

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025-01**

**AN ORDINANCE ADOPTING NEW CHAPTER 52 TO THE CODE OF ORDINANCES  
OF THE CITY OF RIVERSIDE, IOWA**

**SECTION I. PURPOSE.** The purpose of this ordinance is to establish a uniform upkeep and maintenance standard for structures and premises within the City of Riverside, Iowa and establish the framework by which non-compliant properties will be addressed.

**SECTION II. CHAPTER ADDED.** Chapter 52 “Property Maintenance” is hereby added to the City Code. No underline/strikethrough text is included in this section, as the entirety of the Chapter 52 as shown below constitutes newly added language:

**CHAPTER 52  
PROPERTY MAINTENANCE**

<b>52.01 Codes Adopted</b>	<b>52.03 Appeals</b>
<b>52.02 Fees</b>	<b>52.04 Violation Penalties</b>
	<b>55.05 Non-Procedural Amendments</b>

**52.01 CODES ADOPTED.** Except as hereinafter added to, deleted, modified or amended, there is hereby adopted as the Property Maintenance Code of the City of Riverside that certain Code known as the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition, as prepared and edited by the International Code Council, Inc., and the provisions of said Property Maintenance Code shall be controlling in maintaining minimum requirements and standards of structures and properties within the corporate limits of the City and shall be known as the “Riverside Property Maintenance Code.”

**52.02 FEES.** The Riverside Property Maintenance Code is hereby amended by deleting section 104.1 of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition and replacing said section as follows:

Section 104.1. Registration and Fees. The fees for activities and services performed in carrying out the responsibilities of this Code shall be as provided in the Riverside Property Maintenance Code Table of Fees adopted by resolution of the City Council.

**52.03 APPEALS.** The Riverside Property Maintenance Code is hereby amended by deleting section 107 of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition and replacing said section as follows:

Section 107 - Means of Appeal

107.1 General. In order to hear and decide appeals of orders, decisions or determinations made by the code official relative to the application and interpretation of the Riverside Property Maintenance Code, there shall be and is hereby created a board of appeals. The

board shall render all decisions and findings in writing to the appellant with duplicate copy to the code official.

107.2 Applications for Appeal. Any person directly affected by a decision of the code official or a notice or order issued under this code shall have the right to appeal to the board of appeals, provided that a written application for appeal is filed within 20 days after the day the decision, notice, or order was served. An application for appeal shall be based on a claim that the true intent of this code or the rules legally adopted thereunder have been interpreted incorrectly, the provisions of this code do not fully apply, or the requirements of this code are satisfied adequately by other means. The board of appeals shall have no authority to waive the requirements of this code.

107.3 Board of Appeals. The Riverside City Council shall serve as the board of appeals.

107.4 Appeal Fee. A nominal appeal fee for an appeal to the Property Maintenance Code board of appeals shall be in accordance with the Property Maintenance Code Table of Fees adopted by resolution of the City Council.

Section 108 is deleted in its entirety.

**52.04 VIOLATION PENALTIES.** The Riverside Property Maintenance Code is hereby amended by deleting section 109.4 of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition and replacing said section as follows:

Section 109.4 Violation Penalties. Any person who violates a provision of this code, or who fails to comply therewith, or with any of the requirements thereof, shall be subject to penalties in accordance with the Chapter 3 of the Riverside, Iowa Code of Ordinances.

**52.05 VIOLATION PENALTIES.** The Riverside Property Maintenance Code is hereby amended by deleting the following sections of the International Property Maintenance Code, 2021 Edition and replacing said sections as follows:

Section 302.4 Weeds. Deleted in its entirety.

**SECTION III. REPEALER.** All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

**SECTION IV. SEVERABILITY.** If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This ordinance shall be effective after its passage and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2025.

ATTEST:

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Stephanie Thomann, City Clerk

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Allen Schneider, Mayor