

Elm Creek Watershed Management Commission Recommended Livestock Management Policy

1. The primary goal of this policy is to improve water quality by reducing phosphorus runoff from livestock-associated facilities.
2. This policy applies to new facilities or the expansion of existing facilities based on the City's Conditional Use Permit (CUP) provisions for livestock.
3. Feedlots and manure storage areas are prohibited within the shoreland of any lake, perennial stream, intermittent stream, or protected wetland without a CUP or in areas like ditches that drain directly to wetlands, lakes or streams.
 - a. In the case of feedlots and manure storage areas for which a CUP is required, the CUP shall only be issued if a Nutrient and Management Plan (NMP) specific to that operation, and which has been prepared and implemented within the timeframe specified by the City, is in place.
 - b. The NMP must meet the standards of the University of Minnesota Extension Service or the United States Department of Agriculture Natural Resources and Conservation Services (NRCS).
4. **Definitions.**
 - a. **Animal Density.** Allowable animal density shall be based on the net area of the parcel that can be grazed in its entirety. This area excludes wetlands, woodland, farmsteads, feedlots, parking lots, and other areas where grazing cannot or should not occur.
 - b. **Animal Feedlot.** A lot or building or combination of lots and buildings intended for the confined feeding, breeding, raising or holding of animals and specifically designed as a confinement area in which manure may accumulate, or where the concentration of animals is such that a vegetative cover cannot be maintained within the enclosure. Open lots used for the feeding and rearing of poultry (poultry ranges) shall be considered to be animal feedlots. Manure storage areas off the site of the feedlot are considered as feedlots.
 - c. **Animal Unit.** The definition of "animal unit" shall be determined by the City. The City may also refer to Minnesota Rules part 7020.0300.
 - d. **Conditional use.** Land use or development as defined by ordinance that would not be appropriate generally but may be allowed with appropriate restrictions as provided by official controls upon a finding that certain conditions as detailed in the zoning ordinance exist, the use or development conforms to the comprehensive land use plan of the community, and the use is compatible with the existing neighborhood.
 - e. **Manure storage facility.** Any site or area specifically designed and/or constructed for the purpose of storage or holding of animal waste and manure. This includes any storage facility previously designed and installed meeting the NRCS Technical Guidelines current at the time of installation, any commercial-prefabricated storage facility, concrete slabs, earthen dugouts, dikes or any other area intended for the storage of animal manure, no matter how small that accumulation may be or how long the manure may be stored.
 - f. **Pasture** - Areas where grass or other growing plants are used for grazing and where the concentration of animals is such that a vegetative cover is maintained during the growing season except in the immediate vicinity of temporary supplemental feeding or watering devices. Those areas of supplemental feeding or watering devices within a pasture do not constitute a feedlot.
 - g. **Shoreland.** Land located within 1,000 feet from the ordinary high water level of a lake, pond, or flowage; 300 feet from a river or stream; or the landward extent of a floodplain designated by ordinance on a river or stream, whichever is greater.
5. **Exhibits.**

The following documents are attached and may be reviewed for content.

 - a. **Exhibit A.** 80.10 Manure Management Policy, City of Medina
 - b. **Exhibit B.** Manure Management-Related Ordinances, City of Medina.
 - c. **Exhibit C.** Ordinance 2016-02 Amending City Code Section 152.071(G) as it pertains to livestock and domestic farm animals, City of Greenfield.