



City of Isanti, Minnesota

NOTICE OF PROPOSED CITY ORDINANCE

You are hereby notified that the following Proposed Ordinance will be considered by the City Council of the City of Isanti, MN at the following meeting:

City Council Meeting: October 20, 2026

DATE POSTED: October 1, 2026

ORDINANCE NO. XXX

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND REPLACE ORDINANCE NO. 70 ADOPTED ON APRIL 15, 1975, ORDINANCE NO. 506 ADOPTED APRIL 19, 2011, ORDINANCE NO. 709 ADOPTED ON SEPTEMBER 3, 2019, ORDINANCE NO. 738 ADOPTED ON OCTOBER 15, 2026, ORDINANCE NO. 755 ADOPTED ON MAY 4, 2021, ORDINANCE NO. 757 ADOPTED ON JULY 6, 202, ORDINANCE NO. 763 ADOPTED ON JULY 20, 2021, ORDINANCE NO. 777 ADOPTED ON NOVEMBER 1, 2022 AND ORDINANCE NO. 836 ADOPTED ON APRIL 1, 2025 TITLED ANIMALS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ISANTI DOES ORDAIN:

Section 1 – Repeal and replace. Ordinances 70, 506, 709, 738, 755, 757, 763, 777, and 836 codified in City Code Chapter 87 is hereby repealed and replaced as follows:

Chapter 87 ANIMALS

ARTICLE I

Keeping of Certain Animals

- § 87-1. Livestock animals.**
- § 87-2. Prohibited activity.**
- § 87-3. Housing, structure and setback requirements.**
- § 87-4. Additional requirements.**
- § 87-5. Violations and penalties.**

ARTICLE I

Keeping of Certain Animals

§ 87-1. Livestock animals.

A. Permitted.

The following table outlines permitted livestock animals within city limits, their animal unit factor, minimum lot size, permitted zoning districts and the total number of animal units allowed per parcel lot size.

Animal	Animal Unit Factor	Minimum Lot Size (acres)	Permitted Districts
Cattle	1	5	R-1A
Horse	1	5	R-1A
Mini horse/cattle	0.5	5	R-1A
Llama	0.5	5	R-1A
Swine	0.4	5	R-1A
Alpaca	0.25	5	R-1A
Sheep	0.1	5	R-1A
Goat	0.1	1	R-1, R-1A, R-2
Pot-bellied pig	0.1	1	R-1, R-1A, R-2
Duck	0.01	0.5	R-1, R-1A, R-2
Rabbit	0.008	0.25	R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-3A
Chicken/Fowl	0.005	0.25	R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-3A
Racing pigeon	0.002	5	R-1A
Quail	0.002	0.25	R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-3A
Honeybees	**	0.25	R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-3A

**Honeybees are permitted at 2 colonies for every 0.25 acres to a maximum of 10 colonies

Parcel Lot Size (acres)	Maximum Total Animal Units per lot
<0.5	0.05
0.5-1	0.075
1-2	0.1
2-5	0.3
5-10	2
10-20	5
20+	10

Calculation: To find the total number of animals allowed per lot, divide your total allowed animal units by the number of animal units required per animal. Animals can be combined not to exceed total number allowed.

Calculation Examples:

- On a lot less than 0.5 acres, the property can have 25 quail ($.05 \div .002 = 25$) OR 10 chickens ($.05 \div .005 = 10$) OR 5 ducks ($.05 \div .01 = 5$).
- On a lot less than 0.5 acres, the property can have 6 chickens and 10 quail OR 2 chickens and 20 quail.
- On a 2 acre lot, the property can have 1 goat, 1 duck, 6 chickens and up to 8 quails.
- On a 5 acre lot, the property can have 200 chickens ($1.0 \div .005 = 200$) OR 2 horses or 2 cows OR 1 horse and 1 cow.

B. Prohibited animals.

The following list includes, but is not limited to, animals that are prohibited within city limits:

- (1) Turkeys
- (2) Roosters
- (3) Guinea fowl

§ 87-2. Prohibited activity.

- A. Animal fighting.
- B. Selling of honey, eggs, milk or meat commercially in residential districts.
- C. Slaughtering of animals in view of the public.
- D. Livestock animals on properties with multifamily structures.
- E. Housing of animals in principal structure.
- F. Animals deemed "at large" when it is off the premises owned or rented by its owner and unattended by the owner or any agent or employee of the owner; may be subject to impoundment by the animal control authority or any peace officer of the state.

§ 87-3. Housing, structure and setback requirements.

- A. The property owner shall maintain the coops, barns, enclosures or other animal structure such that they are in good shape, not unsightly and free from major defects.
- B. Lofts, coops, beehives or enclosures are required and shall meet all setback requirements for the zoning district of the property or be at least 10 feet from a side or rear property line, whichever is greater and:
 - (1) Not be located in a drainage or utility easement or in a shoreland protection area or in a wetland setback area.
 - (2) Be at least 30 feet from any residential dwelling on any adjacent property.
 - (3) Comply with accessory structure zoning requirements.
 - (4) Be located 10 feet or further from any primary structure on the subject property.
 - (5) Be located in the rear yard only.
 - (6) Provide adequate space per animal so as not to have overcrowding.
- C. Apiary and beehives:
 - (1) Must not exceed six feet in height.
 - (2) Must be removed within 30 days once colonies are gone.
 - (3) Have a water source within 10 feet of the beehive.
- D. Medium and large livestock including horses, cattle, mini horse/cattle, llama, swine, alpaca, sheep and goat have the following requirements:
 - (1) Agriculture buildings, barns, stables, etc. must follow zoning and permitting requirements, and;
 - a) Be located at least 50 feet from a side or rear property line.
 - b) Not be located in a drainage or utility easement or in a shoreland protection area or in a wetland setback area.
 - c) Be at least 100 feet from any residential dwelling on any adjacent property.

§ 87-4. Additional requirements.

- A. The property owner shall properly store all animal feed such to ensure that it does not attract insect or rodents.
- B. The property owner shall dispose of all animal waste in an appropriate manner on a weekly basis.

- C. All racing pigeons must be banded with owner's information at all times.
- D. Registration is required for racing pigeons and honeybees with the Isanti Police Department on an annual basis.
- E. Animals must be kept in a fenced area. Fence type shall be reviewed by City staff and may require a permit.
- F. Manure stockpiles shall:
 - (2) Be located at least 50 feet from a side or rear property line.
 - (3) Not be located in a drainage or utility easement or in a shoreland protection area or in a wetland setback area.
 - (4) Be at least 100 feet from any residential dwelling on any adjacent property.
 - (5) Have a management plan that meets requirements set by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

§ 87-5. Violations and penalties.

Any person, firm or corporation violating the provisions of this article shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and upon conviction thereof shall be punished as provided by Chapter 1, Article I

Section 2- Effective Date.

This Ordinance takes effect upon its passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City of Isanti.

Adopted by the City Council this 20th day of October 2026.

Mayor Luke Merrill

Attest:

Jaden Strand
City Clerk/ Deputy HR Director

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