

**CITY OF GRANT, MINNESOTA  
RESOLUTION NO. 2010-05**

**RESOLUTION ADOPTING A PROCESS  
FOR DETERMINING GRAZABLE ACRES**

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grant has revised its definition for grazable acres; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grant is required to determine a property's grazable area upon receiving 1.) an application for conditional use permit, 2.) a zoning enforcement complaint, or 3.) a request from a resident; and

**WHEREAS**, the City of Grant wishes to identify a clear process for determining grazable area on a property which reduces the need for interpretation; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission has considered the issue at a duly noticed Public Hearing which took place on November 16, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the Planning Commission engaged in considerable discussion and made a recommendation to the City Council on December 21, 2009; and

**WHEREAS**, the City Council for the City of Grant considered the Planning Commission's recommendation at both its January 5, 2010 and February 1, 2010, City Council meetings;

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY RESOLVED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRANT, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**, that it does hereby approve the following process for determining grazable acres:

- (1) The Zoning Administrator shall calculate the number of grazable acres on a given site using the most recent aerial photography and the Minnesota Land Cover Classification System (MLCCS) Level I data to identify and exclude 1.) wetlands other than Types 1 and 2, 2.) any wetland less than 1/4 acre; and 3.) the Homesite.

(2) Homesite shall include the residence, all outbuildings permitted by the City's Code of Ordinances and the immediately adjacent property mowed and utilized by the property owner. For the purpose of calculating grazable acres, the Homesite area shall constitute 1/2 acre for parcels of six acres or less, and one acre for parcels greater than six acres.

(3) If an applicant requests an adjustment to the calculated grazable acreage as part of the review process, a site visit and a wetland delineation may be required. If appropriate, the Zoning Administrator shall consult with the Washington Conservation District to determine if grazing plans, manure management plans, or other best management practices are appropriate for the site. The applicant will be responsible for all costs associated with the City's evaluation of the grazable acreage adjustment request.

(4) The Zoning Administrator shall consult with the City Council, the watershed districts, or other agencies as appropriate to determine grazable acres, identify potential impacts, and determine recommendations or conditions.

Adopted by the Grant City Council this 1st day of February, 2010.

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Tom Carr, Mayor

State of Minnesota            )  
  ) ss.  
County of Washington        )

I, the undersigned, being the duly qualified and appointed Clerk of the City of Grant, Minnesota do hereby certify that I have carefully compared the foregoing resolution adopted at a meeting of the Grant City Council on \_\_\_\_\_, 2010 with the original thereof on file in my office and the same is a full, true and complete transcript thereof.

Witness my hand as such City Clerk and the corporate seal of the City of Grant, Washington County, Minnesota this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2010.

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Kim Points  
Clerk  
City of Grant