

ORDINANCE NO. 2021-09

LENT TOWNSHIP, CHISAGO COUNTY, MINNESOTA

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 2 SECTION 3, 5.06, 5.07, 5.08, 5.09, 5.10
OF THE LENT TOWNSHIP LAND USE REGULATIONS.

THE LENT TOWNSHIP BOARD OF SUPERVISORS ORDAINS:

Section 1. AMENDMENT. Chapter 2 Sections 3, 5.06, 5.07, 5.08, 5.09, 5.10 of the Lent Township Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended with the following underlined words to be added and the following ~~stricken~~ words to be removed relative to allow miniature horses when calculating horse density.

SECTION 3. DEFINITIONS

Animals

Domestic. For the purposes of the Ordinance, a domestic animal shall be defined as house pets such as dogs, cats, birds and fish which can be contained within a principal structure throughout the entire year, provided that containment can be accomplished without special modification to the structure requiring a building permit from the Township. In addition, also included are birds and rabbits normally sheltered outside the home.

Farm. Cattle, hogs, bees, sheep, goats, chickens, turkeys, horses, miniature horses (including Pony of Americas), farm dogs and other animals commonly accepted as farm animals in the State of Minnesota.

Exotic and Wild. Vertebrate and invertebrate animals other than domestic and farm animals that are customarily found in the wild, including but not limited to, bears, cougars, lions, snakes, spiders, tigers, wolves and other such animals.

SECTION 5.06. Rural Residential Agricultural District (RR-A)

B. Permitted Uses.

2. Horse keeping at a maximum density of one (1) horse per two and one-half (2½) acres or two (2) miniature horses per two and one-half (2 ½) acres.

D. Interim Uses.

6. Keeping, boarding, breeding, feeding, sheltering or training of horses where there is a density of more than one (1) horse per two and one-half (2 ½) acres or more than two (2) miniature horses per two and one-half (2 ½) acres.

SECTION 5.07. Rural Residential District II (RR-II)

B. Permitted Uses.

1. Single family dwellings and accessory structures subject to the following provisions

d. Horse keeping at a maximum density of one (1) horse per two and one-half (2½) acres; or two (2) miniature horses per two and one-half (2 ½) acres.

D. Interim Uses.

5. Keeping, boarding, breeding, feeding, sheltering or training of horses where there is a density of more than one (1) horse per two and one-half (2 ½) acres; or more than two (2) miniature horses per two and one-half (2 ½) acres.

SECTION 5.08 Rural Residential District I (RR-I)

B. Permitted Uses.

1. Single family dwellings and accessory structures subject to the following provisions

d. Horse keeping at a maximum density of one (1) horse per two and one-half (2½) acres; or two (2) miniature horses per two and one-half (2 ½) acres.

D. Interim Uses.

6. Keeping, boarding, breeding, feeding, sheltering or training of horses where there is a density of more than one (1) horse per two and one-half (2 ½) acres; or more than two (2) miniature horses per two and one-half (2 ½) acres.

SECTION 5.09 Urban Growth District

D. Interim Uses.

4. Keeping, boarding, breeding, feeding, sheltering or training of horses, where the density does not exceed one (1) horse per two and one-half (2 ½) acres; or two (2) miniature horses per two and one-half (2 ½) acres.

SECTION 5.10 Rural Transit Center District

D. Interim Uses.

3. Keeping, boarding, breeding, feeding, sheltering or training of horses, where the density does not exceed one (1) horse per two and one-half (2 ½) acres; or two (2) miniature horses per two and one-half (2 ½) acres.

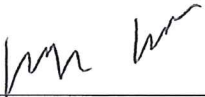
Section 2. SEVERABILITY. Should any section, subdivision, clause or other provision of this Ordinance be held to be invalid in any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole, or of any part hereof, other than the part held to be invalid.

Section 3. FINDINGS. Findings for Amending the Lent Township Zoning Code by amending Chapter 3, Sections 3, 5.06, 5.07, 5.08, 5.09, 5.10. In amending the Township of Lent Township Land Use Regulations relating to allow miniature horses when calculating horse density,

the Town Board of Lent Township finds that the amendments do not create an excessive demand on existing parks, schools, streets and other public facilities and utilities which serve or are proposed to serve the area, is sufficiently compatible so that existing development will not be depreciated in value and there will be no deterrence to development of vacant land, is in the opinion of the Township to be reasonably related to the overall needs of the Township, is consistent with the intent and purposes of the zoning ordinance, and will not cause traffic hazards or congestions.

Section 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force upon its adoption by the Board of Supervisors.

Attest

By: 

Rick Keller, Chairman

By: 
Kelly Wood, Town Clerk



Passed by the Lent Town Board this 19th day of October, 2021.

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