

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-37

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING HOT TUBS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS AND PLAY STRUCTURES RELATED TO INSTITUTIONAL USES IN NONRESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS TO ENCROACH INTO REQUIRED SETBACKS, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 21 OF THE CITY CODE

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 21 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~[stricken through]~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 21: ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

ARTICLE III: DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

DIVISION A: GENERAL STANDARDS

§ 21.301.02 STRUCTURE PLACEMENT.

(g) *Encroachments.* Selected site features and equipment are allowed to encroach into the required setback area to the extent specified below.

(4) *In residential zoning districts (R-1A, R-1, RS-1, R-4, RM-12, RM-24, RM-50, and RM-100).*

(J) Other recreational equipment, such as, but not limited to, play apparatus over four feet in height, ice rinks, skateboard ramps over two feet in height, trampolines, hot tubs or whirlpools, and children's swimming pools over two feet in height are not permitted within the front yard. Such features are permitted in side and rear yards provided that side and rear setbacks of not less than 15 feet must be maintained, including those instances where the side or rear yard abuts a public street. ~~[Such features may encroach on public easements of record with the written approval of the issuing authority.]~~

(5) *In nonresidential zoning districts.*

(G) Structured areas for active play or play structures related to daycare facilities, instructional centers, schools and other institutional uses may encroach into any front, side, or rear setback, provided that a front setback of not less than 20 feet and side and rear setbacks of not less than ten feet must be maintained.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed and adopted this 17th day of November, 2025.

/s/ Victor Rivas
Acting Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Priyanka Rai
Secretary to the Council

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied
City Attorney