

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-____-O

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 26, ARTICLE I, OF THE CITY
OF ROCKFORD CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ELIMINATE
GREEN STREET FROM COURT STREET TO ROCKTON AVENUE
AS A PROTECTED BRICK PAVED STREET**

WHEREAS, pursuant to Section 7-101 of the Illinois Highway Code, 605 ILCS 5/7-101, and the Illinois Municipal Code, 65 ILCS 5/1-1-1 et seq., the City of Rockford has the authority to lay out, establish, construct, reconstruct, alter, widen, relocate, improve, maintain, repair and vacate the streets and alleys within the City; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 26 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinances regulates street, sidewalks and other public places within the City of Rockford; and

WHEREAS, Section 26-16 of Chapter 26 provides for the preservation of specific brick paved streets within the City, including Green Street from Court Street to Rockton Avenue; and

WHEREAS, the City has committed to resurfacing the streets surrounding Rock Valley College's development downtown, including half of the brick section of Green Street; and

WHEREAS, the City's Engineering Division recommends removing the brick pavers on Green Street and replacing them with asphalt; and

WHEREAS, the City has determined that such amendment is in the best interests of the City and its citizens and is necessary for the public health, safety, and welfare.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ROCKFORD, WINNEBAGO COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Recitals Incorporated. The above recitals are incorporated herein by reference as though fully set forth herein.

Section 2. City Code Amended. Chapter 26, Article I, Section 26-16 of the City of Rockford Code of Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 26-16. – Restoration of brick paved streets.

- (a) It is the intent of the city to preserve the integrity of our historic brick streets. The use of asphalt, concrete or any other material as a permanent patch or overlay on a brick street in the city is prohibited.
- (b) The application of this section shall be limited to the following brick paved streets: 5th Street: from Broadway to 20th Avenue; Clinton Street: from Oxford Street to Brown Avenue; Ellis Avenue: from Oxford Street to Clinton Street; Latham Street: from

Vernon Street to Fulton Avenue; and Melrose Street: from Auburn Street to Brown Avenue.

- (c) During winter months, cold patch may be used to fill the void from the repair. However, as soon as weather conditions permit, the cold patch shall be removed and the bricks restored.
- (d) All utilities and contractors excavating or otherwise working on a brick street shall furnish all labor and material to remove and replace the brick pavers from the street as required by the city engineer or designee.
- (e) Special attention and care in the handling and storage of the existing brick pavers is required. If any of the brick pavers are stolen, broken or damaged, the utility company or contractor shall replace the pavers at their expense.
- (f) When doing repairs on a brick street, the utility company or contractor shall contact the City of Rockford's Engineering Division so that a city engineer or designee may be present to mandate replacement of the existing bricks.