

CITY OF AFTON

ORDINANCE NO. 09-2024

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 153, SECTION 153.005 DEFINITIONS TO REVISE THE DEFINITION OF FARM WINERY AND TO ADD SECTION 153.117 TO PROVIDE PERFORMANCE STANDARDS FOR FARM WINERIES

The City Council for the City of Afton, Washington County, Minnesota hereby ordains:

The following sections of the Afton Code of Ordinances shall be amended by adding the **bold and underlined** language and deleting the strike-through language.

Sec. 153.005. DEFINITIONS:

FARM WINERY. A winery operated by the owner of a state farm, or agricultural land, with a vineyard and producing table, sparkling or fortified wines from grapes, grape juice, other fruit bases or honey with a majority of the ingredients grown or produced in the state. **Wholesale sales are allowed with proper licensing.** ~~A FARM WINERY does not include retail sales, wine tastings or a commercial event venue.~~ **can include limited wine tastings and off-sale retail sales of wine during the wine tastings. A Farm Winery cannot be used as a commercial event venue.**

DESIGN AND PERFORMANCE STANDARDS

153.117 Farm Winery

(A) A Farm Winery is allowed with an approved Conditional Use Permit in the Agricultural zone.

(B) Wholesale sales of wine are allowed with a state Farm Winery License

(C) Wine tastings are allowed and shall be by appointment only, and appointments shall be limited to a maximum of 10 people and a maximum of two hours. Wine tastings shall be limited to three days per week and shall not extend beyond 9:00 p.m. Wine tastings require a state Farm Winery License

(D) Off-sale retail sales of wine may occur only as part of an allowed wine tasting.

(E) No food sales are allowed as part of a wine tasting.

(F) On-sale retail sales of wine is not allowed.

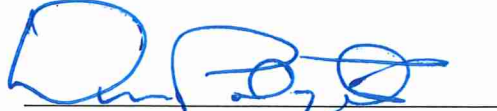
(G) Off-street parking shall be provided, with adequate parking for guests at wine tastings and for employees.

(H) The plans for a farm winery building and parking area shall be subject to review and approval as part of a conditional use permit application review process.

(I) A Farm Winery cannot be used as a commercial event venue.


ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AFTON THIS 20TH DAY OF August, 2024.

SIGNED:



Bill Palmquist, Mayor

ATTEST:



Ronald J. Moore, City Administrator