

Animal Ordinance Review
Research for Animal Code Amendment
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The purpose of this research is analysis of peer community codes regarding standards for roosters, the number of cats allowed, and acreage requirements for permitted exotic animals. Neighboring communities had the following ordinances:

Andover

Dependent on land size:

- The City's code limits the number of cats to 3 for properties less than 2.5 acres; no mention for properties over 2.5 acres.
- Donkey, horse, pony, mule, and foal permitted on property over 5 acres.

The City's code defines poultry without naming roosters specifically.

- Definition
 - Poultry: "Domestic fowls, such as chickens, turkeys, ducks or geese, raised for meat or eggs"
 - Permitted in Single Family rural, Suburban, Estate, and Rural Reserve.
 - Prohibited in urban and multiple dwelling zones.

Anoka

Chapter 14-31 – Restriction on number of animals

- "No person shall keep more than three cats, or a mixture of dogs and cats, not to exceed three pets in total, at one residence within the city, except that a fresh litter of pups or kittens may be kept for a period of three months."
- Domestic and farm animals allowed only; animals shall include members of the equestrian family (horses, mules), bovine family (cows, bulls), sheep, poultry (chickens, turkeys), fowl (ducks, geese), swine (including Vietnamese pot-bellied pigs), goats, and other animals associated with a farm.
 - No monkeys, lions, tigers, and other naturally wild animals.
- (146) "A person may keep, harbor, or maintain care, custody, or control over no more than four chickens, ducks, geese or other fowl or poultry or combination as defined by this article within city limits. No roosters shall be permitted."

Blaine

Chapter 6 – Control of animals other than dogs

- (12.065 (2)) Keeping of roosters shall be prohibited.
- No section on cats or limitations
- Exotic animals require a permit
 - Permitted: any animal of the species of horse, mule, ass, cattle, sheep, goat, domesticated fowl and exotic animals (except domesticated fowl maintained in a residence), including but not limited to duck, chicken, goose, turkey or peafowl or swine of any kind

Champlin

Chapter 10 – Animals

- No more than 3 cats or dogs, or any combination of

- (b) Hoofed and agricultural animals. No person shall keep, harbor, or maintain care, custody, or control over any horse, cow, sheep, pig, goat, or any other hoofed animal, chicken, duck, goose or other agricultural animal or fowl any place in the city. This section shall not prohibit the keeping of such animals in a stable that complies with the zoning code. The maximum number shall not exceed one animal per one acre of land.
 - Not permitted if not house pets or livestock

Coon Rapids

Chapter 6 – Animal Control and Licensing

- (702 (2)) Keeping of roosters is prohibited.
- Cats must be registered, no limitation to number
- Domestic animals are permitted
 - defined as non-poisonous snakes or snakes not prohibited by this Chapter, birds kept indoors, non-poisonous spiders, turtles, lizards, hamsters, chinchillas, mice, rabbits, gerbils, white rats, guinea pigs, or similar small animals capable of being maintained continuously in cages and indoors.
- Not permitted: Non-domestic animals
 - All other animals such as cows, sheep, pigs, potbellied pigs, bees, goats, swine, llamas, mules, horses or other hoofed animal, ducks, or other agricultural animals or domestic fowl and any animal, reptile or fowl, which is not naturally tame or gentle but is of a wild nature or disposition or which, because of its vicious nature or other characteristics, would constitute a danger to human life or property.

Dayton

Chapter 94 – Animals

- (1) No owner shall allow any animal to commit acts defined or described in this section or Dayton City Code Chapter 130 as a nuisance.
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- (3) The owning, keeping, or harboring of any animal which does any of the following is hereby declared to be an act of nuisance committed by the person owning, keeping or harboring the animal:
 - (f) Excessively makes disturbing noises;
- No section on cats or limits
- Permitted:
 - House pets: dogs, cats, birds, rodents (maintained continuously in a cage)
 - “Any living horse, mule, donkey, pony, cattle, sheep, goat, swine, chicken, goose, duck, turkey, rabbit or any other livestock in the raising of which is determined by the state of Minnesota to be an agricultural pursuit, including, but not limited to, Cervidae, llamas, and Ratitae.”
 - Additional animals explicitly listed: Rabbits, ferrets (vaccinated yearly), domestically raised pot-bellied pigs, and peacocks.

Elk River

Chapter 30-803. – Animals

- One animal unit per acre of fenced pasture land is allowed for properties 5 acres or larger, CUP required for properties less than 5 acres to have agricultural animals

- Agricultural animals include slaughter/steer/heifer (1 unit), horses (1 unit), mature dairy cows (1.4 units), swine under 55 pounds (0.5 units), swine over 55 pounds (0.4 units), sheep (0.1 units), ducks (0.2 units), turkey (0.018 units) and chickens (0.01 units).
- “Roosters are not permitted on parcels two and one-half acres to five acres in size, unless a conditional use permit is granted.”
- No requirements for cats.

Ham Lake

Chapter 5-330– Animal Control

- The following conditions shall apply to every person who owns, controls, keeps, or maintains chickens on a residential city lot in areas zoned R-1 and RS-1:
 - (b) No roosters or other poultry shall be allowed.
- No requirements for cats – domesticated animals.
- “Except domesticated pets, and as permitted under Chapter 5-200, no raising, breeding, keeping or occupancy of livestock, poultry or other animals shall be permitted on any lands other than those zoned R-A Rural Single Family Residential. In land zoned R-A such activities may be permitted on parcels in excess of three (3) contiguous acres, provided the occupant has obtained an Animal Permit. As many as three (3) such animals may be kept on a lot or parcel of land containing three (3) acres. One (1) additional such animal, per acre, may be kept upon lots or parcels of land containing more than three (3) acres.”
 - No definition of livestock is provided for clarification on types of animals.

Osseo

Chapter 94 – Animals

- No relevant chicken ordinances
- No relevant agricultural animal ordinances
- No relevant cat ordinances

Rogers

Chapter 10-22 – Restrictions on keeping certain animals

- (1) Chickens and other domestic fowl.
- (2) Any combination of animals and/or fowl of any age kept in such numbers or under conditions that reasonably annoy, injure, or endanger the health, safety, comfort, repose, or welfare of the public or of the animals or fowl.

Chapter 10-27 – Limit of dogs or cats on one premises

- Not more than three dogs or cats over six months of age shall be kept on any one premises except at a licensed commercial kennel or a licensed residential kennel.

Sec. 125-326 – Animal, livestock, and farming operations.

- Agricultural animals include slaughter/steer/heifer (1 unit), horses (1 unit), mature dairy cows (1.4 units), swine under 55 pounds (0.05 units), swine over 55 pounds (0.4 units), goat/sheep (0.1 units), goose/duck (0.02 units), turkey (0.018 units) and chickens (0.01 units), llama (0.5 units).
- Animal units are dependent on a zoning district’s maximum density:
 - Rural estate zoning districts only (RE-2 and RE-5) requires three acres for the first animal unit and one additional acre per each additional animal unit.