



Meeting Agenda  
City of Mora, Planning Commission  
**5:30 p.m. Monday, September 11, 2023**  
Mora City Hall

Mora City Hall  
101 Lake Street S  
Mora, MN 55051  
Kanabec County,  
Minnesota

*City of Mora Code of Ordinances, Chapter 32: The role of the Planning Commission is to serve the City Council in an advisory capacity on matters relating to citizen requests for action, zoning changes and review, Comprehensive Plan reviews, capital improvement reviews, and other actions as deemed necessary to carry out the functions of a pro-active Planning Commission.*

1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call:    Jody Anderson            Sheldon Shepard        Lance Strande  
                   Sara Treiber                Tim Dahlberg
3. Adopt Agenda *(No item of business shall be considered unless it appears on the agenda for the meeting. Board members may add items to the agenda prior to adoption of the agenda.)*
4. Minutes
  - a. Approve minutes from July 10, 2023
5. Open Forum  
*(Individuals may address the committee about any item not contained on the regular agenda. There is a maximum of fifteen (15) Minutes set aside for open forum. A maximum of three (3) minutes is allotted per person. The Planning Commission will take no official action on items discussed at the forum, with the exception of referral to staff for future report.)*
6. Public Hearings: None
7. Other Business
  - a. Discuss potential truck weight restrictions on city streets
8. Reports  
*(In addition to the items listed below, each board and staff member will be given the opportunity to share information.)*
9. Adjournment  
The next meeting of the Planning Commission is scheduled for **5:30 p.m. Monday, Oct. 2, 2023**  
*(Please note this earlier in the month than usual due to the observance of Indigenous Peoples' Day on Oct. 9.)*

**City of Mora Planning Commission  
Minutes  
July 10, 2023 – 5:30 pm  
Mora City Hall**

Shepard called the meeting to order at 5:30 pm. Attendance was taken by roll call. Members Present: Sheldon Shepard, Jody Anderson, Tim Dahlberg Sara Treiber and Lance Strande

Staff in Attendance: Caleb Christenson, Glenn Anderson

**Adopt Agenda**

***Motion made by Dahlberg to adopt the agenda of the July 10, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting as presented;*** seconded by Shepard and carried unanimously.

**Approval of Minutes**

***Motion made by Treiber to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023 Planning Commission Meeting as presented;*** seconded by Strande and carried unanimously.

**Open Forum:** No comments

**Public Hearings:** None

**New Business**

**The commissioners reviewed Fire Rocks LLC request for a minor subdivision at PID R 22.00620.10. After discussion on the matter, Anderson motioned to recommend City Council approve the minor subdivision;** and seconded by Dahlberg and carried unanimously.

**Verbal Reports**

Staff shared Kirsten's progress

**Adjournment**

***Motion made by Anderson to adjourn the July 10, 2023 meeting of the City of Mora Planning Commission;*** seconded by Dahlberg and carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.

The next meeting is scheduled for **Monday, August 7, 2023** at 5:30 PM.

*Minutes prepared and submitted by Caleb Christenson*

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Commission Chair

Attest: \_\_\_\_\_  
City of Mora Staff



# MEMORANDUM

Date Sept. 11, 2023  
To Planning Commission  
From Kirsten Faurie, Community Development Director  
RE Truck Restrictions on City Streets

## SUMMARY

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The Planning Commission will discuss creation of a city ordinance restricting commercial truck traffic along a residential street.

## BACKGROUND

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After hearing concern from residents about large trucks/commercial vehicles using Maple Avenue East as a route to and from the Industrial Park, the city council voted on Sept. 5 requesting the Planning Commission create an ordinance that would restrict commercial truck traffic along Maple Avenue East.

Maple Avenue East goes through a residential neighborhood; the residents expressed concerns about safety, speed, and wear and tear on the road. The preferred route for commercial trucks would be along the highways and Industrial Park Road, however navigation apps do not always direct traffic this way.

## OPTIONS & IMPACTS

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The City Council discussed adding signage to the street to discourage trucks; signage cannot be enforced without an ordinance. Other Minnesota cities have ordinances that restrict commercial truck traffic. Some cities accomplish this by designating certain streets as truck routes; some cities impose truck weight restrictions on specified streets and mark them with signs. Examples of ordinances from three other cities are included in this packet.

The Commission should consider any potential impacts on business owners, drivers and residents.

## Process

Today the Planning Commission will discuss goals for the ordinance. Those goals will be sent to the city attorney to create a draft ordinance. Notice will be published in the local newspaper and the Planning Commission will hold a public hearing on the proposed ordinance. The Planning Commission would refine and approve/deny the ordinance. If approved, the ordinance would go to the city council for final approval/denial.

## RECOMMENDATIONS

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Discuss the issue of truck traffic along Maple Avenue East; create ordinance goals to send to the city attorney.

## *Attachments:*

- Ordinance Example: Good Thunder MN*
- Ordinance Example: Inver Grove Heights MN*
- Ordinance Example: Dawson MN*
- Map*

## **Good Thunder MN**

### **§ 70.19 WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS.**

The City Council may prohibit the operation of vehicles upon any street, or may impose weight restrictions on vehicles to be operated on the streets whenever the street, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climate conditions, may be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of vehicles on the street is prohibited or the permissible weights thereof reduced. Upon the prohibition, the City Council shall cause to be erected and maintained signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of the portion of the street affected. It is unlawful for any person to operate a vehicle on any posted street in violation of the prohibition or restriction.

(Ord. 7, passed 5-5-2014) Penalty, see § 10.99

## Inver Grove Heights MN

### 6-1-6: SEASONAL AND WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS:

A. Definitions: As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings ascribed to them:

**SINGLE AXLE:** Includes all wheels whose centers may be included within two (2) parallel transverse vertical planes forty inches (40") apart.

**VEHICLE:** Includes all motor vehicles, trucks, commercial vehicles, horse trailers and trailers of all kinds, or any object or contrivance being moved on wheels of any kind. (1974 Code § 1305.03)

B. Authority; Signs Posted: The engineer may prohibit the operation of vehicles upon any street or highway within the city or impose restrictions as to the weight of vehicles to be operated thereon whenever any such streets or highway, by reason of deterioration, rain, snow or other climatic conditions, will be seriously damaged or destroyed unless the use of such vehicles thereon is prohibited or the permissible weights thereof reduced. The engineer shall erect or cause to be erected and maintained signs plainly indicating the prohibition or restriction at each end of that portion of any street or highway affected thereby. Said prohibition or restriction shall not be effective unless and until such signs are erected and shall continue thereafter until the engineer causes such signs to be removed.

C. Weight Limit During Certain Time Of Year: Except where other restrictions are imposed as provided in subsection B of this section, no person shall operate any vehicle or combination of vehicles upon any street, road, or highway under the jurisdiction of the city during the period between March 20 and May 15 of each year, where the gross weight on any single axle exceeds eight thousand (8,000) pounds; provided, that there shall be excepted and exempt from the provisions of this subsection emergency vehicles of public utilities used incidental to making repairs to its plant or equipment, and this subsection shall not apply to routes, streets or highways designated by resolution of the council as truck routes and which are identified as such by signs and markings to that effect.

D. Special Permit: For reasons of hardship or other good cause shown, a special permit may be issued by the engineer authorizing vehicles which would otherwise be prohibited under the provisions of subsection C of this section from traveling over certain streets, roads or highways to travel over such streets, roads or highways on a prescribed route for the purpose of making deliveries to a home or commercial or industrial establishment. Such permit may be conditioned upon the giving of security in sufficient amount to compensate the city for any injury or damage to any street, road or highway caused by the operation of such vehicle or combination of vehicles thereon. (1974 Code § 1305.01)

# Dawson MN

## **7-1-11: WEIGHT RESTRICTIONS, TRUCK ROUTES, TRUCK PARKING AND TRUCK TRAFFIC:**

A. In accordance with the powers granted in Minnesota statutes chapters 169.87 and 169.34, the city of Dawson hereby restricts truck traffic to an improved route within the city. This action is to prevent the continued deterioration of streets not designed for such traffic, the potential safety hazards, and the abatement of noise, odors, and other nuisances associated with truck traffic in residential areas and other areas where such traffic may be in conflict with the existing land use.

B. For the purpose of this section, the following terms will be defined as follows:

TRUCK: Any motor vehicle that weighs in excess of ten (10) tons (20,000 gross vehicle weight rating - GVWR) but does not include the following vehicles:

1. Sanitation/garbage trucks.
2. Emergency vehicles.
3. Public maintenance vehicles.
4. Moving vans or vehicles at such times as the same is used to move an individual, family, or business and their possessions to or from a residence or business.
5. Delivery and construction vehicles that are in route to or from a place of delivery of goods and services or the construction site (but such delivery and construction vehicles must use truck routes when the same are available).
6. Recreation vehicles, motor homes, camping trailers, travel trailers, fifth wheel camping trailers.
7. Tree trimming service vehicles.
8. Buses.

C. No person, firm or corporation shall operate, drive, tow or park any vehicle, or combination of vehicles, with a gross vehicle weight rating of over twenty thousand (20,000) pounds on any city street which has not been classified as a truck route.

D. All tractors and tractor trailer combinations are prohibited from parking on any residential street except in designated truck routes. All tractor trailer combinations must remain hooked together at all times when parked. No vehicle or combinations shall remain parked for more than six (6) hours. Seasonal parking restrictions will apply.

E. The chief of police or his designated person may authorize an overweight vehicle to use a street or roadway other than a truck route in an emergency situation.

F. The city streets or roadways designated as truck routes are:

Alley between 8th Street and 9th Street between Walnut and Locust

Chestnut Street between 5th Street and 7th Street

County State A #37 runs from 5th Street SE to city limits

Diagonal Street

Johnson Street between 5th Street and 7th Street

Lincoln Place between 6th Street and 8th Street

Lincoln Place from Highway 212 to 12th Street

Locust Street between 5th and 6th Street

Locust Street between 8th Street and Memorial Place

North Park Street and Northeast 1st Street

Pine Street between 5th Street and 7th Street

Spruce Street between 6th Street and 7th Street

Walnut Street between 7th Street and 9th Street

North 3rd Street

Southeast 3rd Street and East Linden Street

5th Street between Pine Street and Johnson Street

6th Street

North 6th Street East

North 6th Street West

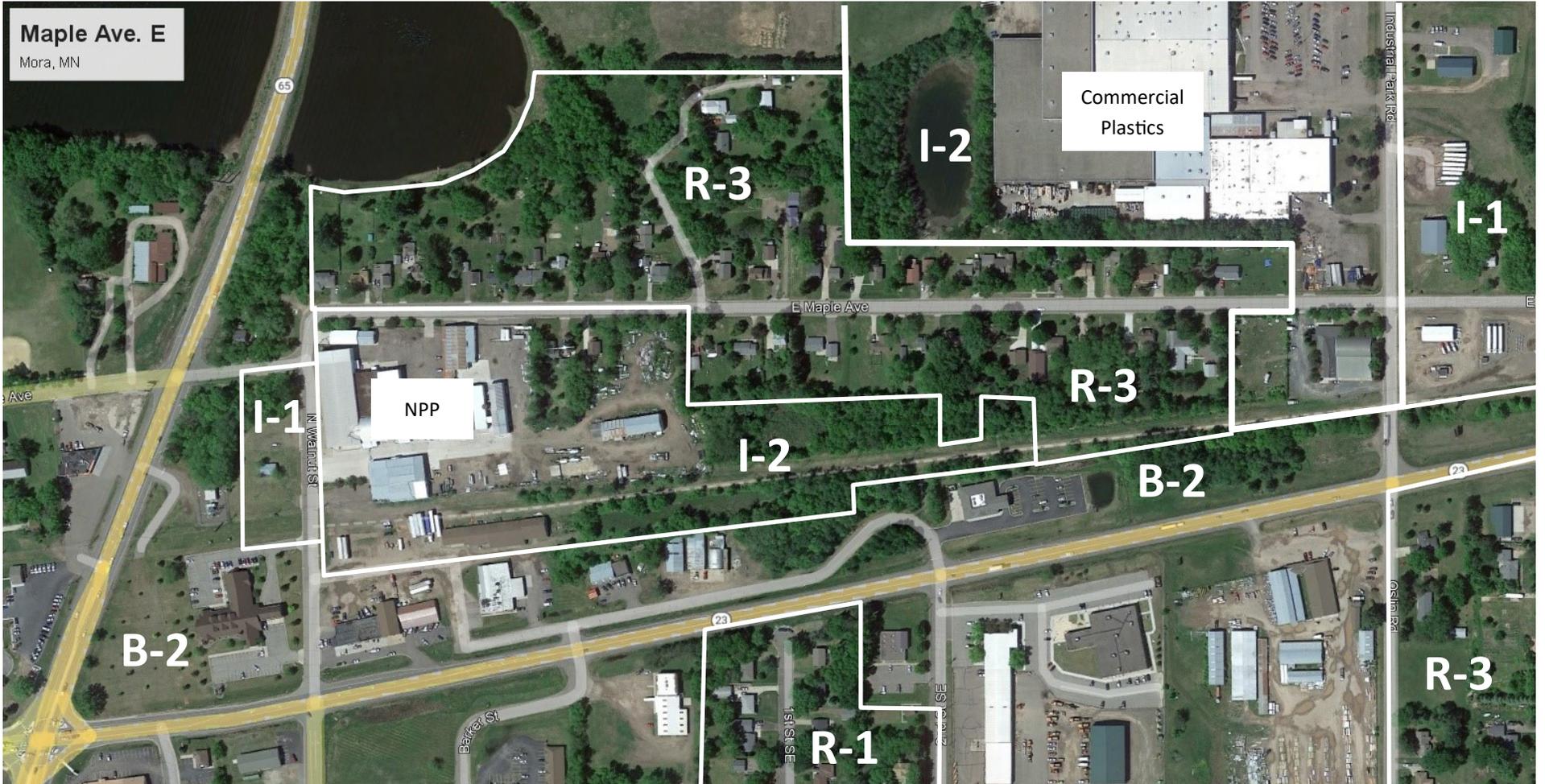
7th Street between Spruce Street and Walnut Street

North 7th Street

12th Street between Highway 212 and Locust Street

G. Any person or entity violating any provisions of this section may either be levied an administrative fee or issued a state citation at the discretion of the officer. A violation shall be considered a misdemeanor with a maximum penalty of one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00) and/or ninety (90) days' jail. (Ord. 317, 7-5-2016)

**Maple Ave. E**  
Mora, MN



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