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A complete graph on  $k$  vertices has  $f(k) = (k - 1)(k + 2)/2$  chords within any spanning cycle. Here we investigate minimum degree conditions that guarantee the existence of many vertex disjoint  $f(k)$  chorded cycles in a graph. We show that if the order  $n$  is sufficiently large and the graph has minimum degree at least  $sk$ , then the graph contains  $s$  vertex disjoint cycles, each with at least  $f(k)$  chords. This is, in a sense, a step towards a sparse Hajnal-Szmerédi theorem, where cliques are replaced by  $f(k)$  chorded cycles. (Received August 27, 2012)