

Washington County, Minnesota Ordinances

Ordinance No. 94 (Resolution No. 92-059) Amending the Lower St. Croix River Bluffland and Shoreland Management Ordinance

Date Approved: 05/05/1992

Date Published: 05/27/1992

Whereas,

on March 24, 1992, the Washington County Board of Commissioners passed a two month moratorium that prohibited the issuance of any new building permits for lateral additions to substandard structures that lie within the St. Croix River District to provide the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission the opportunity to hold a public hearing on an amendment to Section 601.03 of the Ordinance; and

Whereas,

on March 24, 1992, the Washington County Planning Advisory Commission held a public hearing on the proposed ordinance and recommended its approval; and

Whereas,

on May 5, 1992, the Washington County Board of Commissioners conducted a public hearing on the Planning Advisory commissions recommendations.

Now, Therefore, Be It Resolved, that

the Washington County Board of Commissioners adopt the Planning Advisory Commission's recommendations deleting Section 601.03 (2) of the ordinance and replacing it with the following language:

601.03 (2) a lateral improvement to an existing substandard structure or facility is allowed so long as the improvement does not encroach any closer to any bluffline or the ordinary high water mark of the river than the closest point of the existing structure to any bluffline or the ordinary high water mark of the river and all of the following conditions are met. For the purpose of this section, the term structure shall not include decks, porches, garages or other no year around living spaces.

(a) A minimum undisturbed setback of 30 feet from all blufflines and 50 feet from the ordinary high water mark of the river shall be maintained.

(b) The maximum width of the improvement shall not exceed 50% of the lateral width of the river facing profile of the existing structure. For the purpose of this section, the lateral profile width shall exclude decks, porches, garages or other non year around living spaces, and shall be based on the date the structure became a substandard structure.

(c) The improvement to the structure must be visually inconspicuous as viewed from the river during summer months.

(d) An inspection by the Zoning Administrator and Soil and Water Conservation District must include a finding that tree survival/growth and integrity and inherent stability of the existing landscape will be maintained if the improvement is built.

(e) The improvement shall meet all other standards contained in the ordinance, including those contained in Sections 402 and 602.

(f) The height of the improvement shall not exceed the height of the roof line of the existing structure.

Be It Further Resolved, that the Chairman of the Washington County Board of Commissioners is authorized to execute the ordinance on behalf of the Washington County Board and the ordinance shall thereafter be effective on the date of publication as required by law.

Donald G. Scheel, Chairman
Board of County Commissioners

Attest:
Charles Swanson, County Administrator

Evert - X - Yes
Hauser - X - Yes
Hegberg - X - Yes
McMullen - X - Yes
Scheel - X - Yes
