

ORDINANCE #21-11

**CITY OF RAMSEY
ANOKA COUNTY
STATE OF MINNESOTA**

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

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 10-1 (KEEPING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS, LIVESTOCK, AND POULTRY), AND ARTICLE III. – DOGS, OF CHAPTER 10 OF THE CITY CODE OF RAMSEY, MINNESOTA.

The City of Ramsey ordains:

SECTION 1. AUTHORITY

This ordinance is adopted pursuant to and under the authority of the City Charter of the City of Ramsey.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENTS

Sec. 10-1 shall be amended to read as follows (additions indicated by underline, deletions indicated by ~~strikethrough~~):

(a) Animals on less than ~~three~~ 2.5 acres. None of the following animals shall be maintained on any parcel of land in the city that is not at least ~~three (3)~~ 2.5 acres in size: llamas, cows, mini-cows, bison, emu, rabbit, mules, donkeys, burros, goats, pigs, sheep, lambs, turkey, roosters, crowing hens, and geese ~~and ducks~~. EXCEPTION: Chickens and ducks (hens only, no roosters or crowing hens) may be maintained on parcels less than ~~three~~ 2.5 acres. The following chart prescribes the number of chickens and ducks that can be maintained on lots of record to which the animal owner has fee title and desires to maintain chickens:

Lot Size	Number of Chickens <u>and Ducks</u> Permitted
0.00 to 0.24 Acres	6
0.25 to 0.49 Acres	8
0.50 to 0.74 Acres	12
0.75 to 0.99 Acres	16
1.00 to 1.24 Acres	20
1.25 to 1.49 Acres	24
1.50 to 1.74 Acres	28
1.75 to 1.99 Acres	32
2.00 to 2.24 Acres	36
2.25 to 2.49 Acres	40

2.50 to 2.74 Acres	44
2.75 to 2.99 Acres	48

Any animal not listed shall not be maintained in the City except as otherwise provided in this chapter.

(b) ~~Reserved~~. Roosters or crowing hens may be kept and maintained only on parcels zoned R-1 Residential (Rural Developing) of at least two and a half (2.5) acres in size after filing a sketch drawing with the City, and a zoning permit application. Said properties are allowed a total of two (2) roosters or crowing hens.

1. Sketch Drawing Required.

(1) Prior to maintaining and owning a rooster or crowing hen on any rural residential parcel of land 2.5 acres or more in size, the landowner shall provide a sketch drawing to the city.

(2) Required sketch drawing information shall include:

- a. Name and address of the fee owner of the subject property where the rooster(s) or crowing hen(s) are to be maintained and the name and address of occupant of subject property (if different).
- b. Legal description of subject property.
- c. Number of roosters or crowing hens to be maintained on subject property.
- d. Acreage and zoning of subject property.
- e. Location and size of enclosure and exercise area, compliant with subsection (g) *Miscellaneous Maintenance Standards*.
 - i. Setbacks for rooster or crowing hen enclosure and exercise area shall be fifty (50) feet from any neighboring place of human habitation and seventy-five (75) feet from neighboring property lines.

(3) Upon approval of the sketch drawing, the City shall issue an administrative zoning permit.

(4) Rooster(s) or crowing hen(s) shall be in compliance with all applicable code standards, including Section 30-5 (b) outlining allowable sound levels.

(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 <u>family</u>	Number of Units
Cow, <u>bison</u>	1.5
Llama, alpaca, <u>emu, mini-cow</u>	1.0
Goat, pig, sheep, lamb	0.5
Turkey, goose, <u>rabbit</u>	0.1
Chicken, duck	0.04

The animal unit number of any animal not listed is determined by the City.

(d) Permitted animals.

(1) Subject to subsection 10-1, The 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, poultry, or fowl (refer to [section 10-24](#) for regulations for maintaining horses):

Parcel Size	Number of Animal Units Allowed
3 <u>2.5</u> acres	2
5 acres (217,800 square feet)	3
10 acres (435,600 square feet)	5
15 acres (653,400 square feet)	7
20+ acres	No limitation

(f) Beekeeping. Bee hives may be maintained on a parcel with the issuance of a beekeeping license zoning permit.

(10) Beekeeping license-zoning permit process.

a. *Application.* The application for a license zoning permit shall contain the following information; name, address, and telephone number of applicant; the address of the location, and a sketch plan of the premises where the bee hives will be maintained include how the owner will demonstrate compliance with the standards of this section.

b. *Processing application.* The application must be filed with the zoning administrator together with the permit fee, ~~30 days prior to a city council meeting. Following an inspection of the premises proposed to be licensed, the zoning administrator shall make a recommendation to the city council to approve or deny the application. The city council shall hold a public hearing and make the final decision on the application.~~

c. *Term and transfer.* The license zoning permit shall be valid without renewal provided that the applicant complies with the terms of the license zoning permit. License Zoning permits under this chapter may not be transferred from person to person or from place to place.

d. *Revocation.* The council may revoke any license issued under this article upon adequate notice and a hearing before the council, if requested, on the following grounds: any violation of this Code; material misstatement or misrepresentation in application for license permit or renewal thereof; failure to keep the licensee's permittee's premises in an orderly, aesthetically pleasing manner as prescribed by the council and/or its designated representative; failure to comply with the terms of the license permit.

(g) Miscellaneous maintenance standards.

(1) Chickens and ducks 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.

Article III (Dogs) shall be amended to include the following:

ARTICLE III.- DOGS AND CATS

Sec. 10-52. Definitions

Cat means a mammal that is wholly or in part of the species Felis domesticus.

Sec. 10-56. - Number of dogs or cats permitted.

(a) On a parcel or series of contiguous parcels under the same ownership or occupancy as the dog owner, no more than three dogs are permitted. A private kennel license is required for four or more dogs. A combination of dogs and cats is allowed if the total number does not exceed seven, with a maximum of three dogs.

Sec. 10-59. – Rabies vaccination.

(a) Every owner or keeper of a dog and/or cat shall cause the same to be vaccinated by a licensed veterinary with anti-rabies vaccine at least once every three years and prior to the time such dog and/or cat shall reach the age of six months.

(b) No dog and/or cat need be vaccinated when a licensed veterinarian has examined the animal and certified that, at such time, vaccination would

endanger its health because of its age, infirmity, debility, illness, or other medical consideration; and such exception certificate is presented to the animal control officer within five days of such examination. The animal shall be vaccinated against rabies as soon as its health and age permit. Unvaccinated animals must be confined to the owner's property or a veterinary facility.

DIVISION 2. - IMPOUNDMENT

Sec. 10-95. - Procedure; reclaiming.

- (a) Impoundment. All dogs or cats picked up by the animal control officer or any of their duly authorized assistants shall be immediately transported to the designated pound. If the owner is known, they shall be immediately notified by telephone or personal contact and by written notice to their last known address. If the owner is unknown, written notice containing a description of the animal shall be posted at the pound and the city hall. The notice shall advise the owner that they have five regular business days to claim the dog or cat. The term "regular business day" means any day during which the pound is open to the public not less than four consecutive hours between the hours of 8:00 a.m. and 7:00 p.m.
- (b) Reclaiming. An owner may reclaim an impounded dog:
 - (1) If the dog or cat has a current license: by paying to the pound master an impounding fee plus a boarding fee in an amount determined by agreement between the city and the designated pound, for each day the animal was confined. There shall also be an added impounding fee for any dog or cat impounded twice within 12 months. Such fees shall be set by ordinance.
- (c) Unclaimed animals. Any animal not claimed within the allotted time shall be disposed of in accordance with the provisions of Minn. Stats. § 35.71, subd. 3.

SECTION 3. SUMMARY

The following official summary of Ordinance #21-11 has been approved by the City Council of the City of Ramsey as clearly informing the public of the intent and effect of the Ordinance.

Ordinance #21-11 amends Section 10-1 to clarify requirements for maintaining certain animals in the City of Ramsey, including allowing roosters and crowing hens via an administrative permit on properties that are at least two and a half (2.5) acres in size and located in the R-1 Residential (Rural Developing District), and updates the animal table to allow for emus, rabbits, mini-cows and bison on certain properties. Ducks will also be allowed with similar requirements as chickens, and beekeeping will require a zoning permit in replacement of a land use application. The ordinance also amends Article III to include cats under the same provisions as dogs.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE

This ordinance becomes effective 30 days after its passage and publication, subject to City Charter Section 5.04.

PASSED by the City Council of the City of Ramsey, Minnesota the _____ day of _____, 2021.

Mayor

ATTEST:

City Administrator

Introduction date:

Posting dates:

Adoption date:

Publication date:

Effective date: