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BENTON COUNTY MINNESOTA  
MARILYN J NOVAK  
COUNTY RECORDER

By: CK



**BENTON COUNTY ORDINANCE NO. 449**

WHEREAS, the Benton County Department of Development instituted proceedings to amend the Benton County Ordinance 185; and,

WHEREAS, on October 23rd and 24th, 2012, Notice of Public Hearing and intent to amend Benton County Ordinance was published in the official newspapers of the county; and,

WHEREAS, on November 8, 2012, the Benton County Planning Commission held a public hearing; and,

WHEREAS, on November 20, 2012 the Benton County Board of Commissioners held a public hearing and approved the proposed ordinance amendment; and,

NOW PURSUANT TO THE AUTHORITY VESTED BY MINNESOTA STATUTES SECTION 394.25, THE BENTON COUNTY BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS ORDAINS:

That the following be amended to read as:

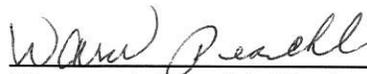
**8.11 Animal Unit Density Requirement (Ord. #431, adopted 10/7/08)**

- Less than 2 acres    0.5 animal units; and cats and dogs and other domestic animals customarily kept as household pets
- 2-4.99 acres        1.5 animal units; and cats and dogs and other domestic animals customarily kept as household pets
- 5-10 acres           1.5 animal units plus 0.5 animal unit for each additional acre owned above 5 acres with a maximum of 4 animal units; and cats and dogs and other domestic animals customarily kept as household pets
- 10.1-19.99 acres    4 animal units plus 0.5 animal unit for every acre above 10 acres with a maximum of 9 animal units; and cats and dogs and other domestic animals customarily kept as household pets

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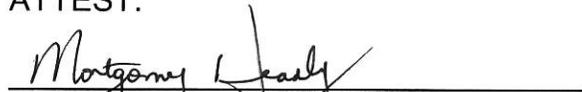
The following animal density shall apply in the Residential and Rural Service District

Less than 1 acres	Cats and dogs and other domestic animals customarily kept as household pets
1-1.99 acres	Cats and dogs and other domestic animals customarily kept as household pets; and 10 chickens (no roosters) as long as they are within a confined area.
2-4.99 acres	1 animal unit and cats and dogs and other domestic animals customarily kept as household pets; and 10 chickens (no roosters) as long as they are within a confined area. Up to 10 chickens shall not be counted towards the overall animal unit density.
5-10 acres	1.0 animal unit plus 0.25 animal unit for each additional acre owned above 5 acres max of 2.25 animal units; and cats and dogs and other domestic animals customarily kept as household pet and 10 chickens (no roosters) as long as they are within a confined area. Up to 10 chickens shall not be counted towards the overall animal unit density.
10.1-19.99 acres	2.25 animal unit plus 0.5 animal unit for every acre above 10 acres maximum of 7.25 animal units; and cats and dogs and other domestic animals customarily kept as household pets"



Warren J. Peschl, Chair  
Benton County Board of Commissioners

ATTEST:



Montgomery Headley  
Benton County Administrator