

ORDINANCE #200  
CITY OF BIG FALLS

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF FARM ANIMALS, POULTRY,  
AND NON-DOMESTIC ANIMALS.

The city Council of the City of Big Falls, Minnesota, in order to stop the potential spread of disease within the City, and to abate the creation of a public nuisance and facilitate the safe and quiet enjoyment by the City residents of their home and, in general, to protect the public health, safety, and welfare of its citizens, ordains as follows:

1. Definitions: As used in this Section, the following definitions shall apply.
  - A. The term “farm animals” means cattle, horses, mules, sheep, goats, swine, ponies, rabbits, and other animals that are typically or customarily kept for purposes of agriculture and farm animal-husbandry.
  - B. The term “poultry” means all birds and other fowl which are typically and customarily kept for purposes of agriculture and farm animal husbandry and not typically and customarily kept as household pets, including, but not limited to chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons, guinea hens and turkeys.
2. Keeping: It is unlawful for any person to keep, maintain or harbor within the City of Big Falls any of the following animals:
  - A. Any animal or species prohibited by Minnesota or Federal Law.
  - B. Any farm animals or poultry, except in portions of the City that are taxed as agricultural.

3. It is the intent and effect of this ordinance to define guidelines for the keeping of animals on parcels of land located within the City of Big Falls. Keeping of farm animals or poultry is allowed only on parcels of land that are five or more acres or parcels taxed as agricultural prior to the year 2000.

This ordinance shall take effect upon its passage and publication.

Passed this 10<sup>th</sup> day of April 2000, by the City Council of the City of Big Falls.