

CITY OF NEWPORT  
ORDINANCE 2016-1

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, MINNESOTA, AMENDING THE CITY CODE OF  
ORDINANCES CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NEWPORT, MINNESOTA, HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

**600.21 Farm Animals.**

**Subd. 3 Requirements.** No farm animal permit shall be issued unless the following standards shall be met:

- A. The property must contain at least four (4) acres in contiguous ownership.
- B. The property must contain at least one acre per farm animal unit. This number may be exceeded only by interim use permit. Animal units are calculated with the following:

Animal	Animal Unit
One mature dairy cow	1.4
One slaughter steer or heifer	1.0
One horse	1.0
One swine over 55 pounds	0.4
One goose or duck	0.2
One goat or sheep	0.1
One swine under 55 pounds	0.05
One turkey	0.018
One chicken	0.01

- C. The barn, stable, housing, or hive shall be located at least 150 feet from the nearest property line of adjacent property owners and must be built according to the zoning code.
- D. The barn, stable, housing or hive shall be considered accessory structures.
- E. All farm animals shall be kept confined by a sturdy wood or metal fence for pasture. The fence shall not be located nearer than 50 feet from any building used for human habitation. Barbed wire fences shall not be permitted.

The foregoing Ordinance was moved by Councilmember Sumner and seconded by Councilmember Ingemann.

The following Councilmembers voted in the affirmative: Geraghty, Ingemann, Sumner, Rahm, Lund

The following Councilmembers voted in the negative:

**Effective Date**

This Ordinance becomes effective upon its passage and publication according to law.

**Adopted** by the City Council of the City of Newport, Minnesota on the 7th day of January, 2016.

Signed: Timothy M. Geraghty  
Tim Geraghty, Mayor

Attest: Deborah Hill  
Deb Hill, City Administrator