

**The Agricultural Use Covenant and Official Notice to Landowners in the  
Agricultural Zoning District, County of Dodge, State of Minnesota**

**This Ag Covenant is perpetual and runs with the land.  
Resolution #2004-24 was Repealed and Replaced with  
Resolution #2012-49**

**Whereas**, Section 8.1 of the Zoning Ordinance defines the purpose of the Agricultural District and notifies landowners of inconveniences or discomforts that may result from the normal agriculture operations;

**Whereas**, the County wishes to make the above stated purpose and declaration widely acknowledged by landowners in attempt to reduce conflicts and agricultural liabilities;

**Therefore, Be It Resolved** that Dodge County, after due public process, amended Section 8.1 to read as follows:

**8.1. Purpose**

To provide a district that will retain, conserve, and enhance agricultural land in the County and to protect this land from scattered residential development.

**8.2 Agricultural Covenant (“Ag Covenant”)**

The County will view the agricultural district as a zone in which land is used for commercial agricultural production. Owners, residents, and other users of property in this zone or neighboring properties may be subjected to inconvenience or discomfort arising from normal and accepted agricultural practices and operations, including but not limited to noise, odors, dust, operation of machinery of any kind including aircraft, flying debris, the storage and disposal of manure, and the application of fertilizers, soil amendments, herbicides, and pesticides. Owners, residents, and users of this property or neighboring property should be prepared to accept such inconveniences or discomfort from normal agricultural operations, and are hereby put on official notice that this declaration may prevent them from obtaining a legal judgment against such normal agricultural operations. When an owner of land in an agricultural district has received a permit for purposes of an agricultural use on his or her property and has received those permits by demonstrating that the intended use of his or her property is an agricultural use that is appropriate in an agricultural district, then such use is a part of normal and accepted agricultural practices and operations in Dodge County, Minnesota.

**Official Notice to Landowners**

The Ag Covenant applies to all properties located in the County’s Agricultural District and will be separately recorded in a manner that will cause it to be viewed and acknowledged during title search on all properties located within the Townships of Dodge County.

Also, all permits issued under Section 8.5 of the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance will require the permittee to acknowledge receipt and understanding of the Ag Covenant with personal signature and date and then record the signed acknowledgement.

Also, Section 8.6 Performance Standard of the Dodge County Zoning Ordinance to allow a ten (10) foot setback for an accessory structure from property line (side or rear) if the permittee acknowledge receipt and understanding of the Ag Covenant with personal signature and date and then record the signed acknowledgement.

**Please see attached legal description**

\*If you do not have a copy of your legal description a copy may be found in the Recorders office for a fee

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Parcel ID

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Property Owner (Print Name)

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Property Owner (Print Name)

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Property Owner

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Property Owner

State of Minnesota  
County of \_\_\_\_\_

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this \_\_\_\_\_ day  
of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_\_\_,

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Notary Public

**Drafted by:**  
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