

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-32A

AN ORDINANCE ALLOWING SHEEP TO BE USED FOR PRESCRIBED GRAZING, THEREBY AMENDING CHAPTER 14 OF THE CITY CODE

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 14 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~[stricken through]~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

CHAPTER 14: LICENSES AND PERMITS

ARTICLE III: ANIMAL LICENSES

DIVISION B: COMMERCIAL ANIMAL ESTABLISHMENTS

§ 14.99 HEALTH AND WELFARE REGULATIONS.

(i) *Location of animals.* Where the licensee keeps animals for sale or display, all animals shall be kept entirely within an enclosed building and no animals shall be kept or maintained outdoors. Exterior walking or exercise areas shall be maintained free of wastes and other litter, and all wastes should be removed and disposed of in an approved manner immediately. Goats and sheep used for prescribed grazing are required to be fenced using permanent or temporary fencing and may be provided a shelter from the weather within their fenced enclosure.

(l) *Disposal of wastes.* All animal wastes must be disposed of in a timely and sanitary manner approved by the City Environmental Health Division. In no event shall there be an accumulation of waste beyond 24 hours. In public areas during exhibition, all wastes must be disposed of immediately or, at minimum, such waste to be stored in an approved container with tight-fitting lids and disposed of in an approved sanitary manner at the end of the day. Goats and sheep used for prescribed grazing must have animal wastes regularly removed from shelters if shelters are provided.

(m) *Prescribed grazing must also meet the following requirements.* Prescribed grazing:

(1) Is not intended to allow the raising or keeping of goats or sheep as farm animals or domestic animals as regulated under Chapter 12 of this code.

(6) Is allowed for no more than 30 consecutive days per location on a site. A minimum of 30 days must pass before goats and sheep may graze the same location.

(7) [~~Must utilize only neutered male goats, unneutered male goats less than six months of age that accompany female goats, and female goats.~~] Goats and sheep may be used together, subject to the following requirement for the use of male goats or sheep:

(i) Male goats must be neutered, except unneutered male goats less than six months of age may be used when accompanied by at least one female goat, and unneutered male sheep less than six months of age may be used when accompanied by at least one female sheep.

(8) Herd size must not exceed [~~one goat~~]two total goats or sheep per every [~~one tenth~~]1/10 acre of the designated enclosure area.

(10) Licensees must provide 24-hour contact information including a telephone number, on signs at the property where the fenced enclosure is located and to Police Dispatch for responding to emergency situations, including but not limited to, goats and sheep outside of the fenced enclosure.

(12) Signs must warn the public to not enter the grazing enclosure and to not pet or feed the goats and sheep.

(13) Fencing is required and must be designed to prevent escape by goats and sheep and access by other animals. Temporary enclosure fencing must be removed within seven calendar days after the expiration of the license duration or the goats and sheep are removed, whichever occurs first.

(14) Shelters, if provided, must:

(F) Be removed within seven calendar days of the expiration of the license duration or the goats and sheep are removed from the property, whichever occurs first.

(15) Supplemental feed held onsite must be securely stored to prevent becoming an attractant for vermin and other pests. Goats and sheep must be provided access to drinking water daily. The source of the water cannot be rivers, streams, lakes or ponds.

Section 2. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publication according to law.

Passed and adopted this 28th day of September, 2026.

/s/ Tim Busse

Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Priyanka Rai

Secretary to the Council

APPROVED:

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied

City Attorney