



The City of Crystal Lake Illinois

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE
OF THE CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, ILLINOIS**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
CRYSTAL LAKE as follows:

SECTION I: That Article 1, Section 424-2 of Chapter 424 of the City Code shall be read as follows:

§ 424-2. Maximum size and number

The maximum capacity of a rain barrel shall be less than 100 gallons. One rain barrel is allowed to be directly connected at each downspout located in the rear or interior side yard. Multiple interconnected rain barrels may be utilized at downspout locations in the rear yard only. More than two interconnected barrels must be completely screened at all times.

SECTION II: That Article 1, Section 424-5 of Chapter 424 of the City Code shall be read as follows:

§ 424-5. Screening

The rain barrel may be enclosed by landscape features or screening constructed of natural materials. In lieu of screening, the rain barrel may be designed to appear similar to a planter, boulders, or similar natural element.

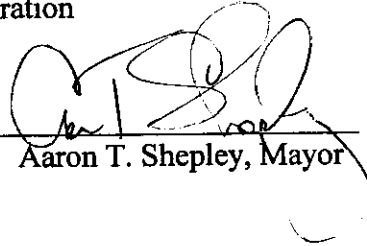
SECTION III: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

SECTION IV: That all Ordinances and parts of Ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

DATED at Crystal Lake, Illinois, this twentieth day of March, 2012.

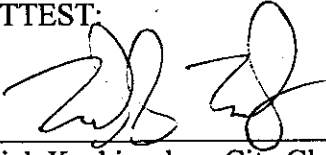
CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, an Illinois Municipal
Corporation

BY:



Aaron T. Shepley, Mayor

ATTEST:



Nick Kachiroubas, City Clerk

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF
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SECTION I: That Chapter 424: Resource Conservation shall be established.

SECTION II: That Article 1: Rain Barrels of Chapter 424 shall be established

SECTION III: That Article 1 of Chapter 424 of the City Code shall be read as follows:

Chapter 424, Article 1: RAIN BARRELS

§ 424-1. Definitions

As used in this article, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

COLLECTING STRUCTURE: Any house, garage, building, or canopy that possesses a roof drainage system utilized to collect rainwater in a rain barrel.

FRONT/CORNER SIDE YARD: For the purpose of this ordinance only, a front or corner side yard is any portion of a lot between the front or side of a structure and a street.

RAIN BARREL: A manufactured, durable resin container designed specifically to collect and disperse rainwater from a rooftop drainage system for later use on lawns, gardens and for other outdoor uses.

§ 424-2. Maximum size and number

The maximum capacity of a rain barrel shall not exceed 75 gallons. One rain barrel is allowed to be directly connected at each downspout located in the rear or interior side yard. Multiple

interconnected rain barrels may be utilized at downspout locations in the rear yard only. More than two interconnected barrels must be completely screened at all times.

§ 424-3. Height

The height of the rain barrel shall not exceed six feet above the surrounding grade. An elevated platform is permitted, but the height of the rain barrel and platform together cannot exceed six feet in height.

§ 424-4. Location

- A. Rain barrels shall not be located in front yard or corner side yard (adjacent to the street).
- B. Rain barrels shall not be placed more than two feet away from the collecting structure.
- C. To prevent tipping, rain barrels shall be placed on a flat, stable surface or platform.

§ 424-5. Appearance

The rain barrel may be enclosed by landscape features; screening constructed of natural materials; or designed to appear similar to a planter, boulders, or similar natural element.

§ 424-6. Specifications

- A. Every rain barrel must be equipped with an automatic stormwater diverter or automatic overflow system that diverts the water back into the downspout system away from the foundation and into the drainage swale. The overflow piping system must be a minimum of one inch.
- B. The rain barrel must be equipped with a mosquito-proof screen on the lid and over the flow hole. The barrel must be maintained to prevent mosquito breeding.

§ 424-7. Connections

Rain barrels shall be completely isolated from the potable water source.

§ 424-8. Maintenance

Rain barrels screens, gutters, and downspouts must be kept clear of debris and cleaned quarterly.

§ 424-9. Stormwater runoff

It is the owner's responsibility to direct the overflow runoff away from the adjoining property in accordance with Chapter 595, Stormwater Management.

§ 424-10. Underground Cisterns and Rain Barrels

A cistern or rain barrel installed below grade requires a building permit, drainage plan, and approval by the City Engineer.

§ 424-11. Alternative materials, design, and methods of construction and equipment

The provisions of this ordinance are not intended to prevent the installation of any material, or to prohibit any design or method of construction not specifically prescribed by this ordinance, provided that any such alternative has been approved. An alternative material, design, or method of construction may be approved, where the Building Commissioner finds that the proposed design is

satisfactory and complies with the intent of the provisions of this ordinance, and that the material, method, or work offered is, for the purpose intended, at least the equivalent of that prescribed in this ordinance in quality, effectiveness, durability, and safety.

SECTION IV: That this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval according to law.

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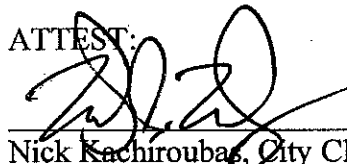
DATED at Crystal Lake, Illinois, this fifteenth day of March, 2011.

CITY OF CRYSTAL LAKE, an Illinois Municipal Corporation

BY:


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ATTEST:


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