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**CITY OF LINO LAKES
ORDINANCE NO. 08-20**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TITLE 500, GENERAL REGULATIONS, BY
ADDING A NEW CHAPTER 511 THERETO, RELATING TO AND
REGULATING TARGETED PICKETING IN RESIDENTIAL
NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY OF LINO LAKES.**

The City Council of Lino Lakes ordains:

Section 1. Preamble.

WHEREAS, the City Council finds that targeted residential picketing in front of or about a residential dwelling causes emotional distress to the dwelling occupants, obstructs and interferes with the free use of public rights-of-way and has as its object the harassment of the dwelling occupants; and,

WHEREAS, the City Council further finds that, without resorting to targeted residential picketing, ample opportunities exist for those otherwise engaged in targeted residential picketing to exercise constitutionally protected freedom of speech and expression; and,

WHEREAS, the protection and preservation of the home is the keystone of democratic government; the public health and welfare and the good order of the community require that members of the community enjoy, in their homes and dwellings, a feeling of wellbeing, tranquility and privacy and, when absent from their homes and dwellings, carry with them the sense of security inherent in the assurance that they may return to the enjoyment of their homes and dwellings; the practice of picketing before or about residences and dwellings causes emotional disturbance and distress to the occupants, obstructs and interferes with the free use of public sidewalks and public ways of travel; such practice has as its object the harassing of such occupants and, without resort to such practice, full opportunity exists, and under the terms and provisions of this section, will continue to exist for the exercise of freedom of speech and their constitutional rights; and that the provisions hereinafter enacted are necessary for the public interest to avoid the detrimental results herein set forth.

Section 2. Definitions. For the purpose of this ordinance, “targeted residential picketing” means an activity, including but not limited to marching, standing or patrolling, that is focused on a single residential dwelling without the consent of the dwelling’s occupant(s).

Section 3. Prohibited Activity. No person shall engage in targeted residential picketing within the City.

Section 4. Violation/Penalty. Every person convicted of a violation of any provision of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor.

Section 5. Severability. Should any section, subdivision, clause or other provision of this Ordinance be held to be invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or of any part thereof, other than the part held to be invalid.

Section 6. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication according to the Lino Lakes City Charter.

Adopted by the Lino Lakes City Council this ____ day of _____ 2020.

The motion for the adoption of the foregoing ordinance was introduced by Councilmember _____ and was duly seconded by Councilmember _____ and upon vote being taken thereon, the following voted in favor thereof:

The following voted against same:

Rob Rafferty, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julianne Bartell, City Clerk