

**CITY OF VERGAS
MINNESOTA
ORDINANCE NO. 2024-001**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF VERGAS, MINNESOTA, AMENDING CHAPTER 91.04
OF THE VERGAS CITY CODE FARM ANIMALS**

Section 1: Purpose:

The City Council of the City of Vergas, Minnesota finds that it needs to update certain regulations pertaining to animal control.

Section 2: Adoption

NOW BE IT ORDANINED AND ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF VERGAS that the follow subsections of 91.04 of the Vergas City Code are hereby amended to read:

FARM ANIMALS.

Farm animals shall only be kept in an agricultural district of the city, or on a residential lot of at least ten acres in size provided that no animal shelter shall be within 300 feet of an adjoining piece of property. An exception shall be made to this section for those animals brought into the city as part of an operating zoo, veterinarian clinic, scientific research laboratory, or a licensed show or exhibition. Chickens may be allowed, as specified in subsection A of this section.

- A. Chickens: The following requirements shall be met in order to keep chickens on a premises within the city:
1. No more than four (4) chickens shall be kept on the premises;
 2. Chickens shall be kept in a coop or attached coop run/enclose at all times;
 3. No roosters shall be kept on the premises;
 4. The premises must be located in the Single and Two-Family Residential (R-1) or Limits Multiple-Family Residential (R-2) zoning district; and
 5. The premises must have a lot area at least five thousand (5,000) square feet.

Section 3: Effective Date

This ordinance shall become effective following its passage and publication in the official newspaper of the City.

Section 4: Penalty

See section 92.99

Passed by the City Council of Vergas, Otter Tail County, Minnesota this ____ day of _____ 202_.

Julie Bruhn, Mayor

ATTEST:

Julie Lammers, City Clerk-Treasurer