

ORDINANCE #12-\_\_

CITY OF RAMSEY  
ANOKA COUNTY  
STATE OF MINNESOTA

AN AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 10 WHICH IS KNOWN AS THE ANIMAL REGULATIONS CHAPTER OF THE CITY CODE OF RAMSEY, MINNESOTA.

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10 BY AMENDING CHAPTER 10, ARTICLE I, ENTITLED IN GENERAL.

The City of Ramsey ordains:

**SECTION 1. AMENDMENT**

City Code Chapter 10, Article I is amended as follows (insertions indicated as underline, deletions indicated as ~~strikethrough~~):

**Sec. 10-1. - Keeping of certain animals, livestock and poultry.**

(a) *Definitions.* The following words, terms and phrases, when used in this section, shall have the meanings ascribed to them in this subsection, except where the context clearly indicates a different meaning:

*Pony* means a horse that does not exceed 54 inches or 13.2 hands in height.

(b) ~~*Prohibited animals*~~ *Animals on less than three (3) acres.* None of the following animals shall be maintained on any parcel of land in the city that is not at least 3.0 acres (130,680 square feet) in size: horses, llamas, cows, mules, donkeys, burros, ponies, goats, pigs, sheep, lambs, turkey, geese, ~~chickens,~~ and ducks. EXCEPTION: Chickens (hens only, no roosters) may be maintained on parcels less than three (3) acres. The following chart prescribes the number of chickens that can be maintained on lots of record to which the animal owner has fee title and desires to maintain chickens:

<u>Lot Size</u>	<u>Number of Chickens Permitted (no roosters)</u>
<u>0.00 to 0.24 Acres</u>	<u>46</u>
<u>0.25 to 0.49 Acres</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>0.50 to 0.74 Acres</u>	<u>12</u>
<u>0.75 to 0.99 Acres</u>	<u>16</u>
<u>1.00 to 1.24 Acres</u>	<u>20</u>
<u>1.25 to 1.49 Acres</u>	<u>24</u>
<u>1.50 to 1.74 Acres</u>	<u>28</u>

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<a href="#">1.75 to 1.99 Acres</a>	<a href="#">32</a>
<a href="#">2.00 to 2.24 Acres</a>	<a href="#">36</a>
<a href="#">2.25 to 2.49 Acres</a>	<a href="#">40</a>
<a href="#">2.50 to 2.74 Acres</a>	<a href="#">44</a>
<a href="#">2.75 to 2.99 Acres</a>	<a href="#">48</a>

(c) *Animal unit.* Animal unit is defined as a measure used to compare differences in production of animal wastes. The following chart establishes the number of animal units assigned to certain livestock and poultry:

Animal	Number of Units
Cow	1.5
Horse, mule, llama, <a href="#">alpaca</a>	1.0
Donkey, burro, pony, goat, pig, sheep, lamb	0.5
Turkey, goose	0.1
Chicken, duck	0.04

(d) *Permitted animals.*

(1) The following chart prescribes the number of animal units that can be maintained on lots of record to which the animal owner has fee title and desires to maintain a mix of livestock, equines, poultry, or fowl (refer to section 10-24 for regulations for maintaining horses or equines exclusively):

Parcel Size	Number of Animal Units Allowed
3 acres (130,680 square feet)	2
5 acres (217,800 square feet)	3
10 acres (435,600 square feet)	5
15 acres (653,400 square feet)	7
20 acres+ (871,200 square feet)	No limitation

(2) Maintenance of more animals than the prescribed number in subsection (d)~~(c)~~(1) of this section is permitted only with a conditional use permit in accordance with section 117-50

(e) *Non-traditional or exotic animals.*

(1) Non-traditional or exotic animals are those that are not normally considered to be domesticated but are not wild animals as defined in section 10-119. A person may keep a non-traditional or exotic animal as defined herein only upon issuance of a conditional use permit in accordance with section 117-50. In determining whether an animal is considered non-traditional or exotic, it shall be the responsibility of the applicant to supply the city with the necessary data and information to reasonably prove that the animal is not dangerous in captivity. This information shall be part of the public record and shall be discussed as part of the conditional

use permit review.

(2) In reviewing a request to keep non-traditional or exotic animals, the city may impose conditions and restrictions as it finds necessary, including but not limited to the following:

- a. Restrictions on the number and type of animals;
- b. Setbacks greater than those required in section 10-23 or the underlying zoning district for the property in question;
- c. Restrictions on the size, height, and type of enclosures;
- d. Screening or landscaping of the proposed use.

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(3) The applicant must also submit a copy of all permits required from any other regulatory agencies.

(f) *Prohibition of nuisance animals.* No animals of any type may be maintained on any parcel within the city, no matter what size the parcel, if the maintenance of said animals creates a nuisance as defined in chapter 30.

(g) *Beekeeping.* Bee hives may be maintained on a parcel with the issuance of a Conditional Use Permit.

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(1) Hives may only be located on lots with an existing use.

(2) No more than six (6) hives may be located on a lot.

(3) No hive shall exceed twenty (20) cubic feet in volume.

(4) No hive shall be located closer than three (3) feet from any property line or within any easement, whichever is more restrictive.

(5) No hive shall be located closer than ten (10) feet from a neighboring, inhabited structure.

(6) A constant supply of water shall be supplied or available to all hives.

(7) A flyway barrier at least six (6) feet in height shall shield any part of a property line that is within twenty-five (25) feet of a hive. The flyway barrier shall consist of 100% opaque fencing, dense, year-round (coniferous) vegetation, existing structures, or combination thereof, and shall extend at least twenty-five (25) feet beyond the hive.

(8) Colonies shall be maintained in moveable frame hives with adequate space and management techniques to prevent overcrowding and swarming.

(9) In any instance in which a colony exhibits unusually aggressive characteristics by stinging or attempting to sting without due provocation or exhibits an unusual disposition towards swarming, it shall be the duty of the beekeeper to requeen the colony. Queens shall be selected from stock bred for gentleness and nonswarming characteristics.

(h) *Maintenance Standards.*

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(1) Chickens must be contained in an enclosure -and said enclosure- must be designed in accordance with City Code Chapter 117, Article II (Zoning) and MN State Building Code. The enclosure shall be counted as an accessory building when calculating total number of permitted accessory buildings on a property. The enclosure and surrounding grounds shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and in good repair. Flies, rodents

and noxious odors shall be controlled.

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(2) The enclosure shall remain completely enclosed to prevent unwanted intrusion by outside animals and migratory birds.

(3) A confined exercise area must be provided for the animals. The exercise area shall be fenced off to prevent the animals from roaming at large.

(3) Manure shall not be permitted to accumulate on the property. Manure shall be removed at least once (1) per week, but while on the property shall be properly stored.

(e) Setbacks. All enclosures must maintain a minimum setback of ten (10) feet from all property lines and must maintain a minimum setback of thirty (30) feet from all adjacent inhabited structures.

(1) If 100% opaque fencing (privacy fencing) is utilized for the exercise area, said fencing is subject to the standard fence regulations and setbacks within City Code Chapter 117. If alternative fencing is used (for example, chain link fencing), then said fencing shall be no closer than ten (10) feet to a property line.

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**SECTION 2. PURPOSE**

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The purpose of this amendment is to reduce the minimum lot size required to maintain chickens, ~~duck, turkey, goose, goat and pot-bellied pigs~~ on a property as well as to include provisions to consider beekeeping through the issuance of a conditional use permit.

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**SECTION 3. SUMMARY**

The following official summary of Ordinance #12-\_\_ has been approved by the City Council of the City of Ramsey as clearing informing the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

It is the intent and effect of Ordinance #12-\_\_ to reduce the minimum lot size required to maintain chickens on a property, ~~duck, turkey, goose, goat and pot-bellied pigs~~ and to allow for ~~the provision of~~ bee-keeping, with certain safety provisions through the issuance of a conditional use permit.

**SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE**

The effective date of this ordinance is thirty (30) days after its passage and publication, subject to City Charter Section 3.9.

Passed by the Ramsey City Council this the ~~22<sup>nd</sup>~~-12<sup>th</sup> day of ~~May~~June, 2012.

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Mayor

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

Introduction Date:  
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Effective Date:

