

## **CITY OF BOARDMAN ORDINANCE NO. 13-2026**

### **AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE BOARDMAN MUNICIPAL CODE TO ALLOW GOATS AS A TOOL TO MANAGE VEGETATION AND REDUCE FIRE RISK**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Boardman ("City") has authority granted by the Boardman Charter of 2024; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has an adopted Municipal Code which regulates animals as a part of Title 6 Animal Control; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has identified a need to amend provisions of the Boardman Municipal Code to allow goats as a tool to manage vegetation to reduce fire risk that includes amendments to Title 6 Animal Control Chapter 6.04 Animal Control to add definitions and the allowance, Title 5 Business Regulation Chapter 5.04 Transient Merchant Permits and Regulations to identify the permit mechanism and to allow this activity with a focus on Residential zones, and Title 8 Health and Safety Chapter 8.06 Vegetative Management to allow targeted grazing as a tool to manage prohibited vegetation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Boardman City Council discussed this potential change as a mechanism to manage vegetation and the associated fire risk at their July 7, 2026, meeting and were in support.

#### **NOW THEREFORE, THE PEOPLE OF BOARDMAN DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1 Affected and Attached Documents.** After full consideration of the matter, the City Council of the City of Boardman adopts changes to:

- Title 6 Animal Control Chapter 6.04 Animal Control as shown in **Appendix A** that includes new definitions in Section 6.04.020, regulations in the amended Section 6.04.130, and changes to and a renumbering of Section 6.04.140 Penalties (for consistency with the recently adopted changes to BMC Chapters 1.16 and 1.20).
- Title 5 Business Regulations Chapter 5.04 Transient Merchant Permits and Regulations and Section 5.04.080 Transient Merchant Requirements as shown in **Appendix B**.
- Title 8 Health and Safety Chapter 8.06 Vegetative Management Section 8.06.040 Prohibited vegetation declared nuisance as shown in **Appendix C**.

**Section 2 Scrivener's Corrections.** The City Council authorizes the City Manager or designee to take all administrative actions necessary to correct any typographical errors, scrivener's errors, or formatting errors and to take all administrative actions necessary to codify these amendments within the Boardman Municipal Code.

**Section 3 Emergency Clause.** As fire season has arrived and these proposed amendments address vegetative management as it relates to fire load reduction, the City Council declares an emergency and authorizes Ordinance 13-2026 to be effective upon passage.

**Section 4 Effective Date.** This ordinance shall take effect at 12:00 am (midnight) on August 5, 2026.

Passed by the Council and approved by the Mayor, this 4th day of August, 2026.

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Paul Keefer, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Amanda Mickels, City Clerk