

**CITY OF EAST BETHEL  
ANOKA COUNTY, MINNESOTA  
ORDINANCE NO. 2023-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 1-151  
OF THE EAST BETHEL CODE OF ORDINANCES  
REGULATING INTERIM USE PERMIT (IUP) AND ACREAGE REQUIREMENTS  
FOR DOMESTIC FARM ANIMALS  
IN THE CITY OF EAST BETHEL**

**The City Council of East Bethel, Minnesota ordains:**

**Section 1.** Chapter 10, Section 1-151 of the East Bethel Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 1-151. Interim use permit (IUP) and acreage requirements for domestic farm animals; nondomestic animals prohibited.**

- (a) Nondomestic animals are not allowed to be kept within the city.
- (b) An IUP is required for the keeping of domestic farm animals as regulated by this article in the city, with the exception of chickens as addressed in section 10-151(j)3. The procedure for the issuance of an IUP will be in accordance with the City Code.
- (c) No animal regulated by this article can be kept on a parcel of land located within a platted subdivision or on any parcel of land of less than three acres. Provided further, that if 80 percent of the lots within a platted subdivision are larger than three acres, an IUP for keeping a regulated animal may be issued for any of those lots larger than three acres.
- (d) Upon the transfer of the title of a parcel for which parcel an IUP is in effect on the effective date of this article, the new owner may apply for an IUP for the keeping of such animals if the existing permit is in effect and in good standing at the time the title to the property is transferred.
- (e) Meeting the acreage requirements set out in this section does not in and of itself entitle an applicant to an IUP.
- (f) IUPs in existence on the effective date of this article for parcels not in compliance with these acreage requirements will be allowed to continue but only as legal, nonconforming uses.
- (g) It is a requirement for all IUPs issued under this article that a minimum of one fenced acre of pasture land plus any indicated fraction thereof must be provided for each animal unit described below as the animal equivalent for the animal to be kept pursuant to the IUP.
- (h) The following equivalents will apply when determining the animal units defined below:

Animal	Animal Units Per Acre
1 swine	0.4
1 goose or duck	0.2
1 goat or sheep	0.5
1 turkey	0.10
1 bovine	1.4
1 equine	1.0
1 pheasant/quail	0.01
1 emu or ostrich	1.0
1 alpaca or llama	1.0

(i) Animals may graze within shoreland and bluff impact zones provided permanent vegetation is maintained and a plan has been submitted that is consistent with the technical guides of the Anoka Conservation District.

(j) Exceptions.

(1) Youth development organizations may apply for an IUP in accordance with section 10.157. The IUP shall cover individual groups and members of the youth development organization; IUP application fees shall be waived. The IUP shall expire five years from the approval date at which time the organization must reapply for the IUP. In conjunction with the organization's approved IUP, individual members shall comply with the following:

- a. Each member of the organization must complete a youth development project permit application prior to farm animals being kept on the property. The permit will be reviewed by city staff within two weeks of submittal of a completed application.
- b. It is a requirement for all permittees to have a minimum of one acre of pasture land to accommodate the farm animals.
- c. Permittee must comply with all other farm animal regulations set forth in the code.
- d. Approved farm animals must be removed from the property within 30 days of the expiration of the permit.
- e. In the event a permittee would like to keep the farm animals after the expiration of the project permit, an individual IUP must be applied for and approved. The permittee must meet requirements of the code.

(2) The use of the property shall be single-family residential;

- a. The property shall contain one detached single-family structure.

(3) Chickens;

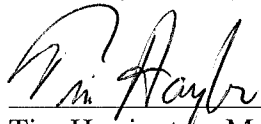
- a. Chickens shall not be permitted on vacant properties or those containing multi-family residential buildings including duplexes, townhomes and apartments;
- b. Chickens shall not be kept inside the principal structure;
- c. No person shall slaughter chickens in an area of the property visible to the public or adjoining properties;
- d. Chicken coops and attached exercise pens shall be provided for all chickens;
- e. Coops and pens shall be fully enclosed and constructed of durable weather resistant materials;
- f. The floor area of the coop shall be a minimum of two sq. ft. in area per chicken;
- g. [Reserved.]
- h. Coops and pens shall meet all setback requirements required of accessory structures;
- i. Coops and pens shall be located in rear yards only;
- j. Coops less than 200 sq. ft. in area are not considered accessory structures. Coops larger than 200 sq. ft. in area shall meet all accessory structure

requirements of the City Code including those pertaining to location, size, number, height, use and design;

- k. Chickens shall be kept in coops and/or pens at all times unless in fully fenced-in back yards;
- l. All food stored for chickens shall be kept in rodent proof containers stored inside coops or other buildings. All premises in which chickens are kept or maintained, including coops and pens, shall be kept reasonably clean from filth, garbage and any substances which attract rodents. All manure shall be collected and properly disposed of on a regular basis;
- m. Chickens shall not be kept in such a manner as to constitute a public nuisance as defined by the City Code of City of East Bethel;
- n. No more than twelve chickens can be kept on lots smaller than one-half acre;
- o. Roosters are prohibited on lots smaller than 1.5 acres;
- p. [Reserved.]

**Section 2.** The ordinance amendments herein become effective from and after its passage and publication.

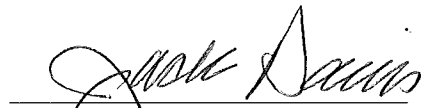
Passed by the City Council of East Bethel, Minnesota this 27<sup>th</sup> day of March, 2023.



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Tim Harrington, Mayor

Attested:



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Jack Davis, City Administrator