## **ORDINANCE NO. 25-02**

An Ordinance relating to Variances from the Subdivision Code.

Be it Ordained by the City Council of the City of Ham Lake, Anoka County, Minnesota as follows:

WHEREAS, the Ham Lake City Code codifies the City Council's authority to grant land use variances in multiple articles of the City Code including Article 9-360 and 10-600.

WHEREAS, it is unnecessary and redundant to codify land use variances at multiple articles of the Code which could cause unintended conflicting interpretations and confusion.

## NOW THEREFORE,

Article 10-600 of the Ham Lake City Code is hereby REPEALED and the following language is shall be stricken from the City Code.

## 10-600 Variances

The City Council shall have the power to authorize variances from the requirements of Article 10, and to attach such conditions to the variance as it deems necessary to assure compliance with the purpose of this Code. A variance may be permitted if the following requirements are met:

- a) There is an unusual physical hardship to the land that would prevent the reasonable usage of the land without a variance, and all the conditions of sub-paragraph b), c) and d) below are met.
- b) The variance is in harmony with the general purpose and intent of the Code and is consistent with the Comprehensive Plan.
- c) The plight of the landowner is due to circumstances unique to the property not created by the landowner; and
- d) The variance, if granted, will not alter the essential character of the locality.

Presented to the Ham Lake City Council on December 16, 2024 and adopted by a unanimous vote on this 6th day of January, 2025.

Brian Kirkham, Mayor

Denise Webster, City Clerk