

**Chapter 24**  
**FARM ANIMALS**

SECTION

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**XX-24-1: PURPOSE:** The purpose of this chapter is to regulate keeping of farm animals and farm animals within animal feedlot operations within the town in a manner conducive to public health, safety, and welfare. (Ord. 900, 18 Apr 22)(Ord. 900-2, 19 Sep 23)

**XX-24-2: APPLICATION:**

- A. This chapter shall regulate the keeping of farm animals and animal feedlots as defined by this ordinance.
- B. Keeping of farm animals within pastures shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter where grass or other growing plants are used for grazing and where the concentration of animals allows vegetative cover to be maintained shall be exempt from the provisions of this chapter except when:
  - 1. in the immediate vicinity of supplemental feeding or water devices;
  - 2. in associated corrals and chutes where livestock are gathered for the purpose of sorting, veterinary service, loading and unloading of trucks and trailers, and other necessary activities related to good animal husbandry practices.
  - 3. In associated livestock access lanes used to convey livestock to and from areas of the pasture, including winter feeding areas.
- C. Manure accumulations created by manure packs or mounding shall not be regulated as manure storage areas as defined by this ordinance but shall be managed such that a pollution hazard is not created or maintained. (Ord. 900-2, 19 Sep 23)

**XX-24-3: LOT REQUIREMENTS:** Except for farming or agricultural purposes as defined by this ordinance and animal feedlots, a lot or parcel for keeping of farm animals as an accessory use shall comply with the minimum lot requirements of the applicable zoning district and there shall be a minimum of one acre of land for each cattle, horse, or swine. (Ord. 900-2, 19 Sep 23)

**XX-24-4: ANIMAL FEEDLOT TIERS:**

Tier	Animal Units	CUP Required <sup>1</sup>	EAW Required
1	2 to less than 50 animal units	No	No
2	50 to less than 250 animal units	Yes	No
3	250 to less than 500 animal units	Yes	No
4	500 to less than 1,000 animal units	Yes	Yes <sup>2</sup>
5	1000 animal units or greater	Yes	Yes
<p>1. “Yes: indicates that a conditional use permit is required based upon procedures set forth in and regulated by chapter 4 of this ordinance.</p> <p>2. An environmental assessment worksheet (EAW) is required for new or expanding feedlots for more than 500 animal units only if located in a “Sensitive Area”. A Sensitive Area includes; shorelands; delineated flood plains; Recreational or Scenic River districts; within 1,000’ of a karst feature (sinkhole, cave, disappearing spring, resurgent spring, karst window, dry valley or blind valley); and vulnerable parts of delineated drinking water supply management areas. (Ord. 900-2, 19 Sep 23)</p>			

**XX-24-5: ANIMAL FEEDLOT PERFORMANCE STANDARDS:**

- A. All feedlots shall comply with Minnesota rules 7020.
- B. Manure storage areas for all feedlots shall be designed, constructed and maintained in compliance with Minnesota rules 7020.2100.
- C. New feedlots and manure storage areas, and the expansion of existing feedlots and manure storage areas are prohibited within the shoreland and floodplain districts, in compliance with Minnesota rule 7020.2005.
- D. The following required and minimum setbacks are applicable to feedlots, manure storage areas, and residences not located on the same property as these operations, provided, however, that residences located on parcels adjacent to the feedlot property that are owned by persons having an ownership interest in the feedlot or feedlot property shall be treated in the same manner as residences located on the feedlot property for purposes of this section:

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	Tier				
	1	2	3	4	5
Non-Feedlot Dwelling	200ft.	660ft.	660ft.	1,320ft.	2,640ft.
Residential Platted Lot	0ft.	660ft.	660ft.	1,320ft.	2,640ft.
Private Well	100ft.	100ft.	100ft.	100ft.	100ft.
Property line	10ft.	250ft.	250ft.	250ft.	250ft.
Road centerline	N/A	100ft.	100ft.	100ft.	100ft.
City limits	200ft.	1,320ft.	1,320ft.	2,640ft.	3,960ft.
Public Park	200ft.	1,320ft.	1,320ft.	2,640ft.	3,960ft.
Lake	1,000ft.	1,000ft.	1,000ft.	1,000ft.	1,000ft.
River, Stream, or County Ditch	300ft.	300ft.	300ft.	300ft.	300ft.

- E. For the purposes of this chapter, manure storage areas shall be regulated according to the number of animal units the manure storage area is designed and constructed to accommodate.
- F. A conditional use permit issued for any feedlot and any manure storage area shall authorize the feedlot owner/operator to maintain any number of animal units within the allowable range of the tier designated in the permit. The number of animal units contained in the feedlot shall not exceed the maximum number allowed in the designated tier unless the feedlot owner/operator first obtains a new or amended conditional use permit for the appropriate higher tier.
- G. An MPCA registered feedlot or manure storage area existing prior to November 8, 2014 that does not comply with the setbacks established in this section may continue as a non-conforming use within the same tier or a lesser tier.
- H. An MPCA registered feedlot or manure storage area existing prior to November 8, 2014, that does not comply with the setbacks established in this section may expand in area so long as the expansion does not further encroach upon the setbacks and the expansion does not result in the feedlot increasing to a higher tier. (Ord. 900, 18 Apr 22) (Ord. 900-2, 19 Sep 23)