

CITY OF FARMINGTON  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO.

**AN ORDINANCE ADDING TITLE 6, CHAPTER 14, OF THE CITY CODE RELATING  
TO AND REGULATING TARGETED PICKETING IN RESIDENTIAL  
NEIGHBORHOODS IN THE CITY OF FARMINGTON**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON ORDAINS:

That Title 6, Chapter 14 of the Farmington City Code, is hereby amended by adding the following language:

**SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS.** For the purpose of this section, the term “targeted residential picketing” means:

1. Marching, standing or patrolling by one or more persons directed solely at a particular residential building in a manner that adversely affects the safety, security, or privacy of an occupant of the building; or
2. Marching, standing or patrolling by one or more persons which prevents an occupant of a residential building from gaining access to or exiting from the property on which the residential building is located; or
3. Standing, marching, patrolling or picketing by one or more persons focused in front of or adjacent to a particular residential dwelling without the consent of that dwellings’ occupants.

**SECTION 2. PURPOSE.** The city has an interest in the protection of residential privacy, the wellbeing and tranquility of the home, and protecting citizens from unwanted speech when they are a captive audience within their homes. The city council finds that, without resorting to targeted residential picketing, ample opportunities exist for those otherwise engaged in targeted residential picketing to exercise constitutionally protected freedoms of speech and expression.

**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 be effective upon its passage and publication according to law.

**ADOPTED** this 4<sup>th</sup> day of January, 2021, by the City Council of the City of Farmington.

CITY OF FARMINGTON

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
Joshua Hoyt, Mayor

ATTEST:

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
David McKnight, City Administrator

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Approved as to form the \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_ 2021.

By: \_\_\_\_\_  
City Attorney

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