

CITY OF WATKINS  
MEEKER COUNTY, MINNESOTA

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-8

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE WATKINS ZONING ORDINANCE

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATKINS DOES ORDAIN:

**SECTION 1.** Article XIII, Section 13.12, Subd. C is hereby amended as follows:

- C. All outdoor swimming pools shall be completely enclosed by a security fence or wall at least four (4') but not more than (6') feet high and be located no less than four (4') feet from the edge of the pool. The bottom of the fence or wall shall be no higher than four (4") inches above the surface of the ground. Fence openings or points of entry to the pool area shall be equipped with self-closing and self-latching lockable gates. As an alternative to a security fence, an in-ground swimming pool may be completely covered with an ASTM F1346 (as may be amended) approved power safety cover. The cover must also be accompanied by a childproof mechanism which secures the cover against tampering or lock release in order to prevent accidental entry and drowning.

**SECTION 2.** Article XVIII, Section 18.03 is hereby amended to add:

- G. Lower-potency hemp edible retailer.

**SECTION 3.** Article XIX, Section 19.02 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended add:

- F. Lower-potency hemp edible retailer.

**SECTION 4.** EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall be effective immediately upon its passage and publication according to law.

**SECTION 5.** SUMMARY PUBLICATION. Upon approval by at least four-fifths (4/5) of all the members of the City Council, the Council determines that the following summary clearly informs the public of the intent and effect of this ordinance and directs the Clerk to publish only the title and summary of this Ordinance as follows:

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ARTICLE XIII, SECTION 13.12, SUBD. C, ARTICLE XVIII, SECTION 18.03, AND ARTICLE XIX, SECTION 19.02 OF THE WATKINS ZONING ORDINANCE. Article XIII, Section 13.12, Subd. C of the Watkins Zoning Ordinance is amended to add power safety covers as an alternative to a security fence. Article VIII, Section 18.03 and Article XIX, Section 19.02 are amended to add lower-potency hemp edible retailers as a conditional use. A copy of the entire text of the Ordinance is available for inspection during regular business hours at City Hall. A copy of the entire text of the Ordinance shall be posted at Watkins City Hall, 111 Central Ave. South, Watkins, MN.

ADOPTED BY THE WATKINS CITY COUNCIL THIS 11TH DAY OF DECEMBER, 2025.

ATTEST: (SEAL)

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Christopher Rowan, Mayor

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Debra Kramer, City Clerk