

ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF FARM ANIMALS,
POULTRY, AND NON-DOMESTIC ANIMALS

The City of Adams does ordain for the public health, safety, and welfare of the citizens of the City of Adams:

1. Definitions: As used in this Section, the following definitions shall apply:
 - A. The term "farm animals" means cattles, horses, mules, sheep, goats, swine and ponies, and other animals that are typically or customarily kept for purposes of agriculture and farm animal-husbandry.
 - B. The term "poultry" means chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons, guinea hens, honey bees and turkeys.
 - C. The term "non-domestic animals" means any wild animal, reptile or fowl, which is not naturally tame or gentle but is of a wild nature or disposition or which, because of its size, vicious nature or other characteristics would constitute a danger to human life or property.
2. Keeping: It is unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or harbor within the City of Adams any of the following animals:
 - A. Any animal or species prohibited by Minnesota or Federal law.
 - B. Any farm animals or poultry, except in those portions of the City that are zoned for taxing purposes as "rural service district". Also, horses may be kept and maintained in the rural service district and that portion of the City that is located south of the tributary of the Little Cedar River that runs easterly to westerly (as it runs downstream) generally parallel to the former right of way of the Chicago, Milwaukee, St. Paul and Pacific Railroad.
 - C. Any non-domestic animals or species, including, but not limited to, the following:
 - (1) Any skunk, whether captured in the wild, domestically raised, descented or not descented, vaccinated against rabies or not vaccinated against rabies.
 - (2) Any large cat of the family Fedliae such as lions, tigers, jaguars, leopards, cougars and ocelots, except commonly accepted domesticated house cats.

- (3) Any member of the family Canidae, such as wolves, foxes, coyotes, dingos and jackals, except domesticated dogs.
- (4) Any crossbreed such as the crossbreeds between dogs and coyotes and coyotes or dogs and wolves but does not include crossbred domesticated animals.
- (5) Any poisonous pit viper such as a rattlesnake, coral snake, water moccasin or cobra.
- (6) Any raccoon.
- (7) Any ferret.
- (8) Any other animal which is not listed explicitly above, but which can be reasonably defined by the terms in 1 (C) of this Ordinance, including bears and badgers.

D. Farm animals kept in a clinic for treatment by licensed veterinarians shall not constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

3. Penalties: Violations of this Ordinance shall constitute a misdemeanor. Any person found guilty of violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be subject to punishment of a fine not to exceed \$200.00 for the first offense; and any violation following the first offense, within a period of three years after such first offense, shall be punishable as a misdemeanor in accordance with the laws of the State of Minnesota pertaining to the punishment allowed for violation of misdemeanors. Each day of non-compliance with this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense.

4. Injunctive or Other Mandatory Relief: In addition to the criminal penalties provided for herein, the City of Adams may seek and obtain an injunction, court order, declaratory relief, writ of mandamus or other equitable remedies from any court of competent jurisdiction in order to seek the enforcement, abatement or elimination of any violation or non-compliance with this Ordinance.

5. Effective Date of Non-Conforming Uses: This Ordinance becomes effective on the day following its publication. Persons who are not in compliance with this Ordinance on its effective date, must discontinue such activity within thirty (30) days following the effective date of this Ordinance.

Passed by the City Council of Adams, Minnesota this 9th day of July, 1991.


Donna K. Osmundson, Mayor


Marilyn Thorstenson, City Clerk