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i. Approval of leave of absence, Destinie Buersken, Paraprofessional, effective approximately December 9, 2025 for approximately three weeks

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Sartell-St. Stephen to approve the BSD 2024-2025 Audit Report. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to move forward with a contract with School Project for third party (MA) billing services. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Hold- ingford to approve the October 1, 2025 Member District Enrollment numbers to be used in the 2025-2026 billing process. The motion was unanimously approved.

Executive Director Updates
BSED Program Enrollment Update

Early Intervention Monthly Service Update

Open Enrollment is under- way for Insurance

26-27 Calendar Planning
District Highlight-Collaboration in Foley

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by RO-CORI to accept the request for retirement from Amy Ormerod effective November 21, 2025. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sartell-St. Stephen, seconded by Sauk Rapids-Rice to approve the individual contract for Amy Ormerod effective November 25, 2025 through June 30, 2026. The motion was unanimously approved.

There was a motion by Sauk Rapids-Rice, seconded by Sartell-St. Stephen to adjourn the meeting at 4:10 p.m. The motion was unanimously approved.

The next regular meeting of the Benton-Stearns Board will be December 17, 2025 at 3:30 p.m. The minutes are not official until reviewed and approved.

(Publish January 6, 2026)

CITY OF COLD SPRING ORDINANCE NO. 431

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF COLD SPRING BY ADJUSTING WATER AND SEWER UTILITY RATES

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLD SPRING, STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA HEREBY ORDAINS:
SUBDIVISION 1. The existing Fee Schedule shall be amended as indicated in this Ordinance.

SUBDIVISION 2. Section 550 of City Code shall be amended by adding the language underlined below and deleting the language stricken.

Subd. 3. Residential Rates. For all residential accounts, the following rates shall apply.

A. **Base Charge.** A “Base Charge” of \$11.00 shall be imposed during each billing period for each “Active” account regardless of the quantity of water usage, and even if no water was drawn. The Base Charge shall not include the purchase of water.

B. **Usage Charge.** In addition to the Base Charge, a “Usage Charge” shall be imposed upon each Active account at a rate of \$2.75 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumed up to 20,999 gallons, a rate of \$3.45 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumed from 21,000 to 50,999 gallons, and a rate of \$8.10 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumed over 51,000 gallons.

Subd. 4. Commercial Rates. For all commercial accounts, other than Significant Water Users, the following rates apply.

A. **Base Charge.** A “Base Charge” of \$11.00 shall be imposed during each billing period for each “Active” account re-

gardless of the quantity of water usage, and even if no water was drawn. The Base Charge shall not include the purchase of water.

B. **Usage Charge.** In addition to the Base Charge, a “Usage Charge” shall be imposed upon each Active account at a rate of \$2.75 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumed up to 20,999 gallons and a rate of \$3.45 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumed over 21,000 gallons.

Subd. 5. Raw Water Rate. For all accounts where the consumer's water line has a direct connection to a City well, and the water being purchased is untreated, the following rates apply.

A. **Base Charge.** A “Base Charge” of \$11.00 shall be imposed during each billing period for each “Active” account regardless of the quantity of water usage, and even if no water was drawn. The Base Charge shall not include the purchase of water.

B. **Usage Charge.** In addition to the Base Charge, a “Usage Charge” shall be imposed upon each Active account at a rate of \$1.30 for each 1,000 gallons of water drawn from the well.

Subd. 6. Significant Water Users. For all accounts meeting the definition of Significant Water User, the following rates shall apply.

A. **Base Charge.** A “Base Charge” of \$11.00 shall be imposed during each billing period for each “Active” account regardless of the quantity of water usage, and even if no water was drawn. The Base Charge shall not include the purchase of water.

B. **Usage Charge.** In addition to the Base Charge, a “Usage Charge” shall be imposed upon each Active account at a rate of \$3.00 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumed.

SUBDIVISION 3. Section 540 of City Code shall be amended by adding the language underlined below and deleting the language stricken.

Subd. 3. Rates. For all accounts other than Significant Industrial Users, the following rates shall apply.

A. **Base Charge.** A “Base Charge” of \$20.00 shall be imposed during each billing period for each Active account regardless of the quantity of sewer discharged to the municipal system, and even if no sewer was discharged.

B. **Usage Charge.** In addition to the Base Charge, a “Usage Charge” shall be imposed upon each Active account at a rate of \$7.80 for each 1,000 gallons of water consumed during the billing period.

Subd. 5. Significant Industrial User Rates. The following sewer charges shall be imposed for all Significant Industrial Users, for each “Active” utility account. The rates and charges and the methods for determining and collecting those charges may be further defined in agreements to govern the relationship between the City and the Significant Industrial User, provided that they are generally consistent with this Section 540.

A. **BOD Charge.** A “BOD Charge” shall be imposed for the pounds per day (PPD) of Bio-chemical Oxygen Demand (BOD) discharged to the wastewater treatment facility per month. A charge of \$.50 per pound shall be charged for quantities meeting the Average Monthly Limitation as stated in the Effluent Limits and Monitoring Requirements of the SIU's Permit for Industrial Use Discharge to the Cold Spring, Minnesota Municipal Sanitary Sewer System (Permit). A charge of \$1.00 per pound shall be charged for quantities exceeding the Average Monthly Limitation as stated in the SIU's Permit.

B. **TSS Charge.** A “TSS Charge” shall be imposed for the pounds per day (PPD) of Total Suspended Solids (TSS) discharged to the wastewater treatment facility per month. A charge of \$.95 per pound shall be charged for quantities meeting the Average Monthly Limitation as stated in the SIU's Permit. A charge of \$1.90

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per pound shall be charged for quantities exceeding the Average Monthly Limitation as stated in the SIU's Permit.

C. **Flow Charge.** A “Flow Charge” shall be imposed for the number of million gallons per day (MGD) of wastewater discharged to the wastewater treatment facility during each month. A charge of \$4.55 per 1,000 gallons shall be charged for quantities meeting the Average Monthly Limitation as stated in the SIU's Permit. A charge of \$9.10 per 1,000 gallons shall be charged for quantities exceeding the Average Monthly Limitation as stated in the SIU's Permit.

D. **Phosphorus Charge.** A “Phosphorus Charge” shall be imposed for the pounds per day (PPD) of Phosphorus discharged to the wastewater treatment facility per month. A charge of \$3.70 per pound shall be charged for quantities meeting the Average Monthly Limitation as stated in the SIU's Permit. A charge of \$7.40 per pound shall be charged for quantities exceeding the Average Monthly Limitation as stated in the SIU's Permit.

E. **Base Charge.** A “Base Charge” of \$10.00 per month shall be imposed for each month included in each billing period, regardless of the quantity of wastewater discharged.

SUBDIVISION 4. Effective date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication. Changes to the fees prescribed above shall be effective for usage commencing January 1, 2026.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Cold Spring, Minnesota, this 23rd day of December, 2025; published January 6, 2026.

SIGNED:

David Heinen, Mayor

WITNESSED:

Kris Dockendorf,
City Administrator

(Publish January 6, 2026)

CITY OF COLD SPRING ORDINANCE NO. 432

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CITY OF COLD SPRING ZONING MAP BY REZONING THE PROPERTY AT 625 14TH AVENUE SOUTH FROM C-3 HIGHWAY COMMERCIAL TO R-3 HIGH DENSITY RESIDENTIAL

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLD SPRING, STEARNS COUNTY, MINNESOTA HEREBY ORDAINS:
Subdivision 1. In accordance with Section 4, *Subdivision 2 of the Zoning Ordinance of Cold Spring*, the zoning classification for the properties generally described below and as illustrated on **Exhibit A**, attached hereto and made a part hereof, will be changed as follows:

Lot 1, Block 1, River Links First Addition will be rezoned from C-3 Highway Commercial to R-3 High Density Residential.
Subdivision 2. The official zoning map of the City of Cold Spring shall be made to conform to this amendment.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Cold Spring, Minnesota, this 23rd day of December, 2025.

SIGNED:

Dave Heinen, Mayor

WITNESSED:

Kris Dockendorf,
City Administrator

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NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING COLD SPRING PLANNING COMMISSION

Notice is hereby given that a public hearing will be held before the Cold Spring Planning Commission on Wednes-

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day, January 21, 2026 at 6:30 p.m. or as soon thereafter as practical, at 27 Red River Ave S, to consider the request filed by the City of Cold Spring for a variance from Section 17, Subdivision 12 (6) (a) (23) of the Zoning Ordinance, which requires them to provide 33 off-street parking spaces. The property is located at 27 Red River Ave S, Cold Spring, Minnesota. The applicant is seeking the variance to provide 19 parking spaces, plus providing property to allow for 6 additional parking spaces. Copies of the application materials, including full legal description and site plan are available at City Hall.

Comments may be made either prior to or at the public hearing. All persons attending the hearing and wishing to be heard will have an opportunity to do so.

(Publish January 6, 2026)

Notice of Public Hearing Stearns County, Planning Commission

Notice is hereby given that the Stearns County Planning Commission, in and for the County of Stearns, will conduct certain public hearings as follows:

1. To consider an interim use permit request submitted by **200th Street Solar 1, LLC, Lowell MA on behalf of Neil Gertken, Cold Spring MN** according to Sections 4.18, 6.54, and 9.3.6 G of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to construct and operate a 4.5 MW solar garden for 35 years in the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. The property is in part of the E1/2NE1/4, lying north of 200th Street and west of Kinzer Creek in Section 34 of Wakefield Township (123/30). The property address is 15802 200th St, Cold Spring MN.

2. To consider an interim use permit request submitted by **Scepaniak Properties LLC, Holdingford MN** according to Sections 4.18, 7.17, and 9.3.6 F of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to have a mining operation on approximately 39 acres for 10 years in the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. The property is in part of the SE1/4SW1/4 and part of the SW1/4SE1/4, lying north and west of 330th Street in Section 25 of Albany Township (125/31). The property address is 20008 330th St, Albany MN.

3. To consider an interim use permit request submitted by **Kern & Tabery Inc, Wadena MN on behalf of Charles & Cheryl Schaefer, Paynesville MN** according to Sections 4.18, 7.17, and 9.3.6 F of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to have a mining operation on approximately 5 acres for 1 year in the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. The property is in part of the SE1/4NE1/4, lying northeast of County Road 12 and northwest of County Road 113 in Section 27 of St. Martin Township (124/32).

4. To consider an interim use permit request submitted by **Kern & Tabery Inc, Wadena MN on behalf of Carl & Ruth Lieser, Paynesville MN** according to Sections 4.18, 7.17, and 9.3.6 F of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to have a mining operation on approximately 3 acres for 1 year in the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. The property is in part of the SE1/4SW1/4 and in part of the SW1/4SE1/4 (Lots 66 and 67 in Auditor's Subdivision No. 7), lying east of County Road 12 in Section 26 of St. Martin Township (124/32).

5. To consider an interim use permit request submitted by **Kern & Tabery Inc,**

Wadena MN on behalf of Midwest Enterprises of Central Minnesota LLC, Avon MN according to Sections 4.18, 7.17, and 9.3.6 F of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to have a mining operation on approximately 5 acres for 1 year in the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. The property is in part of the NE1/4NW1/4 and in part of the NW1/4NE1/4, lying south of County Road 12 and west of County Road 177 in Section 30 of St. Martin Township (124/32).

6. To consider a conditional use permit request submitted by **Belgrade Cooperative, Belgrade MN** according to Sections 4.8, 6.6, and 9.3.5 B of Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. The request is to have an agriculturally oriented business in the Agricultural 40 (A-40) zoning district. Specifically, the property would be used for anhydrous ammonia and liquid fertilizer. The property is in part of the NW1/4NE1/4, lying east of County Road 200 in Section 15 of Crow Lake Township (123/35). The property address is 23866 County Road 200, Belgrade MN.

7. To consider a request for a conditional use permit submitted by **Jason and Marie Felling of Sauk Centre, MN** according to the requirements of the Stearns County Land Use and Zoning Ordinance #439. Section 6.8 requires a Conditional Use Permit for feedlots greater than 700 animal units that are proposing additions or changes. The property under consideration is located at 38572 County Road 187, Sauk Centre, MN 56378, in the SE 1/4 of the NW 1/4 of Section 28 and 33 (T126N, R034W) in Sauk Centre Township.

When and where is the meeting?

Date and Time: January 22, 2026 at 6:00 p.m.

Location: Stearns County Service Center

3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387

How do I participate?

Public Testimony: If you would like to provide public testimony, you may do so by appearing at the above hearing, by telephone or other electronic means, please contact Heidi Winkowski at Heidi.Winkowski@stearnscountymn.gov, or BethJo Juetten at BethJo.Juetten@stearnscountymn.gov by calling (320) 656-3613.

Written Testimony: You may submit written testimony by emailing Heidi Winkowski at Heidi.Winkowski@stearnscountymn.gov or BethJo Juetten at BethJo.Juetten@stearnscountymn.gov by 3 p.m. on January 21, 2026. Written testimony may also be mailed to the Stearns County Environmental Services Department, Service Center, 3301 County Road 138, Waite Park, MN 56387.

Comments on this public hearing are not limited to those persons receiving copies of this notice. If you know of any interested person who for any reason has not received a copy of this notice, it would be appreciated if you would inform them of this public hearing.

Where can I view the application?

A copy of the application can be viewed approximately one week prior to the meeting at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Action taken on this request will be available shortly after the meeting at the same website location.

What if the meeting changes?

This meeting is subject to change. Please sign up for automatic updates for this meeting at <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Call the Department for assistance.

What is the next step?

The Stearns County Board of Commissioners will consider this request on **February 17, 2026**. The agenda can be found at: <https://stearnscounty.civicweb.net/portal/>. Interim Use and Conditional Use Permits will be placed on the consent agenda which is heard at the beginning of the agenda. To inquire how to request an item be placed under the regular agenda for discussion, please contact the Department. If the Board of Commissioners do not concur with the Planning Commission, they will hold another public hearing and new notice will be sent.

Stearns County Planning Commission

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Horoscopes

ARIES - Mar 21/Apr 20

Aries, look for ways to boost your income this week. Be open to dealing with people who may otherwise not come on your radar. Some extra earnings will be useful.

TAURUS - Apr 21/May 21

Taurus, you may be happy to socialize this week, especially with new people who are friendly and congenial. Enjoy some time out on the town and the chance to meet new people.

GEMINI - May 22/Jun 21

Right now you are anxious to work and be productive, Gemini. However, obstacles seem to get in your way left and right. You might need to devise a plan to overcome the challenges.

CANCER - Jun 22/Jul 22

Your involvement in sports, groups and clubs will be a positive experience for you this week, Cancer. Not only will you enjoy the interaction, you will feel a sense of optimism.

LEO - Jul 23/Aug 23

Leo, there's no better time to identify financial commitments and make some changes to how you move your money than right now. The doors of financial institutions will open for you.

VIRGO - Aug 24/Sept 22

Virgo, you might make an excellent impression on others today, especially a boss that has had their eyes on you for some time. Fear not; you are only projecting good things.

LIBRA - Sept 23/Oct 23

This is the perfect time to travel or try a new activity, Libra. Go someplace you have never been before. That may involve exploring your own neighborhood or city.

SCORPIO - Oct 24/Nov 22

Enjoy the company of others this week, Scorpio. People will be warm, friendly, inclusive, and generally happy to share ideas and experiences with you.

SAGITTARIUS - Nov 23/Dec 21

Work-related travel may be on the itinerary this week, Sagittarius. You also might find yourself more involved with foreign affairs or people from other cultures.

CAPRICORN - Dec 22/Jan 20

Capricorn, accept invitations to socialize with others this week. This is a great opportunity to have fun. It's a good time to enjoy movies, the arts or the entertainment world in general.

AQUARIUS - Jan 21/Feb 18

Think about inviting someone over for coffee or pizza. You might be motivated to have an impromptu social gathering, Aquarius. Others will be happy to take you up on the offer.

PISCES - Feb 19/Mar 20

Convincing others to embrace your way of thinking may require a little more effort than you are able to put forth right now, Pisces. Be patient and things will change for the better.