

**TOWN OF LYNDEN
STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 9**

AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING THE MINNESOTA STATE FIRE CODE

The Town Board for the Town of Lynden, Stearns County, Minnesota, hereby ordains:

Section 1. Definitions. For purposes of this ordinance, the terms contained in this section shall have the following definitions given to them.

- A. Wherever the word “jurisdiction” is used in the Minnesota State Fire Code, it shall mean Lynden Township, Stearns County, Minnesota.
- B. Wherever the term “this code” is used in the Minnesota State Fire Code or in this ordinance, it shall mean the code adopted pursuant to this ordinance, as referenced within Minnesota Statutes Chapter 299F.

Section 2. Enforcement.

- A. The Chief of the Fire Department, hereinafter known as “Chief”, servicing that portion of Lynden Township as designated by a Fire Service Contract (“Contract”) with Lynden Township, his or her designated representative, or others designated by the Town Board are authorized to enforce the provisions of the Minnesota State Fire Code and this ordinance in the respective geographical section of Lynden Township covered under such contract.
- B. The Chief shall assign such members of the fire department as may be necessary to inspect, administer, and enforce the provisions of the Minnesota State Fire Code and this ordinance.
- C. The primary focus of any inspection by the Chief shall include, but is not limited to, the commercial and industrial properties within Lynden Township to gain familiarity with the structure floor plan, pre-plan for any fire or potential hazards associated thereto, and for compliance with the State Fire Code.

Section 3. Penalties. A person who violates the provisions of the Minnesota State Fire Code or this ordinance after being given written notice shall be guilty of a misdemeanor. Each day’s violation after notice thereof shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 4. Inspection Frequency. The Chief or his or her designee shall make an initial inspection under this ordinance of each of the commercial and industrial properties within Lynden Township within two (2) years of the effective date of this ordinance. Thereafter, each of the commercial and industrial properties shall be inspected at a minimum of once every three (3) years.

Section 5. Fee. No fee shall be charged for any inspection conducted in accordance with this ordinance.

Section 6. Severability and Repealer. All ordinances or portions of ordinances conflicting herewith are hereby repealed. Should any section of this Ordinance be held unconstitutional or void, the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

Section 7. Effective Date. This ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication in the official Township newspaper.

Passed by the Town Board of the Town of Lynden this 5th day of August, 2013.

Chair, Lynden Township

ATTEST:

Clerk, Lynden Township