

Councilor MacGregor introduced the following Ordinance and moved for its adoption:

ORDINANCE NO. 25-09-02

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING AND UPDATING SECTIONS OF CHAPTER 30 LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS AND CHAPTER 10 ANIMALS

WHEREAS, from time to time, the City of Grand Rapids deems it important to review, and update, if necessary, its Zoning Ordinance (Land Development Regulations); and

WHEREAS, at their meeting on April 4, 2025, the Grand Rapids Planning Commission initiated the process to update and amend one section of the Zoning Ordinance (Land Development Regulations) identified by city staff; and

WHEREAS, the Planning Commission on August 7, 2025, took up consideration of draft amendments to Chapter 30, as prepared by staff, and found that amendments – with the addition of changes to Chapter 10 - were consistent with the Comprehensive Plan and would be in the best interest of the public's health, safety, and general welfare, and recommended that the City Council adopt the draft amendment to said portions of 30-564(23) and 10-72 of the City Code; and

WHEREAS, the City Council conducted a public hearing on Monday, September 8, 2025, at 5:00 p.m., to consider the amendments to Chapter 30 and Chapter 10; and

WHEREAS, the City Clerk presented the affidavit of publication of the notice of the public hearing; and

WHEREAS, the City Council has heard all persons who wished to be heard regarding the proposed text amendments.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA, that it adopts the Planning Commission's following findings of fact relative to the amendment to Chapter 30 Land Development Regulations and Chapter 10 Animals, of the City Code:

- The amendments will not have an adverse effect on the character of neighborhoods. It will have a positive effect in that it will align *Uses With Restrictions* and *Chickens Limited* with specific municipal zoning.
- The amendments would not have an adverse impact on economic growth in the community due to limited scope.
- That the amendment to Chapter 30 would be in keeping with the spirit and intent of the Zoning Ordinance by maintaining an updated Ordinance. Furthermore, Chapter 10 Animals text updates will harmonize the language between Chapter 30 and Chapter 10.

- That the amendments would be in the best interest of the public by building on existing language to clarify restrictions and permitting for the keeping of Farm Animals in specific municipal zones.
- That the amendments would be consistent with the goals of the Comprehensive Plan, as the amendments will directly address allowed uses and density within specific municipal zones.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF GRAND RAPIDS, MINNESOTA, that the amendments to the City Code are in the best interest of the public's health, safety, and general welfare, and hereby ordains that the Grand Rapids City Code be amended as follows: *See Exhibits "A" and "B"*

This Ordinance shall become effective after its passage and publication.

ADOPTED AND PASSED BY THE City Council of the City of Grand Rapids on the 8th day of September 2025.

Tasha Connelly, Mayor

Tasha Connelly, Mayor (Sep 10, 2025 11:59:24 CDT)

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Attest:

Kimberly Gibeau

Kimberly Gibeau, City Clerk

Councilor Mertes seconded the foregoing ordinance and the following voted in favor thereof: Sutherland, Blake, Mertes, MacGregor, Connelly. Opposed: None, whereby the ordinance was declared duly passed and adopted.

