

**GREATER BEMIDJI AREA JOINT PLANNING BOARD
BELTRAMI COUNTY, MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 2021-06**

**AN ORDINANCE REGARDING STACKING SPACES AND DRIVE-THROUGH
FACILITIES**

THE GREATER BEMIDJI AREA JOINT PLANNING BOARD ORDAINS:

Section I. Section 1009 of the Greater Bemidji Area Zoning and Subdivision Ordinance is hereby amended by adding the following standards:

SECTION 1009: Off-Street Parking, Loading & Surfacing Standards

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C. Drive-Through Facilities

1. Intent and Purpose

Drive-through facilities shall be designed to lessen congestion in the streets and to allow the safe conduct of drive-through transactions without interference by or to other on-site activities.

2. Applicability

Any site with new development, redevelopment, or change in use that uses drive-through facilities for some or all of its transactions shall comply with this section.

3. Exemptions

Facilities without proposed drive-thrus are exempt.

4. Existing Nonconformities

Existing sites not meeting the requirements contained in this section shall be brought into full compliance under one or more of the following conditions:

- a. If an existing use is improved or remodeled in a value of twenty-five (25) percent or more of the valuation of the existing principal structure as reflected on the Property Appraiser's current records.
- b. If an amendment, other than a minor amendment, is required to an existing approved site plan.
- c. If a change in use generates a requirement for more or larger loading spaces.

5. Drive-Through Design Requirements

- a. All Drive-in Facilities and accessory drive-through car washes shall be so located and designed that they will not create a traffic hazard or nuisance because of their location in relation to similar uses, buildings or proposed buildings on or adjacent to the building site and the traffic patterns from such uses or buildings.
- b. Drive-in Facilities and accessory drive-through car washes shall be so located and designed as to minimize turning movements in relation to their driveway access to streets and intersections, and to minimize turning movements across sidewalks and pedestrian access ways which may disrupt pedestrian circulation within activity centers
- c. Drive-through entrances shall be marked by the property owner with durable warning signage that directs traffic in a way that does not create hazardous congestion. Signage shall also be placed to prevent queues from extending into either the public right-of-way or roadways.



Section II. Effective Date. This ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and the first day of publication.

Adopted this 9th day of June, 2021.

Ayes: Frenzel, Kelly, Peterson, Erickson, Prince

Nays: None

Absent: None

Joint Planning Commission Public Hearing & Recommendations: Recommended approval May 27, 2021

Joint Planning Board Meeting: Approved June 9, 2021

ATTEST:

**BY THE GREATER BEMIDJI AREA
JOINT PLANNING BOARD:**



Jamin Carlson, Planning Director

 6-25-21

Jess Frenzel, Chairperson

Subscribed and sworn to before me
this 25 th day of June, 2021.



Notary Public

