

## **SECTION 5-12: FEEDLOTS**

### **Subsection A: Preamble**

The feedlot ordinance was drafted for Pipestone County where an efficient and profitable livestock industry is an economic benefit. It provides a value added opportunity to our crop based agriculture and creates service industries that provide employment and further economic activity. An efficient industry also produces high quality food and fiber for consumers at reasonable prices. The wastes produced in livestock production have the potential, when improperly stored, transported or disposed, to contribute to air, surface water, and ground water pollution. When properly utilized, such wastes contribute to soil fertility and structure and enhance efficient crop production. The following ordinance has been promulgated to reduce risk of pollution of natural resources from feedlots.

This ordinance addresses production sites as well as storage and land application. These rules comply with the policy and purpose of the State of Minnesota statutes regarding control of pollution (chapter 7020). The goal of this ordinance is to address economic and environmental needs as they specifically relate to necessary stipulations of livestock feedlots and established farmsteads and urban areas to optimize the general welfare of the citizens of Pipestone County. All existing and future feedlots in Pipestone County shall comply with the standards set forth within the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) Chapter 7020 rules and updates, and this Ordinance.

### **Subsection B: Requirements and Procedures For Feedlot Owners of Pipestone County**

1. All feedlots shall operate under Chapter 7020 which is the State of Minnesota's rule addressing pollution problems associated with livestock facilities. Also, feedlots shall operate under the Pipestone County Feedlot Ordinance which addresses local pollution concerns with feedlots.
2. An onsite visit will be conducted by staff of the Pipestone Conservation and Zoning Office. The staff will have experience in zoning issues as well as offer assistance to those with pollution hazards present.
  1. A building permit shall not be issued without a manure management plan. A minimum of 1 acre will be required for 2 animal units, unless documentation is presented with the plan to indicate potential nutrient uptake and nutrient value of the manure being applied.
1. Manure shall be treated as a nutrient and applied accordingly. In many cases this will require injection/incorporation of manure.
2. Notifications will be completed by the Pipestone County Conservation and Zoning Office and a fee as set by the Pipestone County fee schedule will be charged to the applicant.

### **Subsection C: Setbacks**

1. 100 feet from all property lines;
2. 100 feet from all wells;
3. 100 feet from the center-line of county and townships road;
4. 150 feet from the center-line of state and federal roads;
5. 1000 feet from the ordinary high water level of a lake, pond, or reservoir;
6. 300 feet from the ordinary high water level of a river or stream;
7. As the number of animal units increase in a feedlot so to is the amount of manure generated in that feedlot. Furthermore, when a pollution hazard occurs the consequences become more severe as the accumulations of manure are greater. Therefore, neighboring house(s) shall be protected by requiring a setback distance from all feedlots. A neighboring house(s) includes the following: a building used as a church, synagogue, or a place of worship with regularly scheduled services, a cemetery governed by a cemetery association, local government, or congregation of worshipers; a public or private school, a hospital, or a government sponsored park.
8. The set back pertaining to all new feedlots from neighboring house(s) is a minimum setback of 1,320 feet (1/4 mile) up to 800 animal units plus an additional 1.25 feet per animal unit over 800.
9. The expansion of an existing feedlot up to 1,200 animal units will require a minimum setback of 500 feet from neighboring house(s). Expansions greater than 1,200 animal units would require the 500 foot set back plus an additional 1.25 feet per animal unit over 1,200
10. When possible the expansion of the existing feedlot shall be placed away from the neighboring house.
11. Any new feedlot located within 500 feet of an existing feedlot, will be considered one feedlot for the purpose of animal unit setbacks.
12. All new or expansions to existing feedlots located within an UE District shall make application to Pipestone County for a variance.

### **Subsection D: Prohibited Uses**

1. No new feedlots or expansions of existing feedlots shall be allowed in the following areas:
  - a) Within Wellhead Protection Areas;
  - b) Within Shoreland areas;
  - c) Within a floodplain;
  - d) Within 1,000 feet of the boundary of a public park;
  - e) In sinkholes or areas draining into sinkholes;
  - f) Up to 800 animal units, within quarter ( $\frac{1}{4}$ ) mile of the nearest point to any private residence;
  - g) Within one mile of:
    - i) the corporate limits of any incorporated community;
    - ii) Churches, chapels, temples, synagogues, cemeteries, with normal accessory buildings for education and living quarters.
2. Spillage or spreading of manure is not allowed on roads, road right of way, ditches, or waterways.

