

PREFACE TO THE MINNESOTA LIVABLE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES, 2023 EDITION

The Minnesota Livable City Code of Ordinances

This League of Minnesota Cities/American Legal Publishing (LMC/ALP) Minnesota Livable City Code of Ordinances (LCC) is an effort to provide a modern and comprehensive code of ordinances for the smallest Minnesota cities without the expense of a customized code of ordinances. Its provisions are also useful to all Minnesota cities that wish to have models for the common city ordinances on the subjects contained in the code. The code reflects current state statutes, case law and rules through December 2022.

Authors and Editors

The Minnesota Livable City Code of Ordinances is a condensed version of the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances and is designed for the smallest cities. It was prepared by League of Minnesota Cities Special Counsel Duke Addicks and Staff Attorney Amber Eisenschenk in 2016. In 2023, The Livable City Code was prepared by Staff Attorney, Aisia Davis.

The Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances is partly based on the *Model Ordinance Code for Minnesota Cities, Revised Edition 1980*, prepared by Orville C. Peterson, former Executive Director of the League of Minnesota Cities, and the *1989 Model Ordinance Code* prepared by Thomas L. Grundhoefer, then Staff Attorney and former General Counsel for the League. The 2000 Minnesota Basic Code was prepared by Kent Sulem, who was the League's Codification Attorney, and by Special Counsel Duke Addicks, who also prepared the 2004 Minnesota Basic Code, and who also served the League as its first Legislative Counsel, as Director of Intergovernmental Relations and as its first Director of Member Services. The 2010 Minnesota Basic Code was prepared by Special Counsel Duke Addicks and Staff Attorney Rachel Carlson, who is now the League of Minnesota Cities Insurance Trust's Loss Control Manager. The 2014 Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances was prepared by Special Counsel Duke Addicks and Staff Attorney James Mongé, who is in private law practice. The 2016 Minnesota Basic Code was prepared by Special Counsel Duke Addicks and Staff Attorney Amber Eisenschenk, who is now the Research Manager.

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Use of the Minnesota Livable City Code of Ordinances

The Minnesota Livable City Code of Ordinances can be adopted by reference by any Minnesota city. It would then replace the existing city ordinances. Ordinances on topics not contained in the LCC will continue in effect. This code should be adopted without changes. Should a city wish to make changes, consider adopting the Minnesota Basic Code of Ordinances. American Legal Publishing can be contacted for a copy to review.

The Minnesota Livable City Code of Ordinances can be used as a reference book by city attorneys and city staff who wish to have models of ordinances available which they can modify and recommend to their city for adoption, with appropriate acknowledgment to the city that the LMC/ALP'S LCC is being used. Use by non-attorneys as the basis for city ordinances is discouraged unless the draft is reviewed by a city attorney before adoption, as the drafting of ordinances is a legal matter and knowledge of the existing statutes and other laws upon which an ordinance is based is imperative.

Availability of the Code

In addition to this printed version of the LCC, which has been printed on recycled paper, the LCC is available electronically in a word processing format or PDF files, and can be hosted online.

For ordering information, contact the publisher, American Legal Publishing, at 1-800-445-5588 or email rbollhauer@amlegal.com.

We hope the Minnesota Livable City Code of Ordinances, as it is supplemented, will serve the needs of Minnesota Cities for many years.

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