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PRESS RELEASE

City of Virginia, MN- The City Council of the City of Virginia has recently adopted the Virginia Property and Preservation Maintenance Code, known as the VPMC, to replace the City's current property maintenance codes.

“The creation of the VPMC establishes minimum standards for the maintenance of all properties, to promote a safe environment and a high quality of life” stated Mayor Larry Cuffe Jr.

The purpose of adopting the proposed code is not to add regulation. In fact, there are actually very few differences between the requirements of the VPMC and the City's existing ordinances. The VPMC provides clarity and uniformity to these sections of the City's ordinances, which have been pieced together over the past several decades from multiple sources. The VPMC covers all aspects of property maintenance including the interior and exterior of a building.

The VPMC, as adopted, includes regulations for:

1. High grass and noxious weeds
2. Dead and hazardous trees and shrubs
3. Exterior appearance of structures
4. Inoperable and unlicensed vehicles parked on grass
5. Unsafe structures such as garages, sheds, swimming pools, decks
6. Junk and debris (both inside a structure and outside)
7. Rodent, birds and insect infestation
8. Lighting, plumbing, electrical, mechanical and ventilation systems
9. Fire safety

“The City of Virginia asks for your help and cooperation with maintaining the standards as established in the VPMC,” stated Mayor Cuffe Jr. “This code pertains to all residential and commercial property in Virginia. The City Council feels that adoption of this ordinance is an important step in our efforts to clean up blight throughout the City”.

For more information about the Virginia Property Maintenance Code, visit the City of Virginia's website at www.virginiamn.us.

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