

**RAVENNA TOWNSHIP  
DAKOTA COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
Ordinance No. 03-2024**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE RAVENNA TOWNSHIP  
ZONING ORDINANCE TO INCREASE KEEPING OF HORSES**

The Board of Supervisors of the Town of Ravenna ordains:

**Section I. Permitted Uses.** Section 101.2 of the Ravenna Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance Number 01-2021, as amended) is hereby amended as follows:

**101.2 Permitted Uses and Structures**

All uses and structures that are not specifically set forth below as being permitted shall be prohibited. All uses on a property must be directly related and substantially similar in type and impact to the main or principal structure or use of the property allowed by this Ordinance. If a proposed use or structure is not listed below as being permitted, application may be made to the Township for a determination that the proposed use or structure is directly related and substantially similar in type and impact to the main or principal structure or use of the property. Such determination shall be made by the Town Board upon review and recommendation by the Planning Commission. If the Town Board does not find the proposed use or structure to be substantially similar to a permitted use, the structure or use is not allowed and may not occur unless the Town Board approves an amendment to the Ordinance to specifically allow the structure or use.

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16) Keeping of horses, subject to the limitations in section 101.10.

**Section II. Keeping of Animals.** Section 101.9 of the Ravenna Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance Number 01-2021, as amended) is hereby amended as follows:

**101.9 Animals**

The keeping of animals is a permitted use within the RR-1 District subject to the following regulations in this section, except that the keeping of horses is regulated by section 101.10. The keeping of animals in relation to an animal feedlot may be subject to additional animal feedlot regulations.

**Section III. Keeping of Horses.** Section 101 of the Ravenna Township Zoning Ordinance (Ordinance Number 01-2021, as amended) is hereby amended by adding a new Section 101.10 as follows:

**101.10 Keeping of Horses**

The keeping of horses is a permitted use within the RR-1 District and is subject to the regulations in this section. The keeping of horses may also be subject to the regulations applicable for feedlots.

- 1) If animals other than horses are kept on the property, then the total number of animals allowed on the property, including horses, is subject to the limitations in section 101.9.
- 2) If the property does not contain any other animals, the following maximum number of horses are allowed:

<u>Acreage</u>	<u>Number of Horses Allowed</u>
<u>3 – less than 5</u>	<u>3</u>
<u>5 – less than 7</u>	<u>4</u>
<u>7 – less than 9</u>	<u>5</u>
<u>9 – less than 11</u>	<u>6</u>
<u>11 – less than 13</u>	<u>7</u>
<u>13 – less than 15</u>	<u>8</u>
<u>15 – less than 17</u>	<u>9</u>
<u>17 – less than 19</u>	<u>10</u>
<u>More than 19</u>	<u>Subject to Animal Feedlot Regulation</u>

- 3) At least 4,500 square feet of usable pasture space must be available on the property per horse. If at least this amount of usable pasture space per horse is not available, the number of allowed horses shall be reduced as needed to meet this standard.
- 4) Manure generated by the horses must be properly managed in accordance with a manure management plan and in compliance with all applicable federal, state, and local laws, rules, regulations, and ordinances. Manure shall be removed from the property at least annually.

**Section II. Incorporation of Amendments.** The Town Attorney and the Town Clerk-Treasurer are hereby authorized and directed to incorporate the amendments made by this Ordinance into the Ravenna Township Zoning Ordinance. The Chairperson and Clerk are authorized to sign the updated version of the Zoning and Land Use Ordinance once it is completed and that version shall constitute the official Ravenna Township Zoning Ordinance.

**Section III. Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall be effective upon the first day of publication after adoption. The Town Clerk-Treasurer shall only publish the portion of this Ordinance reflecting the actual changes to the text of the Zoning Ordinance.

Adopted on this 11th day of July 2024.

**BY THE TOWN BOARD**



Paul Curtis  
Paul Curtis, Chairperson

Attest: Caroline Spurgeon  
Caroline Spurgeon, Clerk-Treasurer

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