ORDINANCE By Ellison

Amending Title 21 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances by adding a new Chapter 596 to Interim Ordinances: Providing for a moratorium on the establishment, re-establishment, or expansion of commercial laundry, electricity generation plant where energy is produced through combustion, general industrial uses listed and described in Section 550.30(f)(3) of the Zoning Code, scrap/salvage yard, metal milling facility, or waste disposal facility.

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances be amended by adding thereto a new Chapter 596 to read as follows:

CHAPTER 596. PROVIDING FOR A MORATORIUM ON THE ESTABLISHMENT, RE-ESTABLISHMENT, OR EXPANSION OF COMMERCIAL LAUNDRY, ELECTRICITY GENERATION PLANT WHERE ENERGY IS PRODUCEDD THROUGH COMBUSTION, GENERAL INDUSTRIAL USES LISTED AND DESCRIBED IN SECTION 550.30(F)(3) OF THE ZONING CODE, SCRAP/SALVAGE YARD, METAL MILLING FACILITY, OR WASTE DISPOSAL FACILITY

596.10. Authority. Pursuant to Minnesota Statutes Section 462.355, Subd. 4, the city is authorized to establish interim ordinances to regulate, restrict, or prohibit any use or development in all or a part of the city while the city or its planning department is conducting studies, or has authorized a study to be conducted, or has scheduled a hearing to consider adoption or amendment of the comprehensive plan or official zoning controls. In furtherance of this statutory authority, the city has enacted Chapter 529 of the zoning code, which governs the establishment of interim ordinances. The city declares that this interim ordinance is established pursuant to this statutory and local ordinance authority.

596.20. Findings and purpose. The city council is concerned about certain types of industrial use and the potential adverse environmental, health, and equity impacts that these uses can generate. The city has already held a public hearing to consider amendment of its official controls related to implementation of the land use policies of the comprehensive plan, including polices pertaining to industrial uses. Those amendments will proceed to the city council for further deliberation and final adoption. In order to protect the integrity and ongoing validity of this legislative process before final adoption, it is both reasonable and necessary for the city council to adopt an interim ordinance related to certain high impact industrial uses. The city council finds that this interim ordinance should be adopted to protect the public health, safety, neighboring properties, economic viability, public assets, and general welfare of the city.

596.30. Restrictions. For a period of six (6) months from the date of introduction of this ordinance on April 27, 2023, or the effective date of the adoption of the amendments to official controls being considered in Legislative Information Management System (LIMS) File No. 2023-00172, whichever occurs first, throughout the city of Minneapolis, no commercial laundry, electricity generation plant where energy is produced through combustion, general industrial uses listed and described in section 550.30(f)(3) of the zoning code, scrap/salvage yard, metal milling facility, or waste disposal facility shall be established, re-established, or expanded. No zoning approval, building permit, construction permit, demolition permit, license, or administrative waiver for the establishment, re-establishment, or expansion of any commercial laundry, electricity generation plant where energy is produced through combustion, general industrial uses listed and described waiver for the establishment, re-establishment, or expansion of any commercial laundry, electricity generation plant where energy is produced through combustion, general industrial uses listed and described in section 550.30(f)(3) of the zoning code, scrap/salvage yard, metal milling facility, or waste disposal facility shall be allowed or granted by any city department.

596.40. Hardship. In cases of hardship, any person having a legal or equitable interest in land and aggrieved by the requirements of this interim ordinance may apply to the city council for a waiver of all or a portion of the applicable restrictions as provided in Chapter 529 of the zoning code. A waiver may be granted where the city council finds substantial hardship caused by the restrictions and finds that the waiver will not unduly affect the integrity of the planning process or the purposes for which the interim ordinance is enacted.