

CITY OF SHOREWOOD  
COUNTY OF HENNEPIN  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE 624

AMENDING SHOREWOOD CITY CODE CHAPTER 903 TO ADOPT MUNICIPAL WATER  
CONNECTION REQUIREMENTS FOR NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION

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**Section 1.** City Code Chapters 903.19 through 903.21 are hereby repealed and replaced as follows.

**903.19 NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION REQUIRED TO CONNECT**

Subd. 1. *Purpose and Intent.*

a. The City of Shorewood finds that the municipal water system is a critical public utility that supports public health, safety and welfare by providing reliable access to clean and safe drinking water.

b. The City further finds that requiring connection to the municipal water system for properties that are served by such infrastructure ensures greater resilience during drought, reduces risk to groundwater resources, enhances fire protection and public safety, and supports consistent and equitable service delivery.

c. The purpose of this ordinance is to require connection to the municipal water system for all new residential construction where service is immediately available.

Subd. 2. *Definitions.* The terms below shall have the following definitions for the purpose of this Section:

**MUNICIPAL WATER SYSTEM.** The public water infrastructure owned, operated, or maintained by the City of Shorewood or its authorized agents, including water mains, hydrants, valves, and service laterals. Municipal water service shall also include the same public water infrastructure as described above that is located within the City of Shorewood, but is served by adjacent municipalities.

**NEW RESIDENTIAL CONSTRUCTION.** The construction of any new residential dwelling unit(s), whether through the development of vacant land or the demolition and replacement of existing structures.

**IMMEDIATELY AVAILABLE WATER SERVICE.** The municipal water service is deemed to serve a property if a municipal water main exists in a public right-of-way, private street or utility easement that is adjacent to or abutting any portion of the property line.

1 Subd. 3. *Required Connection.*

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3 a. *Mandatory Connection.* When a building permit application is submitted seeking new  
4 residential construction; or, demolition of an existing residential dwelling that is to  
5 be replaced with a new residential dwelling on the same property, the new residential  
6 dwelling shall be connected to the municipal water system if water service is  
7 immediately available as defined in this Section.

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9 b. *Timing of Connection.* The required connection shall occur prior to the issuance of a  
10 certificate of occupancy.

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12 c. *Permit Requirements.* The connection to the municipal water system shall pass all  
13 plumbing permit inspection required by the Minnesota State Building Code and  
14 Minnesota State Plumbing Code. The connection shall be made pursuant to City  
15 specifications.

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17 d. *Discontinuation of Private Wells.*

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19 (1) *New Construction on Vacant Land.* Installation of a private drinking water  
20 supply or irrigation well shall be prohibited for all new residential construction  
21 that takes place on vacant land. Any existing private drinking water supply or  
22 irrigation wells not connected to a dwelling shall be properly sealed in  
23 accordance with Minnesota State Statute.

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25 (2) *Redevelopment of Existing Dwellings.* In situations where an existing home is  
26 demolished and replaced with a new residential dwelling, an existing private  
27 drinking water supply well may continue to be used by the property owner for  
28 irrigation purposes. However, in no situation may the private well be  
29 reconnected to the dwelling.

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31 Subd. 4. *Violation & Penalties.* Failure to comply with the requirements of this Ordinance shall  
32 be grounds for denial of a building permit application or withholding issuance of a certificate of  
33 occupancy. Violations may be subject to administrative penalties as provided for in the City of  
34 Shorewood Fee Schedule, or other legal remedies as may be deemed necessary by the City  
35 Council.

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37 Subd. 5. *Severability.* If any section, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held invalid by a court  
38 of competent jurisdiction, the remainder shall not be affected and shall remain in full force and  
39 effect.

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41 Subd. 6. *Effective Date.* This ordinance shall take effect and apply to all building permit  
42 applications received after January 1, 2026.

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44 **903.20 AMENDMENT – NOTICE.**

1 This chapter may not be modified, amended, or repealed until a public hearing is held thereon  
2 by the City Council. A notice of the time, place and purpose of the hearing shall be published in  
3 the city's official newspaper and on its website at least 10 days prior to the day of the hearing.  
4 Failure of any person to actually receive the notice shall not invalidate the proceedings provided  
5 a bona fide attempt to comply with these provisions has been made.

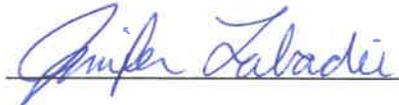
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7 **903.21 VIOLATION.**

8 Any person violating any provision of this chapter shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and  
9 punished according to § 104.01 of this code.

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11 **Section 2: References.** The City Clerk is authorized to correct any numeric references to the  
12 requirements of this ordinance located elsewhere in the City Code that may have been altered  
13 as a result of the amendments.

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15 **Section 3: Effective Date.** This Ordinance 624 shall take effect upon publication in the City's  
16 official newspaper.

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18 ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHOREWOOD, MINNESOTA this 8th day of  
19 September, 2025.

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JENNIFER LABADIE, MAYOR

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24 ATTEST:

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27 SANDIE THONE, CITY CLERK