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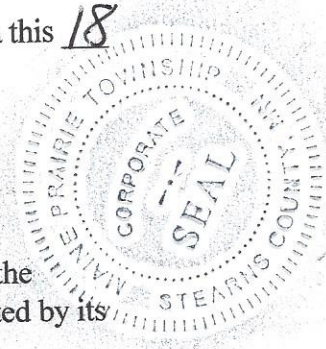
CERTIFICATION OF ORDINANCE

STATE OF MINNESOTA)
) s.s.
COUNTY OF STEARNS)

I, Lori Hunt, being the Clerk for the Town of Maine Prairie, Stearns County, Minnesota, hereby certify that the attached document consisting of the "**Ordinance Amending the Maine Prairie Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 4**" constitutes a complete, accurate and correct copy of Maine Prairie Township's Ordinance adopted on the 12th of July 2022 and on file in the office of the Town Clerk, Maine Prairie Township, Stearns County, Minnesota.

WITNESS my hand as Clerk for the Town of Maine Prairie, Stearns County, Minnesota this 18 day of July 2022.

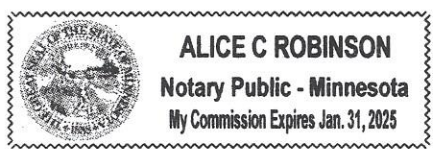
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Lori Hunt, Clerk of Maine Prairie Township, Stearns County Minnesota acknowledged the foregoing instrument before me this 18 day of July 2022 pursuant to the authority granted by its Town Board.

Alice C. Robinson
NOTARY PUBLIC

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**MAINE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
STEARNS COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-02

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE MAINE PRAIRIE TOWNSHIP
LAND USE AND ZONING ORDINANCE NUMBER 4**

SECTION 1. Amendment to Section 4.6. Section 4.6.2(a)(b) of the Maine Prairie Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 4 regarding powers and duties of the Board of Adjustment is hereby amended by deleting the existing text and replacing it with the following:

To hear requests for and issue variances from the provisions of this Ordinance. A variance is a modification or variation of the provisions of this Ordinance as applied to a specific piece of property.

SECTION 2. Amendment to Section 4.7. Section 4.7 of the Maine Prairie Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 4 regarding variances is hereby amended by deleting the existing text and replacing it with the following:

4.7 Variances

4.7.1 Criteria for Granting Variances.

- (a) Variances shall only be permitted
 1. when they are in harmony with the general purposes and intent of the ordinance and
 2. when the variances are consistent with the comprehensive plan.

- (b) Variances may be granted when the applicant for the variance establishes that there are practical difficulties in complying with the zoning ordinance.

- (c) "Practical difficulties," as used in connection with the granting of a variance, means that
 1. the property owner proposes to use the property in a reasonable manner not permitted by this Ordinance;
 2. the plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; and
 3. the variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.

4. Economic considerations alone do not constitute practical difficulties.

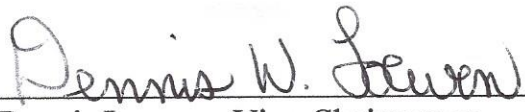
- (d) Variances shall be granted for earth sheltered construction as defined in section 216C.06, subdivision 14, when in harmony with this Ordinance. The Town Board may not permit as a variance any use that is not allowed under this Ordinance for property in the zone where the affected person's land is located. The Town Board may permit as a variance the temporary use of a one family dwelling as a two-family dwelling. The Town Board may impose conditions in the granting of variances. A condition must be directly related to and must bear a rough proportionality to the impact created by the variance.

SECTION 3. Incorporation of Amendments. The Township Zoning Administrator is hereby authorized and directed to incorporate the amendments made by this Ordinance into the Maine Prairie Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 4 and such updated version shall constitute the official Maine Prairie Township Land Use and Zoning Ordinance Number 4.

SECTION 4. Severability. Should any section, subdivision, clause or other provision of this Ordinance be held invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or any part thereof, other than the part held invalid.

SECTION 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be effective upon its passage and the first day of publication in summary format.

ADOPTED by the Maine Prairie Township Board of Supervisors this 12th day of July 2022.


Dennis Loewen, Vice-Chairperson

Attest:


Lori Hunt, Clerk