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AN ORDINANCE REQUIRING ABUTTING PROPERTY OWNERS TO MAINTAIN SIDEWALKS, PARKING AREAS AND OTHER PROPERTY OUTSIDE LOT LINES AND INSIDE CURB LINES

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF FARMINGTON, IOWA AS FOLLOWS:

- **SECTION 1** PURPOSE. It is the purpose of this ordinance to promote the public safety and welfare by ensuring the maintenance of certain public places.
- **SECTION 2** DEFINITIONS. For use in this ordinance, "Property Owner" means the contract purchaser is there is one of record, otherwise the record holder of legal title.
- SECTION 3 ABUTTING OWNERS TO MAINTAIN CERTAIN PLACES. The abutting property owner shall maintain sidewalks, parking areas and all other property outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines upon the public streets including, without limitation, all trees planted outside the lot and property lines and inside the curb lines upon the public streets, except that the property owner shall not remove diseased trees or dead wood on the publicly owned property or right-of-way.
- **SECTION 4** REPEALER. All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.
- SECTION 5 SAVINGS CLAUSE. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction, such provisions shall be deemed a separate, distinct and independent provision and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.
- **SECTION 6** EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective immediately upon its adoption, approval, and publication.

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Janet Browning, Mayor

Becky L. Fry, Clerk