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NOTICE OF INTENTION TO MAKE CHANGES / AMENDMENTS TO THE MOWER COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO HAZARDOUS BUILDINGS AND MINOR REVISIONS TO THE MOWER COUNTY FEEDLOT ORDINANCE AND DEFINITIONS

Notice is hereby given that the Mower County Planning Commission will assemble on Tuesday, 6/29/2021 at 7:00 p.m. in the County Commissioner's Room, located in the lower level of the Mower County Government Center, (201 1st Street NE, Austin MN 55912), to discuss the following update and changes to the Mower County Ordinances. Access into the building is through the Law Enforcement Center (LEC) doors. You may also participate in the meeting via teleconference:

Planning Commission - Public Hearing
Tue, Jun 29, 2021 7:00 PM - 8:00 PM (CDT)

Please join the meeting from your computer, tablet or smartphone.

<https://global.gotomeeting.com/join/332165181>

You can also dial in using your phone.

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A full copy of the proposed changes is available for review in the Mower County Auditor's Office, on the Mower County's Website under Departments/Environmental Services/Ordinances: <https://www.co.mower.mn.us/203/Ordinances>; an electronic copy can be provided to you at no cost by contacting the Mower County Environmental Services Office via email address at: zoning@co.mower.mn.us. Hard copies are available upon advance request; Mower County policy requires a fee of 25 cents per page for printing. This is a summary notice; minor changes to the ordinance are shown by underline and italics, or strikethrough.

Mower County encourages public participation by either attending the public hearing to hear or provide comment(s), or by submitting written comments to Public Works Department at 1105 8th Avenue NE, Austin MN 55912 or you may email written comments to zoning@co.mower.mn.us. Written comments received on or before 4:00 p.m. 6/25/2021 will be copied and provided to the Planning Commission for their review and consideration at the public hearing. All comments of the public hearing or written comments will be summarized and provided to the County Board before consideration of adoption of the ordinance.

Notice is hereby further given that the Mower County Board of Commissioners may hear the aforementioned Amendment Change(s) on Tuesday, July 6, 2021 at approximately 1:30 pm in the County Commissioner's Room, if the Ordinance Changes are forwarded by the Planning Commission.

HAZARDOUS/VACANT BUILDING ORDINANCE

MAJOR ORDINANCE CHANGES/AMENDMENTS INCLUDE ALL OF THE FOLLOWING:

- **Establishment of** AN ORDINANCE FOR THE IDENTIFICATION AND REGULATION OF VACANT BUILDINGS WITHIN THE COUNTY OF MOWER, STATE OF MINNESOTA, aka. **Hazardous Building Ordinance.**
- **Purpose and Intent:** The intent of this amendment (addition) to the Zoning Ordinance is for Mower County to enact an ordinance which will grant similar privilege as Minn. Statute 463 which allows a municipality to manage hazardous buildings.
- **Proposed Subdivision Sections Include:**
 - Subd. 1. PURPOSES AND FINDINGS
 - Subd. 2. DEFINITIONS
 - Subd. 3. SECURING VACANT BUILDINGS
 - Subd. 4. EMERGENCY SECURING OF VACANT BUILDINGS
 - Subd. 5. INSPECTIONS
 - Subd. 6. MAINTENANCE OF VACANT BUILDINGS
 - Subd. 7. NO OCCUPANCY OR TRESPASS
 - Subd. 8. VANDALISM OR REMOVAL OF ITEMS PROHIBITED
 - Subd. 9. APPEAL
 - Subd. 10. PENALTY

FEEDLOT ORDINANCE:

MINOR ORDINANCE CHANGES/AMENDMENTS INCLUDE:

(changes denoted by underline and italics, or strikethrough)

- **ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 14-7. DEFINITIONS:**

Revisions to the following terms: Feedlot, or Animal Feedlot; Feedlot, Existing; Feedlot, Expansion; Feedlot, Permitted; Feedlot Pollution Control Officer
- **ZONING ORDINANCE SECTION 14-18.2. SPECIAL REQUIREMENTS FOR FEEDLOTS:**
 - (b) All feedlots (including existing, new and expansions) of ten (10) or more animal units ~~in shoreland areas and fifty (50) or more animal units in other areas~~ require feedlot permits from the Mower County Feedlot Pollution Control Officer or the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency (MPCA) for the construction of any building, facility, or structure that is intended or could be intended to house animals or animal waste. ~~indicating conformance with Minnesota Rules, Chapter 7020, or successor rules.~~
 - (h) An applicant for a new feedlot or feedlot expansion, including those that do not require an MPCA @ County permit but require a County an-MPCA permit, must provide written notice of intent to the township and all property owners within a one (1) mile radius of the facility. Property owners who reside within the one (1) mile radius in a municipality will not be notified. Notification will then go to the municipality. A certificate of mailing will be provided to the Feedlot Officer. Certificate of mailing will not be required to be sent to adjacent land owners, but is still required to notify the township and city, if the feedlot meets two (2) of the following:

- (1) Less than 100 Animal Units
- (2) Between 100-299 Animal Units with no increase to existing number of Animal Units
- (3) No new Liquid Manure Storage Area (LMSA) with the capacity to hold more than 20,000 gallons of animal waste; and no increase of volume to an existing manure storage area

BY ORDER OF THE
MOWER COUNTY PLANNING COMMISSION

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