

## ORDINANCE NO. 2020-06

LENT TOWNSHIP, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6 SECTION 5.01 GOVERNING ENFORCEMENT OFFICE AND CITATION POWERS

#### THE LENT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORDAINS:

**Section 1. AMENDMENT.** Chapter 6, Section 5.01 of Lent Township Official Administration, Enforcement and Fees Ordinance is hereby amended with the following underlined words to be added and the following ~~stricken~~ words to be removed from Section 5.01 relative to fees and administrative charges.

#### SECTION 5. ENFORCEMENT

##### 5.01 Enforcement Officer and Citation Powers

- A. Those individuals designated as the Zoning Administrator pursuant to this Ordinance shall be fully empowered to investigate any violations of the requirements or provisions of the various Chapters of the Lent Township Land Use Regulations and recommend appropriate enforcement action to the Town Board.
- B. Upon approval of the Town Board, the Chair of the Town Board shall authorize, in writing, the appropriate enforcement action.
- C. When approved by the Town Board and authorized by the Chair of the Town Board, the Chisago County Sheriff's Department shall be requested to serve all criminal citations upon any firm, person or corporation who violates any of the provisions of the various Chapters of the Lent Township Land Use Regulations.
- D. When approved by the Town Board and authorized by the Chairman of the Town Board, any of the individuals designated as the Zoning Administrator pursuant to this Ordinance, shall be empowered to serve all administrative citations upon any firm, person, organization or entity who violates any of the provisions of the various Chapters of the Lent Township Land Use Regulations

##### E. Violation Notice Procedures

- 1. Courtesy Notice – The Township shall send the property owner an informational notice regarding Township ordinances and current violations.
- 2. First Notice of Violation – If the violation remains 30 days following the courtesy notice, the Township shall send the first notice of violation.
- 3. Second Notice of Violation – If the violation remains 30 days following the first notice, the Township shall send the second notice of violation.
- 4. Third Notice of Violation – If the violation remains 30 days following the second notice, the Township shall send the third notice of violation.

5. Fourth Notice of Violation – If the violation remains 30 days following the third notice, the Township shall send the fourth notice of violation as well as a civil citation in accordance with the Townships annual fee schedule.
6. Fifth Notice of Violation – If the violation remains 30 days following the fourth notice, the Township shall send the fifth notice of violation as well as a civil citation in accordance with the Townships annual fee schedule.
7. Sixth Notice of Violation – If the violation remains 30 days following the fifth notice, the Township shall send the sixth notice of violation as well as a civil citation in accordance with the Townships annual fee schedule.
8. Additional Notices of Violation – If the violation remains 30 days following the sixth notice, the Township shall send a monthly notice of violation as well as a civil citation in accordance with the Townships annual fee schedule until the violation is cleared.
9. Repeat Violation – If a property is found to have violated, cleared, and then again violated the same ordinance within a 12 month period then the Township shall begin its enforcement actions with the Fourth Notice of Violation and civil citation in accordance with the Township annual fee schedule.

**Section 2. SEVERABILITY.** Should any section, subdivision, clause or other provision of this Ordinance be held to be invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or of any part hereof, other than the part held to be invalid.

**Section 3. FINDINGS.** Findings for Amending the Lent Township Administration, Enforcement and Fees Code by amending Chapter 6, Section 5.01. In amending the Township of Lent Township Zoning Code relating to violation notices, fees and administrative charges in Lent Township, the Town Board of Lent Township finds that the amendments do not create an excessive demand on existing parks, schools, streets and other public facilities and utilities which serve or are proposed to serve the area, is sufficiently compatible so that existing development will not be depreciated in value and there will be no deterrence to development of vacant land, is in the opinion of the Township to be reasonably related to the overall needs of the Township, is consistent with the intent and purposes of the zoning ordinance, and will not cause traffic hazards or congestions.

**Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon its adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

Attest

By: 

Rick Keller, Chairman

By: Kelly Wood  
Kelly Wood, Town Clerk

Passed by the Lent Town Board this 17<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2020

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