

# AN ORDINANCE of the CITY OF MINNEAPOLIS

By Gordon

## Amending Title 20, Chapter 537 of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances relating to Zoning Code: Accessory Uses and Structures

The City Council of the City of Minneapolis do ordain as follows:

Section 1. That Section 537.110 of the above-entitled ordinance be amended by adding thereto the following allowed accessory use or structures and development standards, in alphabetical sequence to read as follows:

**537.110. Allowed accessory uses and structures.** The following accessory uses and structures shall be allowed, subject to the following development standards:

Animal coops, pens or other structures used to house small animals or fowl, such as a chicken, turkey, duck or pigeon. Animal coops, pens or other structures used to house small animals or fowl, such as a chicken, turkey, duck or pigeon shall be allowed accessory to a dwelling subject to the following:

- (1) The use shall be located not less than twenty (20) feet from any habitable building on an adjacent property.
- (2) The use shall be visually screened from any adjacent residential use.
- (3) The use shall be constructed of durable materials and shall be compatible with the principal structure and adjacent residential properties.
- (4) The use shall be located entirely to the rear of the principal residential structure.
- (5) The use shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 70, Fowl, Pigeons and Other Small Animals, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Animal runs. Animal runs used to exercise small animals or fowl, such as a chicken, turkey, duck or pigeon. Animal runs shall be allowed accessory to a dwelling subject to the following:

- (1) The use shall be located not less than twenty (20) feet from any habitable building on an adjacent property.
- (2) The use must be fenced or otherwise enclosed to keep the animals confined to the designated area.

(3) The use shall be located entirely to the rear of the principal structure.

(4) The use shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 70, Fowl, Pigeons and Other Small Animals, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Apiary. An apiary shall be allowed as an accessory use subject to the following:

(1) The use shall be located not less than twenty (20) feet from any habitable building on an adjacent property.

(2) The use shall comply with the requirements of Title 4, Chapter 74, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

Aquaponics, aquaculture or hydroponics. Aquaponics, aquaculture or hydroponics shall be allowed accessory to an urban farm or accessory to indoor market gardens located in a commercial or downtown zoning district, subject to the following:

(1) The operator shall maintain any required licensure through the Department of Natural Resources and the Department of Agriculture.

(2) The tanks shall not be connected to the sewer system.

Cold frames or other structures used to cover food or ornamental crops to protect from cold weather. Cold frames or other structures used to cover food or ornamental crops and provide protection from cold weather shall be allowed as an accessory use subject to the following:

(1) The use shall not exceed four (4) feet in height.

(2) The use shall not be located in a required interior side yard.

Community bulletin board. Community Bulletin Boards shall be allowed accessory to institutional and public uses, subject to the following:

(1) A community bulletin board shall not be located in any required yard or within twenty (20) feet of any habitable building on an adjacent property.

(2) Community bulletin boards shall not exceed eight (8) square feet in area and shall not exceed six (6) feet in height.

(3) Landscaping or other decorative materials designed to screen the base of the community bulletin board shall be provided. Such landscape or decorative materials shall be capable of screening the base of the community bulletin board all year and shall be well maintained.

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(4) Illumination is prohibited.

Community garden. In addition to the zoning districts in which community gardens are allowed as a principal use, community gardens shall be allowed as an accessory use subject to the provisions of Chapter 536, Specific Development Standards, and the following:

(1) In the residence and OR1 districts, community gardens shall not be allowed accessory to a residential use.

Community supported agriculture drop-off/pick up. Community supported agriculture drop-off/pick up sites shall be allowed as an accessory use.

Compost container. Compost containers shall be allowed as an accessory use, subject to Chapter 244, Housing Maintenance Code, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances the following:

(1) The use shall be located not less than twenty (20) feet from any habitable building on an adjacent property.

(2) The use shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 244, Housing Maintenance Code, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances and with all applicable rules and statutes as determined by the Minnesota Pollution Control Agency.

Farmstand. Farmstands shall be allowed accessory to a community garden, market garden or urban farm, subject to the provisions of Chapter 535, Regulations of General Applicability.

Fowl, pigeons and other small animals. Fowl, pigeons and other small animals, such as a chicken, turkey, duck or pigeon, shall be allowed accessory to a permitted or conditional residential use subject to the following:

(1) The use shall comply with the requirements of Chapter 70, Fowl, Pigeons and Other Small Animals, of the Minneapolis Code of Ordinances.

(2) Live slaughter shall be prohibited.

Hoop houses or other structures used solely to extend the growing season for food or ornamental crops. Hoop houses or other structures used solely to extend the growing season for food or ornamental crops shall be allowed as an accessory use subject to the applicable district regulations and subject to the following:

(1) In the residence and OR1 districts the use must be located in the rear fifty (50) feet of the lot.

- (2) The use shall be located not less than twenty (20) feet from any habitable building on an adjacent property.
- (3) The use shall not be located in a required interior side yard.
- (4) Notwithstanding the provisions of this chapter, hoop houses, cold frames or other temporary structures used solely to extend the growing season for food or ornamental crops that are accessory to a community garden, market garden or urban farm, shall be exempt from the maximum floor area of all accessory structures, provided that the total size of such temporary structures shall not exceed one thousand (1,000) square feet or fifteen (15) percent of the lot area, whichever is greater, and shall not exceed a duration of one hundred eighty (180) days in a calendar year.
- (5) The use shall comply with all applicable requirements of the Minnesota State Fire Code and Minneapolis Fire Department and obtain any required permits.
- (6) Notwithstanding the provisions of section 537.50, the maximum height of a hoop house or other structure used solely to extend the growing season for food or ornamental crops shall not exceed six and one half (6 1/2) feet accessory to single and two-family dwellings and multiple-family dwellings having three (3) or four (4) dwelling units and twelve (12) feet accessory to all other uses. The use shall not exceed the maximum height for any accessory structure as specified in section 537.50.

Market garden. In addition to the zoning districts in which market gardens are allowed as a principal use, market gardens shall be allowed as an accessory use subject to the provisions of Chapter 536, Specific Development Standards, and the following:

- (1) In the residence and OR1 districts, market gardens shall not be allowed accessory to a residential use.

Certified as an official action of the City Council: *CUH*

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Gordon	X						Schiff	X					
Hofstede	X						Tuthill	X					
Johnson	X						Quincy	X					
Samuels	X						Colvin Roy	X					
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