



Legislative Committee Meeting Notice September 5, 2023

Legislative Committee

Jay Bemke, Chair
Tom Rayome, Vice-Chair
Matt Zacher

Notice is hereby given of a meeting of the Legislative Committee to be held on Tuesday, September 5, 2023, at 5:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers of City Hall, 444 West Grand Avenue, Wisconsin Rapids.

The meeting will be streamed live on the City of Wisconsin Rapids Facebook page and will also be broadcast live on Charter Cable Channel 985 and Solarus HD Cable Channel 3. If a member of the public wishes to access this meeting live via Zoom audio conferencing, you must contact the City Clerk at least 24 hours prior to the start of the meeting to coordinate your access.

Agenda

1. Call to Order
2. Consider adoption of an ordinance to allow all-terrain vehicles (ATVs) and utility-terrain vehicles (UTVs) to operate on City streets other than state highways,
3. Consider adoption of an ordinance amending sections of Chapter 18, the Fire Code.
4. Discuss the date and time for Trick or Treat in the City for 2023, and possibly future years.
5. Adjourn

Susan C. Schill
City Attorney

The City of Wisconsin Rapids encourages participation from all its citizens. If access to any public meeting is not possible, notification to the City Clerk's office at least 48 hours prior to the scheduled meeting is encouraged to make the necessary accommodations. Call the Clerk at (715) 421-8200 to request accommodations.

ORDINANCE NO. MC_____

A GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS CREATING SECTION 340.021
OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE. SAID SECTION ESTABLISHES ATV/UTV ROUTES
AND REGULATES THE OPERATION OF ATV/UTVs

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS DOES ORDAIN AS
FOLLOWS:

SECTION I Section 340.021 of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code is hereby created to read
as follows:

340.021 All-Terrain and Utility-Terrain Vehicle Routes and Regulations

1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to establish all-terrain vehicle and utility-terrain vehicle (ATV/UTV) routes in the City of Wisconsin Rapids and to regulate the operation of ATVs/UTVs in the City.

2. Statutory Authority

The Common Council of the City of Wisconsin Rapids has the specific authority to adopt this ordinance under §§ 23.33(8)(b) and 23.33(11) of the Wisconsin Statutes.

When the word “chapter” is used anywhere in §340.021, it shall mean §340.021.

3. State Laws Adopted

Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, the statutory provisions in Wis. Stats. chs. 23, 340 to 348, and 350 establishing definitions and regulations with respect to ATVs and UTVs, and Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 64, All-Terrain Vehicles, exclusive of any provisions therein relating to penalties to be imposed and exclusive of any regulations for which the statutory penalty is a fine or term of imprisonment, are hereby adopted and by reference made a part of this chapter as if fully set forth herein. Unless otherwise provided in this chapter, any act required to be performed or prohibited by any statute incorporated herein by reference is required or prohibited by this chapter. Any future amendments, revisions or modifications of the statutes or administrative codes incorporated herein are made a part of this chapter in order to secure uniform statewide regulation of ATVs and UTVs, except to the extent that the provisions of this chapter are more restrictive.

4. ATV/UTV Routes

A. Designation of ATV/UTV routes.

1. No person may operate an ATV or UTV on any street or highway in the City of Wisconsin Rapids, except on those streets that are designated as ATV/UTV routes in this chapter.
2. Pursuant to § 23.33(8), Wis. Stats., all city streets are designated ATV/UTV routes as defined in NR 64.12 Routes, Wis. Admin. Code, except the following:
 - a. State Highway 13
 - b. State Highway 54
 - c. State Highway 73.
 - d. The operation of ATV/UTVs will not be permitted on State highways except as may be necessary to cross the same and then in strict compliance with the law.
 - e. ATV/UTVs are not allowed in City-owned parks or on any other public property except for those properties with designated parking areas where motorized vehicles normally park.
3. No one shall operate an ATV/UTV on any City street between the hours of 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.

5. Age Requirement

All ATV/UTV operators shall be 16 years of age or older to operate an ATV/UTV on road routes in the City.

6. Speed Limit

The speed limit for ATV/UTVs shall be not greater than 35 miles per hour, or the speed limit for automobiles, whichever is lower, on all City streets,

7. Conditions and Restrictions on Operation

- A. No person shall operate an ATV/UTV on a street designated as an ATV/UTV route if the street is closed for any reason.
- B. Operators shall abide by all traffic laws, including the rules of operation and equipment requirements contained in § 23.33, Wis. Stats., and Wis. Admin. Code ch. NR 64, unless further restricted by this chapter.

- C. All ATV or UTV operators shall ride in single file on the extreme right-hand side of the paved portion of the highway. Operation on the bike lane, shoulders, grassy in-slope, ditches, or other street right-of-way is prohibited, unless yielding the right of way. Left turns may be made from any part of the highway when it is safe given prevailing conditions.
- D. No person may ride in or on any part of an ATV or UTV that is not designated or intended to be used by passengers. No ATV or UTV operator shall have a passenger riding in or on any part of an ATV/UTV that is not designated or intended to be used by passengers.
- E. No operator or passenger of an ATV or UTV may consume any alcoholic beverages while in or on an ATV or UTV, while on any City street or any trail other established route open to the public. No operator or passenger of any ATV or UTV may possess, in or on an ATV or UTV on any City street or any trail or other established route open to the public, any bottle or receptacle containing alcoholic beverages if the bottle or receptacle has been opened, the seal has been broken or the contents of the bottle or receptacle have been partially removed or released.
- F. No ATV or UTV may be operated on any designated City route without fully functional headlights, taillights, and brake lights. Headlights and taillights shall be on at all times during operation.
- G. No ATV/UTV may be operated in any careless way so as to endanger the person or property of another.
- H. ATV/UTV operators shall yield the right-of-way to all other vehicular traffic, including non-motorized vehicles, bicycles, and pedestrians.
- I. An ATV or UTV on a City street may not be modified so that its maximum width exceeds the width allowed for an all-terrain vehicle.
- J. No person shall leave or allow an ATV or UTV owned or operated by him or her to remain unattended on any public highway or public property while the motor is running or with the starting key left in the ignition.
- K. No ATV/UTV may be operated on any designated ATV/UTV route if the ATV/UTV does not meet all applicable federal noise and air pollution standards.
- L. ATV/UTV operators or passengers under 18 years of age shall wear protective headgear of the type required under § 347.485 (1)(a), Wis. Stats.
- M. UTV operators and passengers shall have their seat belts fastened, as defined in Sec. 347.48, Wis. Stats.
- N. ATV/UTV operators shall not operate an ATV/UTV equipped with metal studded tires and/or tire chains on or alongside any City street.

8. Licenses, Insurance, and Registration

- A. *Drivers License.* Every person who operates an ATV or UTV on a City street shall have on his or her immediate possession a valid motor vehicle operator's license, and shall display the license document upon demand from any law enforcement officer or

official described in § 23.33(12), Wis. Stats. No person who is under current operator license suspension, revocation, or cancellation for any reason, may operate an ATV/UTV upon any City street.

- B. *Insurance.* Every person who operates an ATV or UTV on a City street, and every ATV/UTV operated on a City street, shall carry liability and/or other insurances consistent with Wisconsin State law for the operation of a motorized vehicle. Insurance documentation shall be kept with each ATV/UTV that will be operating on City streets.
- C. *Safety Certificate.* ATV/UTV operators born after January 1, 1988, shall hold a valid safety certificate, carry proof of the valid safety certificate and shall display that proof to a law enforcement officer upon request in accordance with § 23.33 (5)(b), Wis. Stats.
- D. All ATVs and UTVs shall be registered for public use in accordance with WDNR regulations, and proof of registration shall be displayed as required during operation.

9. Maintenance of Routes

- A, Designation of segments of the City street system as ATV/UTV routes does not impose upon the City a greater duty of care or responsibility for maintenance of those segments than for any other segment of City street.
- B. Operators of ATV/UTVs on City streets assume all the usual and normal risks of ATV/UTV operation.
- C. The City accepts no liability for the operation of ATVs/UTVs on any City streets under the provisions of this chapter.
- D. The City shall retain the right to close any City street to ATV/UTV operation for special events, street construction/repair, hazards, or other reasons without notice.
- E. The City reserves the right to close or modify ATV/UTV routes at any time.

10. Nuisance Activity

- A. *Cruising is prohibited.* No person shall, while operating an ATV or UTV, engage in the practice of cruising on any City street. Cruising is defined as running all or part of the length of roadway multiple times, per day, back and forth, for any purpose other than departing or arriving at their residence, place of lodging, or destination.
- B. *Exhaust system/muffler modifications prohibited.* No person shall operate on a City route any ATV/UTV unless such ATV/UTV is equipped with an adequate muffler in constant operation and properly maintained to prevent any excessive or unusual noise or annoying smoke.

- C. *Radios or electric sound amplification devices.* No person may operate or park, stop or leave standing an ATV/UTV while using a radio or other electric sound amplification device emitting sound from the vehicle that is audible under normal conditions from 75 feet or more, unless the electric sound amplification device is being used to request assistance or warn against an unsafe condition.

11. Signage.

- A. Signs shall be erected at each highway that crosses the City's territorial boundary alerting motorists that all streets under the jurisdiction of the City have been designated as ATV/UTV routes unless otherwise indicated. Any street which is not designated as an ATV/UTV route shall have signs erected at such locations as appropriate to indicate the street is not designated as an ATV/UTV route. The City or its designee shall maintain all route signs within the City.
- B. The City shall assist all-terrain vehicle clubs in creating and circulating a map or maps illustrating the City's ATV/UTV routes.

12. Enforcement

- A. This chapter may be enforced by any law enforcement officer authorized to enforce the ordinances of the City of Wisconsin Rapids and the laws of the State of Wisconsin.
- B. Adoption of this chapter shall not prohibit any law enforcement officer or DNR warden from proceeding under any other ordinance, regulation, statute, law or order that pertains to the subject matter under this chapter.
- C. As a substitute for or in addition to forfeiture actions, the City Attorney may, on behalf of the City, seek enforcement of any and all parts of this chapter by court actions seeking injunction orders or restraining orders and/or pursuing nuisance actions against the violator.

13. Penalties

Any person who violates any section of this chapter or statutes adopted by reference shall pay a forfeiture of not less than \$50 nor more than \$500 for each offense.

14. Severability

Should any portion of this chapter be declared unconstitutional, or invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this chapter shall not be affected.

SECTION II All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION III This ordinance shall take effect January 1, 2024, following its passage and publication as required by law.

Shane E. Blaser, Mayor

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk

PASSED:
APPROVED:
PUBLISHED:

ORDINANCE NO. MC_____

A GENERAL ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS
AMENDING CERTAIN SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 18, THE FIRE CODE.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I

Chapter 18 of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

In each instance in said Chapter, “~~Deputy Fire Chief~~” shall be replaced with “Fire Marshal.”

SECTION II

Section 18.03(8) of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be deleted in its entirety:

18.03 DEFINITIONS.

~~(8) “I.C.C. Container” shall mean any container approved by the Interstate Commerce Commission for shipping any liquids, gaseous, or solid material that is flammable, toxic, or other hazardous nature.~~

SECTION III

Section 18.04 of the Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.04 AUTHORITY TO ENTER PREMISES.

~~(1) The Fire Chief or Fire Marshal, or any designated officer of the City of Wisconsin Rapids who presents credentials may inspect any property for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. If the owner or occupant of the premises denies access to the property for this purpose, a special inspection warrant may be obtained in accordance with Sections 66.122 and 66.123, Wis. Stats. Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department personnel may, during reasonable hours, enter any building or premises within the jurisdiction of the department for the purpose of making any inspection or auspices of the codes listed in Section 18.02. Private dwellings shall not be entered without the consent or permission of an adult occupant and do not typically fall within the purview of the fire department (also refer to DC 14).~~

SECTION IV

Section 18.05 (1) of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to provide as follows:

18.05 INSPECTION OF BUILDINGS AND PREMISES WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE WISCONSIN RAPIDS FIRE DEPARTMENT

(1) The fire ~~chief marshal~~ shall ensure that all buildings and premises that fall under the purview of the fire department (~~DC 14:02(2)(d)~~) are inspected as often as may be necessary to ~~insure~~ ensure compliance of all codes listed in Section 18.02.

As a general guideline. Typically, the timeframe to inspect businesses within the jurisdiction of the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department shall be:

(a) Inspections within the City of Wisconsin Rapids shall be conducted at least once per calendar year. For businesses with a history of habitual violations, the Fire ~~Marshal Chief~~ may deem it appropriate, for the safety of the public, to inspect certain businesses more frequently.

(b) Penalties for non-compliance. The first fire inspection to any business is considered to fall under the State of Wisconsin's 2% dues program. However, any follow-up or subsequent inspections fall outside of the parameters of the 2% dues program. As such, if any noted fire code violations are not corrected within the timeframe noted on the inspection report, the Deputy Chief shall send a reminder letter to the business at no additional charge. If the business still does not prove compliance by informing the fire department, and a subsequent visit by fire department personnel is necessary, the ~~charges for such visits are as follows: fees for subsequent inspections shall be as provided for in the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department Fee Schedule, as adopted and as may be amended by the Common Council. If there is not compliance after the third reinspection, the business owner will be issued a citation.~~

~~(1) 2nd visit after reminder letter: \$50~~

~~(2) 3rd visit, if necessary: \$100~~

~~(3) If still no compliance after the three strike rule (refer to Section 18.32), the business owner will then be issued a citation.~~

SECTION V

Section 18.08 (2) of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.08 FIRE RECORDS AND REPORTS.

(2) Fire reports shall be treated as public records and may be retained and disclosed pursuant to ordinance. ~~may be given to the owner of a structure that has suffered a fire loss, an occupant of said property, an insurance representative of the owner and/or occupant that has suffered the loss, and a law firm representing the owner and/or occupant of said property. An administrative fee of \$10.00 shall be charged for each report copied.~~

SECTION VI

Section 18.11 of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.11 LIMITED BURNING

(1) Purpose. This ordinance is intended to promote the public health, safety and welfare and to safeguard the health, comfort, living conditions, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of

Wisconsin Rapids due to the air pollution and fire hazards of open burning, outdoor burning and refuse burning.

(2) Applicability. This ordinance applies to all outdoor burning and refuse burning within the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

- (a) This ordinance does not apply to grilling or cooking using charcoal, wood, pellets, propane or natural gas in cooking or grilling appliances. However, grilling or cooking appliances are not permitted on properties containing multifamily residences with three or more units, unless there is common area approved by the Fire Chief for such grilling or cooking.
- (b) This ordinance does not apply to burning in a stove, furnace, fireplace or other heating device within a building used for human or animal habitation unless the material being burned includes refuse as defined in Section 18.03 of this ordinance.
- (c) This ordinance does not apply to the use of propane, acetylene, natural gas, gasoline or kerosene in a device intended for heating, construction or maintenance activities.

(3) General prohibition on outdoor burning and refuse burning. Open burning, outdoor burning and refuse burning are prohibited in the City of Wisconsin Rapids unless the burning is specifically permitted by this ordinance.

(4) Materials that may not be burned. Unless a specific written approval has been obtained from the Department of Natural Resources, the following materials may not be burned in an open fire, incinerator, furnace, stove or any other indoor or outdoor incineration or heating device.

- (a) Rubbish or garbage including, but not limited to, food wastes, food wraps, packaging, animal carcasses, paint or painted materials, furniture, composite shingles, construction or demolition debris or other household or business wastes.
- (b) Waste oil or other oily wastes except used oil burned in a heating device for energy recovery subject to the restrictions in Chapter NR 590, Wisconsin Administrative Code.
- (c) Asphalt and products containing asphalt.
- (d) Treated or painted wood including but not limited to plywood, composite wood products or other wood products that are painted, varnished or treated with preservatives.
- (e) Any plastic material including, but not limited to, nylon, PVC, ABS, polystyrene or urethane foam, and synthetic fabrics, plastic films and plastic containers.
- (f) Rubber, including tires and synthetic rubber-like products.
- (g) Newspaper, corrugated cardboard, container board, office paper and other materials that must be recycled in accordance with Chapter 7, except as provided in section 18.11(8).

(5) Open burning of leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, yard and garden waste, and other vegetable debris.

Open burning of leaves, grass clippings, pine needles, yard and garden waste, and other vegetative debris is prohibited. Residents are encouraged to use city compost sites or other methods of composting.

(6) Limited open burning allowed.

(a) Campfires.

(1) Outdoor campfires for cooking or recreation are allowed provided that the fire is confined by a control device or structure such as a fire ring or fire pit, with a maximum diameter for said campfire of 5 feet. Only clean wood may be burned in an outdoor campfire.

(2) Campfires are only allowed on days that such burning is not prohibited by the Fire Department. ~~or the Department of Natural Resources. Each day, residents shall contact the Fire Department to determine if burning is authorized on that day.~~

(3) Open burning under this section shall only be conducted at a location at least 50 feet from the nearest building which is not on the same property.

~~(4) All campfires shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least eighteen (18) years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold. The person shall have readily available for use such fire extinguishing equipment as may be necessary for the total control of the fire.~~

~~(5) Campfires shall not be permitted from 12:00 a.m. to 7:00 a.m., nor shall a person maintain a fire for more than five continuous hours per day.~~

~~(6) Campfires shall be conducted in a safe, nuisance free manner, when wind and weather conditions are such as to minimize adverse effects and not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard.~~

(b) Ceremonial fires. Ceremonial Fires are allowed if a permit is granted by the Fire Marshal Chief, under conditions as established by the Fire Chief. ~~A permit is \$5.~~

(7) Land clearing or maintenance of rights of way. The burning of trees, limbs, and brush for land clearing or maintenance of rights-of-way is ~~prohibited~~ allowed only if approved by the Fire Chief by permit. A permit is \$5, for a maximum of ten days. The maximum number of days may be increased upon approval of the Fire Chief. Even after a permit is issued, permission from the Fire Department must be received prior to burning each day.

~~(1) Open burning of these materials shall be conducted only on the property on which the materials were generated.~~

~~(2) Open burning may only occur when there is at least 1" of snow on the ground, or immediately after or during periods of heavy rain.~~

~~(3) No materials larger than 6 inches in diameter or stumps may be burned.~~

~~(4) Because dirt and mud impedes the burning process and results in smoldering, dirt and mud shall not be pushed into the burn pile.~~

~~(5) Burning shall occur no closer than 200 feet to any structure~~

~~(6) Open burning shall only be allowed from 8:00 a.m. to 10:00 p.m., which means the fire should be completely extinguished by 10:00 p.m.~~

~~(7) A burning permit issued under this section shall require compliance with all applicable provisions of this ordinance and any additional special restrictions deemed necessary to protect public health and safety.~~

~~(8) Any violation of the conditions of a burning permit shall be deemed a violation of this ordinance. Any violation of this ordinance or the burning permit shall void the permit.~~

~~(d) All allowed open burning shall be conducted in a safe, nuisance free manner, when wind and weather conditions are such as to minimize adverse effects and not create a health hazard or a visibility hazard on roadways, railroads or airfields. Open burning shall be conducted in conformance with all local and state fire protection regulations.~~

~~(e) When weather conditions warrant, the Fire Chief or the Department of Natural Resources may declare a burning moratorium on all open burning and temporarily suspend previously issued burning permits for open burning.~~

~~(f) Open burning shall be constantly attended and supervised by a competent person of at least eighteen (18) years of age until the fire is extinguished and is cold. The person shall have readily available for use such fire extinguishing equipment as may be necessary for the total control of the fire.~~

~~(g) No materials may be burned upon any street, curb, gutter or sidewalk or on the ice of a lake, pond, stream, river, or waterbody.~~

~~(h) Except for barbecue, gas and charcoal grills, no burning shall be undertaken within 15 feet from any combustible material, combustible wall or partition, exterior window opening, exit access or exit unless authorized by the Fire Chief.~~

~~(i) In emergency situations such as natural disasters, burning that would otherwise be prohibited is allowed if specifically approved by the Department of Natural Resources.~~

~~(7a) Burn barrels. No person shall use or maintain a burn barrel in the City of Wisconsin Rapids.~~

~~(7) Burn Barrel. A burn barrel may be used in the City of Wisconsin Rapids only in accordance with the following provisions:~~

~~(a) The burn barrel shall not be used to burn any of the prohibited materials listed in sections 18.11(4) and 18.11(5).~~

~~(b) The burn barrel shall be located at least 50 feet from the nearest building that is not on the same property as the burn barrel.~~

~~(c) The burn barrel shall have vent holes above the ash line for combustion air and shall be covered with a heavy wire screen.~~

~~(d) The burn barrel shall not serve a commercial enterprise.~~

~~(8) Exemption for burning certain papers.~~

(a) Notwithstanding section 18.11(4)(g) of this ordinance, paper and cardboard products may be used as a starter fuel for a fire that is allowed under this ordinance.

(b) Small quantities of confidential papers from a residence may be burned if necessary to prevent the theft of financial records, identification or other confidential information.

(c) Confidential papers from a commercial enterprise shall be shredded or destroyed in a manner other than burning.

(d) A fire set for burning of a small quantity of confidential papers shall be subject to and comply with sections 18.11(6)(d) through 18.11(6)(h).

(9) Outdoor Wood-fired Furnaces. No person shall install, use, or maintain an outdoor wood-fired furnace in the City of Wisconsin Rapids.

~~An outdoor wood fired furnace may be installed and used in the City of Wisconsin Rapids only in accordance with the following provisions:~~

~~(a) The outdoor wood fired furnace shall not used to burn any of the prohibited materials listed in Section 6 of this ordinance.~~

~~(b) The outdoor wood fired furnace shall be located at least 100 feet from the nearest building which is not on the same property as the outdoor wood fired furnace.~~

~~(c) The outdoor wood fired furnace shall have a chimney that extends at least 15 feet above the ground surface.~~

~~(d) The owner of the outdoor wood fired furnace shall obtain an annual permit from the Fire Chief.~~

~~(e) The outdoor wood fired furnace must be used for heating purposes.~~

(10) Fire Department Practice Burns. Notwithstanding Sections 18.11(3) and 18.11(4), the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department may burn a standing building if necessary for fire fighting practice and if the practice burn complies with the requirements of the Department of Natural Resources.

(11) Liability.

(a) A person utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire shall be responsible for all fire suppression costs and any other liability resulting from damage caused by the fire, including damage to any personal or real property, and including costs of fire investigation

(b) In addition to (a) above, a person utilizing or maintaining an outdoor fire in violation of any part of this ordinance may be responsible for the costs of response of the Fire Department to the fire (Engine Company hourly rate, overtime costs of personnel, etc.), as well as being subject to citations for violations of this ordinance.

(12) Right of entry and inspection. The Fire Chief, Deputy Fire Chief or any authorized officer, agent, employee or representative of the City of Wisconsin Rapids who presents credentials may inspect any property for the purpose of ascertaining compliance with the provisions of this ordinance. Note: If the owner or occupant of the premises denies access to the property for this purpose, a special inspection warrant may be obtained in accordance with sections 66.122 and 66.123, Wis. Stats.

(13) Enforcement and penalties.

(a) The fire chief, deputy fire chief, and members of the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department are authorized to enforce the provisions of this ordinance.

(b) The penalty for violation of any portion of this ordinance shall be as set forth in Section 18.34.

~~18.12 RESPONSIBILITY FOR FIRE DAMAGES~~

~~(1) Responsibility for Fire:~~

~~(a) Any damage caused to another person's property by burning of any kind, whether authorized or not, shall be the responsibility of the person(s) responsible for igniting the fire. The city will charge the cost of fire investigation and extinguishment to the perpetrator of the fire.~~

SECTION VII

Section 18.16 of the of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.16 MODIFICATION OR VARIANCE TO THE CITY OF WISCONSIN RAPIDS FIRE CODE.

(1) The fire chief and deputy fire chief shall have the authority to modify or issue a variance in regard to any of the provisions of the City of Wisconsin Rapids Fire Prevention Code. Those individuals seeking a variance to the municipal fire code shall apply in writing to the fire chief or deputy fire chief and identify which section of the code they wish to modify. Any modification or variance may only be granted when there are practical difficulties in the way of carrying out the strict letter of the code, and when the spirit of the code shall be observed, public safety secured, and substantial justice done. The specifics of any modification or variance that is granted shall be signed by the fire chief or deputy fire chief and the party requesting the variance. The original form shall be maintained in the official file at the fire department and a copy will be furnished to the applicant.

SECTION VIII

Section 18.18 of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.18 PYROTECHNICS/LANTERNS.

(1) There ~~shall will~~ be no pyrotechnics allowed in any structure within the City of Wisconsin Rapids ~~without a permit from the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department. These permits may be obtained at Fire Station 1, 1511 12th Street South, during the hours of 0800-1300, Monday through Friday. An officer of the fire department must inspect the pyrotechnics before they are used. An administration fee of \$25.00 will be charged for each permit.~~

Anyone ~~caught~~ using pyrotechnics ~~in any structure without the appropriate permits~~ is subject to the penalties as set forth in Section 18.29 of this fire code.

(2) The use of un-manned, free-floating sky lanterns and similar devices utilizing an open flame shall be prohibited in the City of Wisconsin Rapids. This includes devices which may have originated outside of the City but have entered into the City.

SECTION IX

Section 18.24 of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.24 FIRE DEPARTMENT CONNECTIONS (FDC) ON SPRINKLERED BUILDINGS

(1) Any new construction within the City of Wisconsin Rapids, where, by code, a sprinkler system is required, ~~this building~~ will also be required to have installed a 5-inch Storz connection as the FDC.

SECTION X

Section 18.28(1) of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.28 LIQUOR LICENSES.

(1) ~~Each applicant for a new or renewal liquor license shall have their licensed premises inspected by the Fire Department before a license may be issued. When specifically requested by the Finance & Property committee, a business owner seeking a liquor license will appear before the committee to explain any code deficiencies. The deputy fire chief and building inspector may also sit in on this meeting.~~

SECTION XI

Section 18.29(1) of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.29 BUILDING ADDRESS IDENTIFICATION

(1) All residences and businesses within the boundaries of Wisconsin Rapids will comply with ~~Section 11.15~~ Chapter 36, Section 304.3

SECTION XII

Section 18.30 of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.30 SNOW REMOVAL FROM FIRE HYDRANTS; OBSTRUCTIONS OF FIRE HYDRANTS

(1) Any residence or business in the City of Wisconsin Rapids that has a fire hydrant located on its property should ensure it is free of snow during the winter months. Snow buried hydrants are more likely to freeze and not work properly in the event of a fire.

(2) It will be unlawful to blow snow onto a city-owned hydrant. People who bury hydrants by blowing snow onto them will be subject to a citation being issued and penalties as set forth in Section 18. ~~3429~~ of this fire code.

(3) It is unlawful to obstruct or restrict access to fire hydrants.

(4) It is unlawful to park a vehicle or place any other object on the street within 10 feet of a fire hydrant.e

SECTION XIII

Section 18.31(2) of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.31 FALSE ALARMS

(2) Each business that has a false alarm due to malfunction or work being done on the system will receive one uncited emergency response from the fire department per calendar year. Any subsequent response during a calendar year will result in ~~a bill being sent to the business as outlined in WRFD SOG 806; fees being charged to the business as provided for in the Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department Fee Schedule.~~

SECTION XIV

Section 18.33(2) of the Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Code shall hereby be amended to read as follows:

18.33 CITATION AUTHORITY & ENFORCEMENT

(2) This code shall empower the fire chief and ~~Fire Marshal, or their designees, deputy fire chief~~ with citation powers. Any citations issued ~~by the fire chief or deputy fire chief~~ for fire code violations shall be in accordance with the procedures and stipulations as set forth by the City of Wisconsin Rapids Municipal Court.

SECTION XV All ordinances, or parts of ordinances, in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION XVI This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication.

Shane E. Blaser, Mayor

Jennifer M. Gossick, City Clerk

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Wisconsin Rapids Fire Department Fee Schedule September 19, 2023

Fire

Fire Inspection

- 1. Initial Inspection..... No Charge
- 2. 1st Re-inspection/Self Certification..... No Charge
- 3. 2nd Re-Inspection..... \$100.00
- 4. 3rd Re-Inspection..... \$200.00
- 5. 4th Re-Inspection..... \$300.00
- 6. 5th Re-inspection & subsequent R-inspections..... add \$100 for each re-inspection.

Example: 6th re-inspection, \$400.00, 7th re-inspection \$500.00, 8th re-inspection \$600.00, etc.

False Alarm

- 1. 1st False Alarm..... No Charge
- 2. 2nd False Alarm..... \$250.00
- 3. 3rd False Alarm..... \$500.00
- 4. 4th False Alarm..... \$750.00
- 5. 5th False Alarm and subsequent False Alarms..... \$1,000.00

Permits

- 1. Fireworks Display Permits..... \$75.00
- 2. Ceremonial Fires..... \$25.00

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EMS

Service	Rate
Description	
BLS - Resident	\$1,100
BLS - Non-Resident	\$1,300
ALS - Resident	\$1,300
ALS - Non-Resident	\$1,500
ALS2 - Resident	\$1,500
ALS2 - Non-Resident	\$1,700
BLS On Scene Care - Resident	\$300
BLS On Scene Care - Non-Resident	\$350
ALS On Scene Care - Resident	\$800
ALS On Scene Care - Non-Resident	\$900
SCT - Resident	\$1,600
SCT - Non-Resident	\$1,800
Mileage - Resident	\$20
Mileage - Non-Resident	\$21
Lift Assist	\$250
Intercept	\$500

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