

**RESOLUTION 2025-7**  
**ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP**  
**WRIGHT COUNTY, MINNESOTA**  
**TO PROMOTE COMPLIANCE WITH MINNESOTA STATUTE 609.68 ON UNLAWFUL DEPOSIT OF**  
**GARBAGE**

**WHEREAS**, Minnesota Statute 609.68 makes it a petty misdemeanor to unlawfully deposit garbage, rubbish, cigarette filters, debris from fireworks, offal, the body of a dead animal, or other litter in or upon any public highway, public waters or the ice thereon, shoreland areas adjacent to rivers or streams, public lands, or, without the consent of the owner, private lands or water or ice thereon; and

**WHEREAS**, such unlawful actions degrade the environment, harm local wildlife and ecosystems, negatively impact the quality of life for residents, and burden Rockford Townships taxpayers with significant cleanup costs; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockford Township finds that strong public education, consistent enforcement, and community engagement are critical to reducing littering, preserving the township's natural beauty, and promoting civic responsibility; and

**WHEREAS**, the Rockford Township is committed to maintaining clean and healthy public spaces and private properties for the benefit of all its citizens and visitors;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE BOARD OF ROCKFORD TOWNSHIP, MINNESOTA, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1. Enhanced Enforcement.** The Wright County Sheriff's Department is strongly encouraged to actively enforce Minnesota Statute 609.68. This enforcement may include targeted patrols in known problem areas and the issuance of citations for any violations observed, with penalties consistent with the statute's designation as a petty misdemeanor.

**Section 5. Effective Date.** This Resolution shall become effective immediately upon its passage and adoption by the Rockford Township Board.

ADOPTED BY THE TOWNSHIP OF ROCKFORD, MINNESOTA, THIS 18<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2025.

*Dale A Otten*

*12-8-2025*

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Dale Otten - Chairperson

*Connie J Hunt*

*12-9-2025*

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Connie Hunt - Clerk/Treasurer