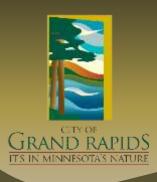


Planning Commission Initiated Amendment to Chapter 30 Land Development Regulations

May 1, 2025



- Initiation Date: Planning Commission Initiated April 3, 2025
- <u>Text Amendment Summary</u>: The proposed amendment of Section 30.564 (w) establishes uses with restrictions specifically farm animals within established zoning districts.



- General sections of ordinance initiated for amendment to supplement (current):
 - (w) Farm animals (within AG, RR, SRR zone) provided:
 - (1) All farm and permitted non-domestic animals must be so contained to prevent the animals from escaping onto neighboring properties or injuring the public.
 - (2) Enclosed pens, corrals, feed lots, and structures used to house farm and permitted non-domestic animals shall be setback a minimum of 25 feet from the nearest lot line or the applicable accessory structure setback, whichever is greater (said setback shall not apply to open grazing or pasture areas).



- General sections of ordinance initiated for amendment and supplementing (additions):
 - (3) On parcels of less than five acres, keeping of farm animals is not permitted.
 - (4) On parcels five to nine acres, three animal units are permitted.
 - (5) On parcels or contiguous parcels larger than nine acres, three animal units plus one animal unit for every two acres beyond nine acres are allowed.
 - (6) On all public waters, farm animal uses shall be setback 150' from the ordinary high-water level. Farm animals shall not be contained in shore impact zones, bluff impact zones or steep slopes.
 - (7) Farm animal units shall be determined according to below:

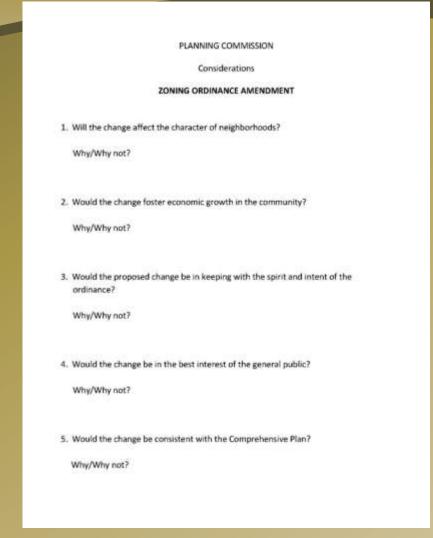
Animal	Animal Units
1 dairy cow	1.4 units
1 steer, heifer, horse	1.0 units (each)
1 swine	.4 units
1 sheep	.2 units



Reasoning and Justification:

- The change is needed to protect the essential character of smaller lots and residential neighborhoods within the city.
- The amendment will add needed regulations and standards for keeping of animals in areas of acreage more than five acres.
- The amendment will provide farm animals with larger tract areas and incorporate an animal unit chart that is consistent with other counties.
- The amendment is consistent with the Comprehensive plan and protects smaller lots from incompatible land uses.







Questions/Comments?