

ORDINANCE NO. 845

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING A ONE-YEAR MORATORIUM
ON THE ISSUANCE OF SHORELAND ALTERATION PERMITS WITHIN THE
CORPORATE LIMITS OF SAUK CENTRE**

**THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SAUK CENTRE HEREBY ORDAINS
AS FOLLOWS**

Section 1. Recitals and Purpose.

A. The City of Sauk Centre (the City) is engaged in a study for the purpose of updating its official controls as defined in Minnesota Statutes, Section 462.352, Subd. 15.

B. The City's said study will address the advisability and potential amendment of its comprehensive plan and official controls, regarding the issuance of Shoreland Alteration Permits within the City.

C. It is the purpose of this ordinance to impose a one-year moratorium on the issuance of Shoreland Alteration Permits in the City, to protect the City's planning process by allowing for the completion of studies relating to the development of appropriate land use regulations to regulate permits in the City. Such a moratorium is necessary to prevent shoreland alterations that have or could have deleterious effects on the City's planning process and the health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

Section 2. Findings of Fact. The Sauk Centre City Council finds that the following facts exist:

1. The City recognized there are some uses which are deemed to be detrimental to the City's planning process. Due to their very nature, they may have serious objectionable characteristics and may not be compatible with the comprehensive plan, adjacent uses, as viewed from public waters. Special regulation of some uses is necessary to ensure that these adverse effects will not contribute to the downgrading of the value of surrounding properties, and to protect the health, welfare and safety of the public in general.

2. The City's comprehensive plan and official controls are not adequate to protect the economic, environmental and aesthetic qualities of the city with regard to shoreland alterations.

Section 3. Moratorium. In consideration of the foregoing, there is hereby enacted and placed into effect a moratorium from the effective date of this ordinance until one-year thereafter upon the permitting of Shoreland Alterations in the City.

This ordinance shall also have the effect of a moratorium during said one-year period on the City's issuance of any zoning or other permit or authorization in connection with any plan or application that involves shoreland alterations in the City. This moratorium may be extended as provided by law until completion of the City's study and enactment of a permanent ordinance.

This ordinance supersedes all contrary or inconsistent terms and provisions of the City of Sauk Centre Code and any existing ordinance of the City.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication.

Dated this 16th day of April, 2025, at the City of Sauk Centre, Minnesota.

Mayor Warren L. Stone

ATTEST: _____
City Administrator Vicki M. Willer