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**CITY OF MEDICINE LAKE**  
**ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_\_\_**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 126 GOVERNING THE LICENSURE AND REGULATIONS OF RENTAL HOUSING WITHIN THE CITY OF MEDICINE LAKE**

The City of Medicine Lake does ordain:

**Section 1: Purpose**

The City of Medicine Lake governs and regulates the act of renting housing within the City limits to protect the public health, safety and welfare of citizens of the City who have as their place of abode a living unit furnished to them for the payment of a rental charge to another. The City finds it necessary from time to time to amend its regulations to address changing trends and methods of renting housing.

**Section 2 Proposed Amendments to Ordinance 126**

The following changes shall be incorporated into Ordinance 126. Changes are reflected by ~~strikeouts~~ for deletions and underline for new inserted text.

Section 2. Definitions:

Subd. 1. Rental Dwelling. As used in this ordinance the term "rental dwelling" shall mean any rental dwelling unit let for occupancy or occupied by someone other than the owner of record regardless of familial relationship or whether rent or other compensation is paid to the owner with one or more living units. "Rental dwelling" does not include hotels, motels, hospitals and homes for aged.

Section 13. Rental Dwelling Licenses

Subd 7. No person, firm, partnership, corporation or other similar entity may rent or lease or sublease any dwelling or dwelling unit for fewer than one hundred eight (180) consecutive days.

Section 14. Revocation, Suspension, or Probation

Subd 5. If a licensee is found to have violated the Rental Ordinance, the licensee shall, in addition to any other remedy, pay to the City all costs incurred by the City to enforce the ordinance, whether incurred in an administrative, criminal, or civil action. Further, as a condition of the future validity of his/her license, the licensee would be required to reimburse the City for all costs related to the investigation and enforcement of the ordinance, including reasonable attorney's fees, regardless of whether a Court ordered them to be paid. All fees shall be due and payable by the property owner to the city within 30 days of written demand by the city.

**Section3: Effective Date.**

This ordinance becomes effective upon passage and publication.

Passed by the City Council of Medicine Lake on \_\_\_\_\_, 2022.

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