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21.01 Purpose: The major purpose of this district is to allow existing agricultural and conservancy areas in the outlying parts of the City that do not have central sewer and water services. Limited residential development will be allowed in this district.

21.02 Permitted Uses:

- Subd. 1.** Farming and agricultural related buildings and structures subject to Minnesota Pollution Control Standards, but not including commercial feedlots or other commercial operations.
- Subd. 2.** Single family detached dwellings.
- Subd. 3.** Public recreation, including parks and playgrounds.
- Subd. 4.** Essential services: Telephone lines, communication lines, and power lines and necessary appurtenant equipment and structures.
- Subd. 5.** State mandated daycare/group homes per Minnesota Statutes Section 462.357, as may be amended.
- Subd. 6.** Hobby farms and stables.

21.03 Accessory Uses:

- Subd. 1.** Any incidental structure, building, or machinery necessary to the conduct of agricultural, single-family residential, and other permitted uses including 1 satellite dish not to exceed 2 feet in diameter.
- Subd. 2.** Permitted Home Occupation.

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- Subd. 3.** Boarding or renting of rooms to not more than 2 people provided that there are (a) no separate cooking facilities, (b) no separate entrance and (c) such use does not create the need for more than 2 off-street parking spaces. The parking spaces must be provided within the driveway of the principal structure.
- Subd. 4.** Signs subject to the standards in Section #53 (Signs).
- Subd. 5.** Non-commercial or non-retail greenhouses, nurseries, or conservatories.
- Subd. 6.** Private garages subject to the requirements in Section #41 (Accessory Buildings).
- Subd. 7.** Tool houses, sheds and similar buildings for storage of domestic supplies and non-commercial recreational equipment subject to the provisions of Section #41. (Accessory Buildings).
- Subd. 8.** The reasonable exterior storage of recreational vehicles and yard maintenance equipment. The City Council has sole discretion to determine what constitutes reasonable storage.
- Subd. 9.** Exterior Storage as permitted in Section # 40 (General Provisions).
- Subd. 10.** Fences, decks, screen houses, swimming pools, and storage buildings for the use of occupants of the principal structures subject to the requirements in this Ordinance.
- Subd. 11.** Parking spaces and carports for licensed and operable passenger cars and trucks subject to the requirements in Section #46. (Off-Street Parking).

21.04 Conditional Uses:

- Subd. 1.** Cemeteries and Burial Vaults.
- Subd. 2.** Government buildings such as post offices, city halls, fire and police stations.
- Subd. 3.** Public, Educational, and Religious Buildings: Public or semi-public recreational buildings and neighborhood or community centers; public and private educational institutions limited to preschools, elementary, junior high and senior high schools; and religious

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institutions such as churches, chapels, temples, and synagogues.

Subd. 4. Communication towers or antennas.

Subd. 5. Commercial greenhouses, nurseries, or conservatories.

21.05 Interim Uses:

Subd. 1. Interim Home Occupation.

Subd. 2. Commercial or Hobby kennels as defined in Maple Lake City Code Chapter #41.

Subd. 3. A mobile home to be used as a care facility subject to the requirements in Section #52 (Mobile Homes).

Subd. 4. Stands for the sale of agricultural products provided said products are primarily raised on the premises.

Subd. 5. Electronic graphic display signs for high schools subject to the performance standards for the B-2 Highway Business District listed in Section 53.

21.06 Uses by Administrative Permit: Subject to the applicable provisions of this Section, performance standards established by this Ordinance, and processing requirements of Section #14 (Administrative Permits) of this Ordinance, the following are uses allowed in the AG District by Administrative Permit as may be issued by the Zoning Administrator.

Subd. 1. Land Excavation/Grading: Subject to the requirements in Section #48.

Subd. 2. Land Filling Operations: Subject to the requirements in Section #49.

Subd. 3. Mobile Home as Temporary Construction Office: Subject to the requirements in Section #52.

Subd. 4. Mobile Home as a Temporary Dwelling Unit During Construction: Subject to the requirements in Section #52.

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21.07 Performance Standards:

Subd. 1. Lot Area:

- A. Farm Residences: No Requirement.
- B. Non-farm single family residences: 5 acres provided that no more than one 5 acre parcel is allowed per 40 acres.

Subd. 2. Lot Width:

- A. Farm Residences: No Requirement.
- B. Non-farm single family residences: Minimum width of 150 feet.

Subd. 3. Lot Depth:

- A. Farm Residences: No Requirement.
- B. Non-farm single family residences: Minimum depth of 200 feet.

Subd. 4. Front Yard Setback:

Minimum Front Yard Setback from:

State Highway: 125 feet from the center of the proposed ultimate right of way section for State Highway 55 or a minimum of 50 feet from the dedicated right of way that fits the ultimate section as defined by MnDOT or Wright County Highway Department.

County Road: 50 feet from Right of Way or Easement

City Street: 30 feet from Right of Way or Easement

Where a lot is located at the intersection of 2 or more roads or highways, there shall be a front yard setback on each road or highway side of each corner lot.

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Subd. 5. Side Yard Setback:

- A. Minimum Side Yard Setback: 30 feet.
- B. Exception for Livestock Buildings: If a building will house livestock or any farm animals, there must be a side yard width of at least 50 feet on each side of the building.

Subd. 6. Rear Yard Setback:

- A. Minimum Rear Yard Setback: 50 feet.

Subd. 7. Lots adjacent to Power Lines, Pipe Lines, and Rail Roads. Lots platted or located adjacent to power lines, pipe lines, and rail road right-of-way shall require additional depth of 20 feet above the minimum requirements of the Zoning District.

Subd. 8. Required Buildable Area. Except as may be approved by the City Council and except for lots of record, preliminary platted lots, and residential Planned Unit Development concepts having legal standing on January 1, 2005 (effective date of Ordinance), all lots must contain usable/buildable upland equal to at least 90 percent of the required minimum lot areas. The required upland area shall not contain wetlands, streams, ponds, steep slopes (12% or greater), easements, or any other non-buildable terrain. Lots which involve wetland mitigation practices shall be evaluated for conformance with this requirement based on wetland mitigation plans indicating areas of wetland filling or dredging.

Subd. 9. Building Height:

- A. The maximum height of all buildings shall not conflict with airport zoning regulations and, except as listed below, shall not exceed 2 ½ stories or 35 feet.
 - 1. Grain elevators, silos, windmills, elevator lags, cooling towers, chimneys and smokestacks, and church spires shall not exceed 60 feet in height.
 - 2. Rooftop mechanical equipment shall not exceed the building height requirements by more than 10 feet.

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3. Water towers are exempt from the building height requirement.

Subd. 10. Location of Structures.

Structures will be located on each lot so as to permit resubdivision if and when city sewer and water systems become available.

Subd. 11. General Requirements.

- A. Building Permit Application. The application for a building permit, in addition to other information required, shall indicate the height, size, design, and all elevations of the proposed building and a description of the construction materials proposed to be used.
- B. Compliance with Building Code. All homes shall meet the requirements of the Minnesota State Building Code or the applicable manufactured housing code.
- C. Continuous Perimeter Foundation Required. All homes shall be constructed upon a continuous perimeter foundation that meets the requirements of this Ordinance and the Minnesota State Building Code.
- D. Frost Footings Required. All homes shall have frost footings and a permanent foundation consisting of concrete block, concrete, or an approved equivalent. For the purpose of this Section, a frost footing shall be any footing placed at the required depth to avoid the accepted frost line as determined by an engineer of soil mechanics, and absent an engineer's report, placed at a depth of at least 3 ½ feet.
- E. Roof. All homes shall have an earth covered, composition, shingled, tiled, or interlocking metal roof.
- F. Roof Pitch. Except earth sheltered homes, all homes shall have a roof pitch of at least 4:12.
- G. Dimensions. All homes shall not be less than 24 feet in width over that entire minimum length. Width measurements shall not include overhangs and other projections beyond the principal walls.
- H. Garage. Every single family dwelling unit hereafter erected shall have at least a 484 square feet attached garage.

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- I. Location on Lot. Provisions shall be made for possible future decks, porches, or additions that meet setback standards as part of the initial building plans and survey.

- J. Exterior Materials. Permitted exterior materials include: brick, stone, integral colored split face (rock face) concrete block, wood, (natural or composite, provided the surfaces are finished for exterior use or wood of proven exterior durability is used, such as cedar, redwood, or cypress), stucco, vinyl, steel, fiber cement, and aluminum siding.
 - 1. Compatibility. The exterior architectural design of a proposed dwelling may not be so at variance with, nor so similar to, the exterior architectural design of any structure or structures already constructed, or in the course of construction, in the immediate neighborhood, nor so at variance with the character of the surrounding neighborhood as to cause a significant depreciation in the property values of the neighborhood or adversely affect the public health, safety, or general welfare.

 - 2. Exterior Building Finish. The exterior shall include a variation in building materials which are to be distributed throughout the building facades and coordinated into the architectural design of the structure to create an architecturally balanced appearance.

 - 3. Exception. Building foundations not exceeding 2 feet and other such portions of a building's facade need not comply with the requirements for the primary facade treatment or materials.

- K. Required Architectural Details.
 - 1. The front of all new construction single-family homes shall contain a minimum of 2 architectural features such as a front porch, dormer, attached decks, gazebo, architectural recesses, decorative cornices, bay/bow windows, pilasters, columns, cantilevers, built-in planter/window boxes, formal pediment and trim emphasizing front door entry, or other significant architectural detail. Variations of color alone shall not be sufficient to comply with this condition.

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Amendment History of this Section

Amended May 18, 2006 (R2006-18). Effective Date: February 21, 2007. Amended Section 21.07, Subd. 4, Front setback from state highway.

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