

BRAINERD, MN
Chapter 515 ZONING

515-1 TITLE

515-1-1 Title and Application.

This Chapter shall be known, cited, and referred to as the “Brainerd Zoning Ordinance” except as referred to herein, where it shall be known as “this Ordinance.”

515-1-2 Intent and Purpose.

- A. Protect the public health, safety, and general welfare of the community and its people through the establishment of minimum regulations governing development and use.
- B. This Ordinance shall divide the City into Base Zoning Districts and Overlay Districts that establish regulations for location, erection, construction, reconstruction, alteration and use of structures and land.
- C. Protect neighborhoods.
- D. Promote orderly development and redevelopment of land for residential, commercial, industrial, recreational, and public areas.
- E. Provide adequate light, air, and convenience of access to property.
- F. Prevent congestion in the public rights-of-way.
- G. Prevent overcrowding of land and undue concentration of structures by regulating land, buildings, yards, and density of population.
- H. Protect and preserve the natural environment of the City.
- I. Encourage the protection of historic and aesthetic resources in the City.
- J. Conserve energy through the use of alternative energy systems and conservation through the encouragement of energy efficient structures for commercial, industrial and residential uses.
- K. Provide for compatibility of different land uses.
- L. Provide for administration of this Ordinance.
- M. Establish penalties for violation of this Ordinance.
- N. To define powers and duties of the Zoning Administrator, City staff, the Planning Commission, the City Council, and the Board of Zoning Appeals in relation to this Ordinance.

515-1-3 Relationship to Comprehensive Plan. It is the policy of the City of Brainerd that the enforcement, amendment, and administration of this Ordinance be accomplished with due consideration of the recommendations contained in the Comprehensive Plan, as developed, and amended from time to time by the City Council of the City. The City Council recognizes the Comprehensive Plan as the policy guide for responsible regulation of land use and development in accordance with the policies and purpose herein set forth.

515-1-4 Minimum Requirements.

- A. In the interpretation of the City, the provisions of this Ordinance shall be held to be the minimum requirements for the promotion of the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.
- B. Where the conditions imposed by any provision of this Ordinance are either more restrictive or less restrictive than comparable conditions imposed by any other law, ordinance, statute, resolution, or regulation of any kind, the regulations which are more restrictive, or which impose higher standards or requirements shall prevail.

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515-1-5 Conformance with this Ordinance.

- A. Except as this Ordinance specifically provides, no structure shall be erected, converted, enlarged, reconstructed, or altered; and no structure or land shall be used for any purpose or in any manner which is not in conformity with this Ordinance.
- B. Except as herein provided, no building, structure or premises shall hereafter be used or occupied, and no building permit shall be granted that does not conform to the requirements of this Ordinance.

515-1-6 Separability. It is hereby declared to be the intention that the provisions of this Ordinance which are separable in accordance with the following:

- A. If any court of competent jurisdiction shall judge any provisions of this Ordinance to be invalid, such judgment shall not affect any other provision of this Ordinance not specifically included in said judgment.
- B. If any court of competent jurisdiction shall judge invalid the application of any provision of this Ordinance to a particular property, building, or structure, such judgment shall not affect other property, buildings, or structures.

515-1-7 Authority.

This Chapter (“Ordinance”) is enacted pursuant to the authority granted by the Municipal Planning Act, Minnesota Statutes, and Sections 462.351 to 462.363.