

INTRODUCED BY: ALDERMAN OWENS

BILL NO. 13-23

ORDINANCE NO. 1046

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 205 OF THE WRIGHT CITY MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ANIMAL REGULATIONS PERTAINING TO KEEPING OF CHICKENS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF WRIGHT CITY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION I. Article II of Chapter 205, Animal Regulations, of the Wright City Code is hereby amended to add the text shown as underlined and delete text shown as ~~struck-through~~, to read as follows:

Chapter 205 Animal Regulations

Article II Chickens; Livestock

Section 205.025 Keeping Poultry

- A. Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the keeping of chickens in residential areas, to promote sustainable practices, provide access to locally sourced food, and promote community education on urban agriculture while protecting the health, safety, and welfare of the community and animals.
- B. Application. The regulations apply only to all platted property containing an occupied single-family home within the City of Wright City. It shall be unlawful for any person coming within the provisions of this Section to own, keep or harbor upon his/her premises any chickens except as provided herein. Nothing herein shall be deemed to permit the keeping of roosters, ducks, turkeys, pigeons, or other domestic fowl.
- C. No poultry shall be housed or confined within twenty-five (25) feet of any single-family dwelling that is located upon any adjoining lot. No more than four (4) hens are allowed. Keeping of roosters is prohibited.
- D. No poultry shall be kept or raised pursuant to this Section for a commercial purpose.
- E. Hens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times. The feed and water shall be unavailable to rodents, wild birds and predators.
- F. The chicken owner shall take necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents and potential infestation of insects and parasites.
- G. Chicken Run. Hens shall be confined in an enclosure by a secure fence to prevent their escape ("chicken run") meeting the following specifications:
 - 1. Constructed of wire mesh, wire grid, or chicken wire, or permissive fence material
 - 2. Six feet in height or less;
 - 3. The area enclosed by the fence shall contain a minimum of ten square feet per hen;
 - 4. Not containing more than 200 square feet in total size;
 - 5. Fifteen feet setback from any property line and at least twenty-five (25) feet from a neighboring residence; and
 - 6. Located entirely in the rear yard of the residential lot.

- H. Chicken Coop. The chicken coop shall be located within or adjacent to the fenced confinement. No more than one chicken coop shall be permitted on any lot. The chicken coop shall meet the following specifications:
1. A roof constructed of standard building material, but not a tarpaulin;
 2. Walls constructed of wood or metal, windowed or screened, which are six (6) feet or less in height;
 3. Materials used shall be uniform for each element of the structure such that the walls are made of the same material, the roof has the same shingles or other covering and any windows or openings are constructed using the same materials;
 4. The use of scrap, waste board, sheet metal, or similar materials is prohibited;
 5. Fifteen (15) feet setback from any property line and at least twenty-five (25) from a neighboring residence;
 6. Located entirely in the rear yard of the residence; and
 7. Structurally sound flooring shall be maintained and meet the requirements of this section; and
 8. Contain a minimum of four-square feet per animal kept, but cannot exceed one hundred (100) square feet in total size; and
 9. Must provide adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade and must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds and predators, including dogs and cats.
- I. Sanitation: Both the chicken run and coop shall be maintained as to not pose a threat to the public health, safety, and welfare or to cause a public nuisance. No material from the enclosure area or coop shall run off onto adjoining property. Any manure or waste shall be collected and properly removed from the premises or tilled into the soil promptly and regularly to prevent offensive smells or conditions conducive to diseases. Odors from chickens, chicken manure or other chicken related substances shall not be perceptible at the property boundaries. Food for the hens shall be stored in a sanitary, leak-proof container that cannot be contaminated by rodents or insects.
- J. Dogs or cats: If an owner's cat or dog injures or kills a chicken owned by another and it is determined that an interaction was provoked, occurred in the course of play, or resulted from the animal's innate hunting instincts, the dog or cat shall not be deemed a dangerous animal as defined in Section 205.020.

Section 205.030 Keeping ~~Poultry~~, Livestock Near Dwellings.

No ~~poultry~~ or livestock shall be housed or confined within two hundred (200) feet of any single-family dwelling that is located upon any adjoining lot. ~~No more than twelve (12) chickens are allowed. Keeping of roosters are prohibited.~~

Section 205.040 Livestock, Fowl at Large.

No owner or keeper of livestock, chickens, pigeons, domestic rabbits or poultry of any kind, character or description whatsoever shall permit the same to run at large within the City.

Section 205.050 Slaughtering Fowls Prohibited.

No poultry or fowls shall be kept or slaughtered for the purpose of sale either at wholesale or retail within or without the boundaries of the City. ~~A violation shall consist of operation after a written notice of desist which shall be served by the Chief of Police or his designee upon the person in charge of such business.~~

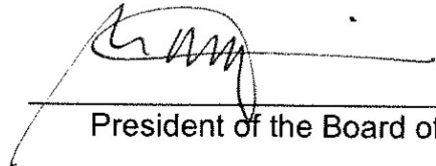
Section 205.055 Compliance with Zoning Regulations.

Nothing contained in this Article shall be construed as permitting any person to violate any Zoning Regulation of the City pertaining to livestock.

SECTION II. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION III. This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after the passage and approval thereof.

READ TWO TIMES BY TITLE AND PASSED by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Wright City, Missouri, this 24th day of August 2023.



President of the Board of Aldermen

ATTEST:



City Clerk

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR of the City of Wright City, Missouri, this 24th day of August 2023.



Mayor

ATTEST:



City Clerk