# VERGAS CITY COUNCIL PUBLIC HEARING NOTICE

Notice is hereby given that the City Council of Vergas, MN will meet at the Vergas Event Center 140 W Linden Vergas MN 56587 at 6:00 p.m. on October 8, 2024, to consider: Updating the Vergas Chicken Ordinance 91.04:

## **Current Ordinance:**

#### 91.04 FARM ANIMALS.

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# **Proposed Ordinance:**

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An exception shall be made for chickens when the following requirements shall be met:

- 1. No more than four (4) chickens shall be kept on the premises (parcel);
- 2. Chickens shall be kept in a coop or attached coop run/enclosed at all times;
- 3. No roosters shall be kept on the premises;
- 4. The premises must be located in a Single and Two-Family Residential (R-1) or Limited Multiple-Family Residential (R-2) zoning district; and
- 5. The premises must have a lot area of at least five thousand (5,000) square feet.
- 6. A license is purchased at the city office.

All interested parties are invited to attend and will be given the opportunity to ask questions and to provide public input and/or comments. If you are unable to attend the hearing, you are invited to submit your comments in writing to the City Clerk-Treasurer prior to the scheduled hearing. Written comments or questions will be addressed at the hearing and a written response will be provided by the City. Non-English-speaking residents and other persons with special needs who plan to attend the hearing are asked to contact City Hall (218) 302-5996 prior to the hearing so that arrangements can be made to address any special requirements.

Julie Lammers
City Clerk-Treasurer