



# City of Blaine Anoka County, Minnesota

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## Legislation Text

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**DEVELOPMENT BUSINESS** - *Bryan K. Schafer, Planning and Community Development Director*

### SECOND READING

#### **AMENDING SECTION 29.35 OF THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BLAINE TO ESTABLISH A 75-FOOT BUILDING SETBACK FROM THE ORDINARY HIGH WATER OF PUBLIC WATERS IN THE R-1 (SINGLE FAMILY) ZONING DISTRICT. CITY OF BLAINE. (CASE FILE NO. 16-0056/BKS)**

Planning Commission (Public Hearing)	01/10/17
City Council (1 <sup>st</sup> Reading)	01/19/17
<b>City Council (2<sup>nd</sup> Reading)</b>	<b>02/02/17</b>

The Planning Commission voted unanimously to approve the code amendment. There were no comments at the public hearing.

The City adopted a Local Surface Water Management Plan (LSWMP) several years ago which contains many of the best practices for proper care and maintenance of the surface waters (lakes, ponds and wetlands) within the City. In particular the plan refers to the Minnesota DNR standards for establishing setbacks from the edge of Public Waters. That standard varies depending on the DNR's classification of the lakes but in Blaine and in the case of Laddie Lake it is 75-feet from the Ordinary High Water (OHW) mark. The LSWMP indicates that the City should adopt a zoning standard that matches the DNR guidelines so that a consistent standard can be enforced in the review and issuance of building permits.

Laddie Lake is completely surrounded by mostly developed land and City park that is zoned R-1 (Single Family). The proposed amendment to the R-1 zoning text would establish the 75-foot setback from the OHW of Laddie Lake consistent with the City's adopted plan and DNR guidelines.

The City's other DNR classified lake is Lochness Lake which is entirely within the boundary of Lochness Park and has no private property touching the edge of the lake.  
By motion, approve the Ordinance.

Proposed Code Amendment

**THE CITY OF BLAINE DOES ORDAIN:** (Added portions are underscored and deleted portions are shown in brackets with overstrike.)

**29.35 STANDARDS**

- (a) Front yard setback - 30 feet. (Amended 3-15-90. Ord. 90-1193 Amended 1-22-98. Ord. 98-1694)
- (b) Side yard setback - 10 feet. Corner lots - 20 feet.
- (c) Rear yard setback - 30 feet. **Building setback of 75-feet from the surveyed Ordinary High Water mark of Public Waters as defined by the MN Department of Natural Resources.**

**INTRODUCED** and read in full the 19<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2017.

**PASSED** by the City Council of the City of Blaine the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of February, 2017.