

Public Notice: Shoreland and Wetland Ordinance Updates, Public Hearing June 23rd, 2022.

What is the City doing?

The City of Medicine Lake is updating its Shoreland Overlay District and Wetland Systems Overlay sections of the city zoning ordinances. These are sections 3600 and 3700 specifically of the city zoning code. Much of these changes will have limited impacts on property development within the Peninsula; however, projects near the shoreline may be subject to more oversight and permitting process than the past and larger projects near quality wetlands may require installation of buffers. These standards are in keeping with state and watershed rules.

Why is the City doing this?

These ordinance overlays have not been updated in any significance in a long time. State and watershed laws, rules, and guidance have changed in that time. These require the city to modify its ordinances to comply with these changes. State law requires cities to update their comprehensive plans on a regular basis. Medicine Lake updated its comprehensive plan in 2019. Regulatory changes (zoning and other ordinances) are required to be updated to be consistent with the comprehensive plan. Due to the COVID-19 pandemic, updating of the shorelands and wetlands overlays was delayed and is now being completed.

How can I Participate?

- Review the [proposed shoreland ordinance](#) and/or the [proposed wetland ordinance](#).
- Send comments to Brad Scheib at bscheib@cityofmedicinlake.com, and/or...
- Come to the public hearing at City Hall on June 23rd, 2022 commencing at 6:00 at the city offices located at 10609 South Shore Drive, Medicine Lake, Minnesota 55441

For more information on Minnesota Shorelands please visit the DNR resource pages at [Innovative Shoreland Standards Showcase | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](#) and [Restore Your Shore \(RYS\) | Minnesota DNR \(state.mn.us\)](#)