subdivision 11: Parking and Driveways

Parking, driveways, and driving areas shall meet the requirements of Section 17 of this Ordinance, subject to the following additional requirements, exceptions, and modifications as set forth:

A. Parking lots and drive aisles shall be setback a minimum of ten (10) feet from front, rear, and side yards.

B. When abutting a residentially zoned district, parking and drive aisles shall be setback a minimum of twenty (20) feet.

Subdivision 12: Lighting

Any lighting used to illuminate off-street parking areas, signage, or

buildings shall be directed away from residential properties and shall meet the standards as stipulated within Section 14 of this Ordinance.

Section 13: Screening and Landscaping

Screening and Landscaping within the Neighborhood Business District shall be provided in accordance with the requirements as stipulated within Section 15 of this Ordinance. On lots adjacent to a residential district, a minimum twenty (20) foot landscaped buffer zone shall be provided with landscaping and screening in accordance with the provisions as provided within Section 15 of this Ordinance.

Section 2- Effective Date.

This Ordinance takes effect upon its passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Isanti.

Adopted by the City Council this 17th day of December 2024.

Mayor James Gordon

Attest:

Jaden Strand

City Clerk

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ZONING; ORDINANCE NO. 816
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2024; SECTION 8 INDUSTRIAL
DISTRICT

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1- Amendment.
Ordinance No. 816, Ordinance No. 554, Ordinance No. 445 Zoning, Section 8, Article 1 Subdivision 2 and Subdivision 6, are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 445
SECTION 8: Industrial Districts

ARTICLE ONE: “I-1”

INDUSTRIAL PARK DISTRICT

Subdivision 2: Permitted Uses

The following are permitted uses:

A. Building maintenance service.

B. Cannabis event organizer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

C. Cannabis cultivation, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

D. Cannabis delivery services, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

E. Cannabis manufacturer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

F. Cannabis testing facility, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

G. Cannabis transportation business, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

H. Cannabis wholesale business, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

I. Contractor's shop.

J. Essential services.

K. Hemp manufacturing, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

L. Light manufacturing.

M. Motor vehicle repair facility, subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

N. Office – showroom.

O. Office – warehouse.

P. Research and development facilities.

Q. Warehouse.

R. Water treatment plant.

S. Wholesale establishment,

indoor.

Adult Establishments, subject to the requirements of Chapter 68 of the Isanti City Code or Ordinances.

Subdivision 6: Permitted Accessory Uses

A. Accessory buildings and uses customarily incidental to any of the permitted uses. Accessory buildings are subject to the regulations as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

B. Cannabis retail, accessory to the principal use and subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

C. Off-street parking and loading, in accordance with Section 17 of this Ordinance.

D. Outdoor smoking shelters, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

E. General Retail, provided that:

1. The retail sales area is accessory to the principal use.
2. The retail sales area is indoors.
3. The retail sales area does not exceed ten (10%) of the gross floor area of the building in which the sales area is situated.
4. No additional signage has been provided identifying the retail sales activity.

F. Lower-potency hemp edible

retailer, accessory to the principal use and subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

G. Signs, in accordance with Section 16 of this Ordinance.

H. Trash receptacle enclosures, subject to the regulations as provided within Section 14 of this Ordinance.

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Adopted by the City Council this 17th day of December 2024.

Mayor James Gordon

Attest:

Jaden Strand

City Clerk

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ORDINANCE NO. 828
AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
ORDINANCE NO. 445 ADOPTED
ON OCTOBER 21, 2008;
ORDINANCE NO. 672 ADOPTED
ON APRIL 4, 2017; ORDINANCE
NO. 815 ADOPTED AUGUST
7, 2024; ZONING; SECTION 10
SPECIAL PURPOSE DISTRICTS
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1- Amendment.
Ordinance No. 815, Ordinance No. 672, Ordinance No. 445, Section 10, Article 4, Subdivision 2, are hereby amended as follows:

Chapter 445
SECTION 10: Special Purpose
Districts

ARTICLE FOUR: “BIT”
B U S I N E S S / I N D U S T R I A L
TRANSITIONAL DISTRICT (BIT)

Subdivision 2: Permitted Uses

The following are considered permitted uses within the “BIT” Business/Industrial Transitional District:

A. Agricultural sales and services.

B. Artist studios.

C. Bakery.

D. Broadcasting and recording studio.

E. Building maintenance service.

F. Business service.

G. Cannabis event, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

H. Cannabis event organizer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

I. Cannabis delivery services subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

J. Cannabis retail, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

K. Cannabis testing facility, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

L. Cannabis transportation business, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

M. Cannabis wholesale business subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

N. Catering establishments.

O. Coffee house.

P. Community shopping centers (medium-scale).

Q. Contractor's shop.

R. Convenience store (not accessory to a gas station).

S. Day care center.

T. Dry cleaning and Laundromats.

U. Essential services.

V. Financial institutions.

W. Funeral home.

X. General office.

Y. General retail establishments.

Z. Government office.

AA. Health care clinic.

BB. Health club.

CC. Hospital.

DD. Hotel or motel.

EE. Instruction/learning center.

FF. Light manufacturing.

GG. Locksmith.

HH. Massage therapy (not adult use).

II. Personal service establishments.

JJ. Lower-potency hemp edible retailer, subject to the standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

KK. Mobile food unit, providing that such use meets the requirements as provided within Chapter 245 of the Isanti Code of Ordinances.

LL. Motor vehicle repair facility, subject to those standards as provided within Section 13 of this Ordinance.

MM. Print shop.

NN. Research and development facilities.

OO. Restaurants (Carry-out, Drive-in, Fast food, or Sit-down).

PP. Showroom.

QQ. Theaters, indoor (not adult use).

RR. Thrift store.

SS. Tool / equipment rental facility (indoor only).

TT. Warehouse.

UU. Wholesale establishment,

indoor.

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ON 3-3-2009, ORDINANCE NO.
465 ADOPTED ON 9-15-2009,
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ORDINANCE NO. 491 ADOPTED
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ORDINANCE NO. 609 ADOPTED
ON 5-19-2015, ORDINANCE NO.
734 ADOPTED ON 7-7-2020,
ORDINANCE NO. 782 ADOPTED
ON 1-17-2023 AND TITLED
SECTION 13: USE REGULATIONS
THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY
OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

Section 1 – Amendment.

Ordinance No. 782, Ordinance No. 734, Ordinance No. 609, Ordinance No. 595, Ordinance No. 594, Ordinance No. 592, Ordinance No. 583, Ordinance No. 568, Ordinance No. 564, Ordinance No. 541, Ordinance No. 512, Ordinance No. 491, Ordinance No. 480, Ordinance No. 470, Ordinance No. 465, Ordinance No. 454, Ordinance No. 446, Ordinance No. 445 Zoning, Section 13, Article Six: Cannabis and Hemp

Chapter 445
SECTION 13: Use Regulations
ARTICLE SIX: Cannabis and
Hemp

Subdivision 1: Cannabis
Cultivator.

Cannabis cultivators may be allowed in I-1 Industrial Park (indoor only) and R-1A Rural Residential (indoor only) zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures in this Section. The following supplemental regulations apply to cannabis cultivator uses:

(1) Cannabis cultivator may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(2) All cultivation must occur in a completely enclosed building and may not occur in greenhouses, hoop houses, tents or similar structures.

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Subdivision 7: Cannabis Microbusiness.

Cannabis microbusinesses may be allowed in the applicable zone for the cultivation, manufacturing and/or dispensary use as detailed below if approved in accordance with the permit procedures listed within this section. The following supplemental regulations apply to cannabis testing facilities:

(1) Cannabis testing facilities may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(2) The registration of cannabis testing facilities must include the following:

(a) Security plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management;

(b) Waste management plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management

Subdivision 9: Cannabis Transporter.

Cannabis transporters may be allowed in I-1 Industrial and BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures listed within this section. The following supplemental regulations apply to cannabis transporters:

(1) Cannabis transporters may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(2) The registration of a cannabis transporter must include the following:

(a) Security plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management;

(b) Waste management plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management

Subdivision 8: Cannabis Testing Facility.

Cannabis testing facilities may

be allowed in I-1 Industrial Park and BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures listed within this section. The following supplemental regulations apply to cannabis testing facilities:

(1) Cannabis testing facilities may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(2) The registration of cannabis testing facilities must include the following:

(a) Security plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management;

(b) Waste management plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management

Subdivision 10: Cannabis Wholesaler.

Cannabis wholesalers may be allowed in I-1 Industrial and BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional zoning districts if approved in accordance with the permit procedures listed within this section. The following supplemental regulations apply to cannabis wholesalers:

(1) Cannabis wholesalers may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(2) All storage and warehousing must occur in a completely enclosed building.

(3) The registration of a cannabis wholesaler must include the following:

(a) Security plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management;

(b) Waste management plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management

Subdivision 11: Cannabis Retail.

Cannabis retailers may be allowed in the B-1 Central Business, B-2 General Business, B-3 Neighborhood Business, BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional, and I-1 Industrial Park zoning district if approved in accordance with the permit procedures listed within this section. The following supplemental regulations apply to cannabis wholesalers:

(1) Dispensaries may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(2) The registration of a cannabis retailer must include the following:

(a) Security plan consistent with

Subdivision 12: Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Manufacturer.

Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturers may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(1) Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturers may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(2) Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturers may not take place outdoors and must occur in a completely enclosed building;

(3) The registration of a Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer must include the following:

(a) Security plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management;

(b) Waste management plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management; and

(c) Measures for ensuring that all state and local standards related to odors are satisfied, including, without limitation, standards adopted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Subdivision 12: Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer.

Lower-potency hemp edible retailers are only permitted in B-1 Central Business, B-2 General

all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management;

(b) Waste management plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management

Subdivision 12: Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Manufacturer.

Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturers may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(1) Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturers may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(2) Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturers may not take place outdoors and must occur in a completely enclosed building;

(3) The registration of a Lower-potency hemp edible manufacturer must include the following:

(a) Security plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management;

(b) Waste management plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management; and

(c) Measures for ensuring that all state and local standards related to odors are satisfied, including, without limitation, standards adopted by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Subdivision 12: Lower-Potency Hemp Edible Retailer.

Lower-potency hemp edible retailers are only permitted in B-1 Central Business, B-2 General

Business, B-3 Neighborhood Business, BIT Business/ Industrial Transitional, and I-1 Industrial Park zoning districts. The following supplemental regulations apply to lower-potency hemp edible retailers:

(1) On-site consumption of lower-potency hemp edibles is prohibited unless the business holds a valid on-sale liquor license.

(2) All locations shall have an approved security plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management.

(3) All locations shall have an approved waste management plan consistent with all requirements of the State Office of Cannabis Management.

Subdivision 12: Medical Cannabis Combination Business.

Medical cannabis combination businesses may not be allowed in the applicable zone for the cultivation, manufacturing and/or dispensary use as detailed below if approved in accordance with the permit procedures listed with the Zoning Ordinance. The following supplemental regulations apply to medical cannabis combination businesses:

(1) Medical cannabis combination businesses may not be located within 300 feet of a school.

(2) Medical cannabis combination businesses may not take place outdoors and must be held in a completely enclosed building.

(3) All cultivation activities conducted as part of a medical cannabis combination businesses are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis cultivators (see Subdivision 1 of this Section).

(4) All manufacturing activities conducted as part of a medical cannabis combination businesses are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis manufacturers (see Subdivision 5 of this Section).

(5) All cannabis retail sales activities conducted as part of a medical cannabis combination businesses are subject to all regulations that apply to cannabis retailers (See Subdivision 11 of this section), however, that such activities may be conducted in the I-1 or BIT zoning districts only if done as an accessory to cultivation or manufacturing activities as detailed in Sections 8 and 10 of this Zoning Ordinance.

Section 2 – Effective Date.

This Ordinance takes effect upon its passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Isanti.

Adopted by the City Council this 17th day of December 2024.

Mayor James Gordon
Attest:
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ISANTI COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Isanti County Court on Dec. 15 - 21. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Gerald Richard Jackson (DOB 09/04/1990) of Hinckley, was charged Dec. 16 with Fugitive from Justice from Other State - extradition waived.

CHISAGO COUNTY COURT REPORT

The following felony charges were filed in Chisago County Court on Dec. 15 - 21. All individuals are presumed innocent until proven guilty.

Robert Donald Jacques (DOB 11/18/1974) of Robbinsdale, was charged Dec. 20 with Criminal Vehicular Operation - Substantial Bodily Harm - Under Influence Alcohol.

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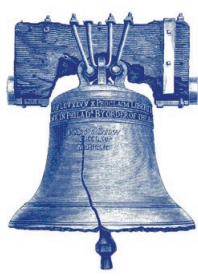
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