

**CITY OF LAKE OZARK**  
A Missouri Municipality of the 4th Class

**BILL NO.: 2024-15**

**ORDINANCE NO.: 2024-**

***AN ORDINANCE ADDING SECTION 205.155 TO  
THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKE OZARK,  
MISSOURI RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF  
CHICKENS***

**WHEREAS**, the City of Lake Ozark, currently has no ordinance specifically regulating the keeping of chickens; and

**WHEREAS**, members of the Board of Aldermen have directed City staff to put the before the Board for consideration an ordinance specifically related to the keeping of chickens.

**Now, therefore, be it ordained by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lake Ozark, Missouri, as follows:**

**Section 1 of this Ordinance.** Section 205.155 of the Code of the City of Lake Ozark shall read as follows:

A. No person shall keep or permit the keeping of more than six (6) chicken hens per half acre (21,780 square feet) on residential premises owned or controlled by him/her within the City.

B. Chicken roosters are not permitted unless you own 10 or more acres and then you are allowed to have one (1) rooster.

C. Chicken hens must be maintained in coop/roosts/run which are not permitted in the front yard of the premises and must be kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times. Chickens may not be loose within the City; they must be contained within an enclosed area (run). The coop/roost/run shall be well ventilated and provide protection from the weather and predators. The coop/roost/run must be cleaned on a regular basis so as to prevent offensive odors, attraction of flies or vermin or that would obstruct the free use of property so as to interfere with the comfortable enjoyment of life and property by members of the neighborhood or other persons.

D. The exterior boundary of the coop/roost/run of hens cannot be any closer than two hundred (200) feet to the nearest point of the dwelling of another, a church, school, or place of business of another.

E. The person owning or controlling the residential premises shall provide for the storage or removal of droppings. Stored droppings to be used for composting shall be fully covered or placed in an enclosure. All droppings not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed and properly disposed.

F. Any person with a chicken coop/roost/run, or wishing to have one, must submit an application to the City and submit a Fifty Dollar (\$50.00) licensing fee, regardless of the number of chickens you will be having. This is a one-time fee at the time of application which covers a city inspection. If at any time your coop/roost/run is found not to be within the City specifications, it will need to be moved or removed to avoid a fine. Upon the sale of a residence, the new owner must submit an application to retain the coop/roost/run or it must be removed.

**Section 2 of this Ordinance.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage by the Board of Aldermen of the City of Lake Ozark.

**First Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Second Reading:** \_\_\_\_\_

**DULY READ AND APPROVED THIS \_\_\_\_\_ DAY OF APRIL 2024.**

Alderman Watts	Aye	or	Nay
Alderman Franzeskos	Aye	or	Nay
Alderman Denny	Aye	or	Nay
Alderman Neels	Aye	or	Nay
Alderman Ridgely	Aye	or	Nay
Alderman Thompson	Aye	or	Nay

**APPROVE:**

**ATTEST:**

**MAYOR:**

**CITY CLERK:**

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**Dennis Newberry**

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**Kathy Vance**