

**CITY OF ARLINGTON**

**ORDINANCE NO. 213**

**AN ORDINANCE FOR THE PURPOSE OF PROTECTING THE PLANNING  
PROCESS AND DEVELOPING STANDARDS FOR DETACHED ACCESSORY  
STRUCTURES IN THE R-1 SINGLE-TWO FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT AND  
THE R-2 MULTIPLE FAMILY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ARLINGTON, MINNESOTA TO PROMOTE  
THE PUBLIC SAFETY, HEALTH AND WELFARE, HEREBY ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. PURPOSE**

- A. The City of Arlington is currently studying standards for detached accessory structures in the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts as regulated by Ordinance 169, the Arlington Zoning Ordinance.
- B. The objective of the study is to review zoning standards relating to detached accessory structures in the R-1 and R-2 districts so as to determine appropriateness of said standards to ensure detached accessory structures are in keeping with the residential character of neighborhoods.
- C. In addition to the study, the City may need to revise the Arlington Zoning Ordinance relating to the following issues:
- Accessory structure floor area
  - Accessory structure setbacks
  - Accessory structure height
  - Accessory structure exterior design
  - Accessory structure exterior materials
  - Conditional Use Permits requirements for detached accessory structures
- D. There is a need for the City to study this issue so that the City staff and the City Council will have current and relevant information before considering or making any changes to the city's zoning ordinance.

**SECTION 2. DETACHED ACCESSORY STRUCTURE STUDY; MORATORIUM**

- A. The City Council authorizes the City staff to do this study. The Consulting Planner shall coordinate this study (during normal contracted office hours and meetings as assigned) with the Planning Commission, other government agencies, property owners, interested citizens, the City Council and any other entities that may provide input to the study.
- B. Upon completion of the study, the Consulting Planner will present study results to the Planning Commission for their review and recommendation to the City Council.
- C. A moratorium on the erection of detached accessory structures in the R-1 Single and Two Family Residential District and the R-2 Multiple Family Residential District is adopted pending completion of the study and/or the adoption of any amendments to the City's zoning ordinance as the City deems necessary because of the study. The City will not approve any building permit or other request for the new or expanded detached accessory structures during the moratorium period. The City may issue building permits for the remodeling of existing detached accessory structures, provided no expansion or relocation is of said existing structure is contemplated.

**SECTION 3. TERM**

The term of ordinance shall be for six (6) months or until the City Council adopts amendments to the City's zoning ordinance as the City deems necessary because of the study or the City Council takes any action that directly impacts the study or the ordinance.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication in the official newspaper.

Adopted by the City of Arlington on the 5<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2007.

Attest: /s/ James R. Kreft  
James R. Kreft, Mayor

/s/ Matthew Jaunich  
Matthew Jaunich, City Administrator

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