

**City of Rice Lake  
ORDINANCE NUMBER 60**

**AN ORDINANCE IMPOSING RESIDENCY RESTRICTIONS FOR DESIGNATED  
PREDATORY OFFENDERS WITHIN THE CITY OF RICE LAKE AND PROVIDING  
PENALTIES FOR VIOLATION THEREOF**

**The City Council of the City of Rice Lake Ordains as follows:**

- Section 1. **Purpose.** The purpose of this ordinance is to protect the general health, safety and welfare of the citizens of the City of Rice Lake by creating areas around locations where children regularly congregate in concentrated numbers, within which certain predatory offenders are prohibited from establishing temporary or permanent residence.
- Section 2. **Findings.** The City Council finds that repeat predatory offenders present a real threat to public safety and especially to that of children. Certain predatory offenders are likely to use physical violence and present a high probability of repeating their offenses. This makes dealing with the danger posed to the public and especially that of children by those certain predatory offenders extremely important.
- Section 3. **Definitions.** For purposes of this ordinance the following definitions will apply unless the context or intent clearly requires a different meaning:

Community Center Facility - A building, group of buildings, or use of land intended to serve a community's educational, recreational, religious, and/or service activities, typically containing space for a meeting hall, City garage, post office, or fire hall.

Designated Predatory Offender - any person who is required to register as a predatory offender under Minnesota Statutes 243.166 and who has been categorized as a Level III predatory offender under Minnesota Statutes 244.052, Subd. 3, a successor statute, or a similar statute from another state, in which that person's risk assessment indicates a high risk of re-offense, and who has been convicted of or pled guilty to a predatory offense involving a minor.

Licensed Childcare Center - a group childcare center currently licensed by the St. Louis County, Minnesota, public health and human services department.

Permanent Residence - a place where a person abides, lodges, or resides for 14 or more consecutive days.

Public Park/Playground - a public-owned, improved outdoor area designed, equipped, and set aside for children's play and includes in that area such facilities as play equipment, surfacing, fencing, signs, internal pathways, internal landforms, vegetation and related structures.

School - a public or non-public preschool, elementary or secondary school.

Temporary Residence - a place where a person abides, lodges, or resides for a period of 14 or more days in the aggregate during any calendar year and which is not the person's permanent address or a place where the person routinely abides, lodges, or resides for a period of four or more consecutive or non-consecutive days in any month and which is not the person's permanent residence.

Section 4. **Prohibited Acts.**

- 4.1 **Prohibited location of residence.** It is unlawful for any designated predatory offender to establish a permanent or temporary residence within 2,000 feet of any of the following:
  - A. School
  - B. Licensed Childcare Center
  - C. Public Park/Playground
  - D. Community Center Facility
  
- 4.2 **Measurement of Distance.** For purposes of determining the minimum distance separation, the requirement shall be measured by following a straight line from the outer property line of the permanent residence or temporary residence to the nearest outer property line of the properties listed in Section 4.1 above.
  
- 4.3 **Exceptions.** This Section does not apply under the following circumstances:
  - A. The designated predatory offender established the permanent residence or temporary residence and reported and registered the residence pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 243.166 and 243.167, or a successor statute, prior to the date of enactment of this ordinance;
  - B. The designated predatory offender was a minor when he/she committed the offense and was not convicted as an adult;
  - C. The designated predatory offender is a minor;
  - D. The designated predatory offender has demonstrated they no longer pose the same degree of risk to the community and have been granted a risk level reduction by the End of Confinement Review Committee, pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 244.052, Subd. 3 (i);
  - E. The school, licensed childcare center, public playground, or community center within 2,000 feet of the person's residence was opened after the designated predatory offender established the permanent or temporary residence and reported and registered the residence pursuant to Minnesota Statutes 243.166 and 243.167, or a successor statute;

- F. The residence is also the primary residence of the designated predatory offender's parent, grandparents, siblings or spouse, and was their residence prior to the date of enactment of the ordinance;
- G. The residence is a property purchased, leased, or contracted with and licensed by the Minnesota Department of Corrections prior to the date of enactment of the Ordinance.

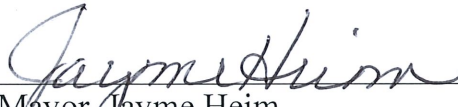
Section 5. **Penalty.** Any person who violates this ordinance shall be punished according to the laws of the State of Minnesota. A violation of this ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor. If the matter is not charged criminally or if there are extenuating circumstances warranting leniency, it may be treated as an administrative offense in the discretion of the prosecuting attorney, with a financial penalty commensurate with that of a petty misdemeanor as then provided by Minnesota Statute. Each day a person maintains a residence in violation of this ordinance constitutes a separate violation.

Section 6. **Severability.** The provisions of this ordinance are severable and if any provision of this ordinance or application of any provision of this ordinance due to any circumstance is held invalid, the application of such provision to other circumstances and the remainder of this ordinance shall not be affected thereby.

Section 7. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance is effective upon its passage and publication according to law.

Section 8. **Repealer.** Any previous ordinance adopted by the City of Rice Lake that is inconsistent with this ordinance is hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

Passed this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of March 2026.

  
Mayor, Jayme Heim

ATTEST:

  
City Administrator, Toni Blomdahl