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### CROSSLAKE TO HOLD LAND USE WORKSHOP ON NEW ORDINANCE

The City of Crosslake will be holding a land use workshop regarding land use permit regulations and requirements. The workshop will be held on April 3, 2014 from 9:00 am – 12:00 pm at the Crosslake City Hall located at 37028 County Road 66. The workshop is being developed for contractors working around lakes in Crosslake but all are welcome to attend.

The Crosslake City Council approved revisions to the Land Use Ordinance and Zoning Map at the regularly scheduled meeting on March 10, 2014. The ordinance revision was a collaboration between the City of Crosslake and Crow Wing County. Summary of the changes to the ordinance and map:

- 175 fewer pages than previous ordinance, with improved organization and accessibility
- Reduced zoning districts from 16 to 7
- Stormwater management required on all permits for lake lots where impervious surfaces exceed 15%
- Shoreline buffers required on all permits for lake lots where impervious surfaces exceed 20%
- 120 sq. ft. water-oriented accessory structure (shed) allowed by shoreline (must be 20' from lake)

“We believe that folks want to do the right thing when it comes to their property” stated Land Services Supervisor Chris Pence. “This workshop is an opportunity to learn and understand rules and regulations for developing and improving property within Crosslake.”

The ordinance mirrors key provisions of the County Ordinance, which was overhauled in 2011. “Landowners, contractors, and other professionals deserve a consistent set of rules and excellent customer service” said Pence. “This will result in more protection of our water resources as well” he added. Included in the slimmed down version of the Ordinance are a set of performance standards for lake lots that need to be adhered to as a condition for receiving land use permits from the City. These site-based performance standards apply practical approaches based on the actual characteristics of a property. The standards are designed to achieve measurable results in achieving the goal of keeping our lakes healthy. Rather than a one size fits all approach to land use, site specific performance standards such as stormwater management, vegetated buffers and septic system maintenance are part of the ordinance requirements.

“This is a great example of Crosslake and Crow Wing County working together to provide better services for its citizens at a lower cost” stated Crosslake Mayor Darrell Schneider.

Crosslake is committed to providing excellent customer service while helping landowners make wise choices that protect the city’s extraordinary natural resources. Citizens are encouraged to contact the Crosslake City Hall at (218)692-2689 or [crosslakepz@crosslake.net](mailto:crosslakepz@crosslake.net) to discuss land use questions.

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