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RURAL TOURISM ORDINANCE

SECTION 4. RULES AND DEFINITIONS SUBDIVISION 2

Home Based Craft Sales. A home based activity selling items made or fabricated on site. Such as but not limited to: Ceramics, pottery, rugs, wood products, art work, etc. Such sale events are limited to 6 times per year.

SECTION 6. AGRICULTURE/RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT SUBDIVISION 3

23. Rural Tourism businesses which attract travelers or visitors to areas historically or traditionally used for agricultural purposes, limited to 300 maximum guests including support staff and are entertainment, recreation, and/or education-focused . A setback of 500' is required from the venues main event area to the nearest neighboring residences. (See Section 14 General Regulations Subdivision 12 for further permitting regulations).

Subdivision 2. Permitted uses

26. Home based Craft Sales;

SECTION 7. RURAL SERVICE CENTER DISTRICT SUBDIVISION 3

9. Rural Tourism businesses which attract travelers or visitors to areas historically or traditionally used for agricultural purposes, limited to 300 maximum guests including support staff and are entertainment, recreation, and/or education-focused. A setback of 500' will be required from the venues main event area to the nearest neighboring residences.

(See Section 14 General Regulations Subdivision 12 for further permitting regulations).

Subdivision 2. Permitted uses

6. Home based Craft Sales;

SECTION 11. SHORELAND DISTRICT SUBDIVISION 2 SUBDISTRICTS

Special Protection

3. Conditional Uses

f. Rural Tourism businesses which attract travelers or visitors to areas historically or traditionally used for agricultural purposes, limited to 300 maximum guests including support staff and are entertainment, recreation, and/or education-focused. A setback of 500' is required from the venues main event area to the nearest neighboring residences. (See Section 14 General Regulations Subdivision 12 for further permitting regulations).

Subdivision 2. Permitted uses
g. Home based Craft Sales;

Residential District
3. Conditional Uses

g. Rural Tourism businesses which attract travelers or visitors to areas historically or traditionally used for agricultural purposes, limited to 300 maximum guests including support staff and are entertainment, recreation, and/or education-focused. A setback of 500' is required from the venues main event area to the nearest neighboring residences. (See Section 14 General Regulations Subdivision 12 for further permitting regulations).

Subdivision 2. Permitted uses
h. Home based Craft Sales;

Water Oriented Commercial District
3. Conditional Uses

g. Rural Tourism businesses which attract travelers or visitors to areas historically or traditionally used for agricultural purposes, limited to 300 maximum guests including support staff and are entertainment, recreation, and/or education-focused. A setback of 500' is required from the venues main event area to the nearest neighboring residences. (See Section 14 General Regulations Subdivision 12 for further permitting regulations).

Subdivision 2. Permitted uses
i. Home based Craft Sales;

SECTION 14. GENERAL REGULATIONS SUBDIVISION 12

Rural Businesses

A. Purpose. In accordance with the stated goals of the Isanti County Comprehensive Development Plan, it is the purpose of this subdivision to:

- Preserve and celebrate Isanti County's archaeological properties, rural and agricultural heritage, and historical landscapes;
- To recognize Isanti County's scenic features, exceptional rural ambience, historic sites as desirable local amenities which will draw outside revenue from visitors, that is vital to the local economy.
- Enhance Isanti County's appeal to visitors who are drawn to its rural atmosphere;
- Provide opportunities for new economic growth through Rural Tourism businesses;

B. Standards. Rural Tourism businesses shall meet the following standards:

1. Rural Tourism businesses shall require a Conditional Use Permit in accordance with Section 18 of this Ordinance.

2. Rural Tourism businesses shall be shown to have a unique and demonstrable relationship with Isanti County or its region, and its history, culture, traditions, arts, crafts, lore, natural resources, or other features and amenities, in accordance with the above stated purposes.

C. Allowed Uses. Allowed Rural Tourism business shall include things such as farm or other historical heritage attractions, single family residential rental properties for retreats, crafting, weddings, receptions, bed & breakfasts, wineries, craft breweries and distilleries, special events or music festivals, corn mazes, holiday celebrations and harvest festivals, country-craft/antique shops, unique local venues providing for the sale and serving of locally produced raw and/or

value-added agricultural products, goods and services, and other reasonably related merchandise, and other uses determined by the Zoning Department to be similar in nature and scope.

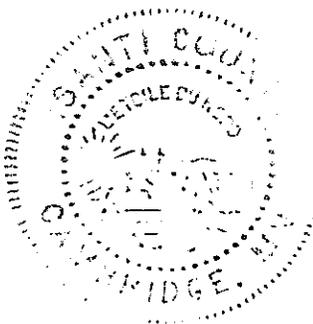
D. Rural Tourism shall meet the following requirements;

1. Will not create an increased demand upon existing services or amenities;
2. Are screened or able to be screened adequately, or are sufficiently separated from adjacent development or land, to prevent undue negative impact to nearby properties;
3. Will not have an appearance that is inconsistent or incompatible with the surrounding area;
4. Protect public and private property and the natural resources from damage resulting from storm-water runoff and erosion;
5. Impervious surface coverage of lots must not exceed twenty-five (25) percent of the lot area;
6. Adequate parking for employees and customers shall be provided on site and shall meet the parking standards of Section 14, Subdivision 2 of this Ordinance. The parking area must be located a minimum of 30 feet (30) from property lines and public road right-of-way. No on-street parking will be allowed;
7. Will not cause traffic hazard or un due congestion;
8. Noise, fumes, dust, odors, vibration, or light generated as a result of the proposed use will at the property line, be below the volume, frequency, or intensity such that they do not unreasonably interfere with the enjoyment of life, quiet, comfort, or outdoor recreation of an individual of ordinary sensitivity and habits in amounts not inconsistent with Minnesota Statutes. This standard shall not apply to incidental traffic parking, loading, construction, farming, or maintenance operations. In venues where there could be elevated noise issues the applicant shall provide a designed noise abatement plan.

E. All conditional uses for Rural Tourism shall meet the applicable requirements of Section 18.

F. Code Compliance. An existing structure or SSTS which is subjected to a change in occupancy or gallons per day loading as a result of an approved conditional use permit for a rural tourism business shall be retrofitted and/or upgraded to conform to current code requirements. All existing buildings proposed for use in association with the business shall be certified by an architect or engineer to be in compliance with current structural standards for the new occupancy prior to any use of the structure.

Adopted by the Isanti County Board of Commissioners on the 4th day of November, 2015.





Kevin VanHooser
Isanti County Administrator