

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 205.150 OF THE ANIMAL REGULATORY CODE TO ALLOW FOR THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS IN THE RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS AND REGULATING SAME

Whereas, the Board acknowledges that the keeping of a limited number of chickens for personal use has become more accepted and popular; and

Whereas, the Board would like to provide for the keeping of chickens in residential areas and enact limitations and restrictions to mitigate the adverse effects within residential areas.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF OWENSVILLE, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Section 205.150 of Chapter 205 of Title II of the Municipal Code is hereby amended by the addition of a new Subsection “D” which shall read as follows: [those subsections and provisions not specifically set forth herein are not amended in any way and remain in full force and effect.

TITLE II PUBLIC HEALTH SAFETY AND WELFARE

CHAPTER 205 ANIMAL REGULATIONS

SECTION 205.150 KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK – DEFINITIONS.

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D. *Keeping of Chickens in Residential Zoning Districts.*

1. Any person within the R-1, R-1A, R-2, R-3, R-4 and R-5 zoning district may keep chickens in compliance with the conditions and restrictions set forth in this Subsection.
2. The keeping of chickens and all improvements and animal facilities including houses, buildings, pens and coops, within the residential zoning districts shall comply with the following requirements:
 - a. No person shall have more than four hens on any lot which is less than one-half acre in size.
 - b. The keeping of roosters is prohibited.

- c. Chickens and all facilities for chickens shall only be kept in the rear yard of the applicant's property. Chickens shall be kept in chicken coops, chicken runs or fenced enclosure at all times and shall not be permitted to run at large.
 - d. Coop structures and chicken runs shall not be constructed or installed within twenty (20) feet of any side property line or within thirty (30) of the rear property line.
 - e. All improvements and facilities, including chicken coops, chicken runs and fenced enclosures, must comply with the City's building code and must be consistent with the requirements of any applicable zoning code, condition of approval of a land use decision or other land use regulation.
 - f. All chicken coops shall be fully enclosed, roofed, well-ventilated and wind-proof. The coop and enclosure shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary conditions at all times.
 - g. The appearance of the coop, chicken runs and enclosure, and the materials used to construct such facilities shall resemble backyard coops, which are sold in the commercial marketplace. The coop, chicken runs and fenced enclosures shall appear professional in design and workmanship. It shall be constructed with proportional dimensions. Plastic tarp roofs, junk and materials not commercially used for chicken coops, chicken runs and enclosures are not allowed. The total area of the chicken coop and enclosure shall be a maximum of 20' sq. ft., chicken runs a maximum of 32 sq. ft. with a maximum height of 6 feet tall.
 - h. All improvements and facilities shall be maintained in good repair, in a clean and in a sanitary condition, and free of vermin, obnoxious smells and substances.
 - i. The facility will reasonably prevent the specified animal from roaming at large.
3. No person shall permit any chicken in their possession to roam at large, in or upon the public streets, open lots or private properties of the city, other than the rear yard of the owner in an enclosed rear yard coop or run that has been installed in accordance with the city codes.

4. Any violation of this Subsection shall be subject to a penalty as set forth in Section 100.220 of the Municipal Code.

Section 2. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after the date of its passage and approval.

Read two (2) times and passed by the Board of Alderman for the City of Owensville this 19th day of August 2024.

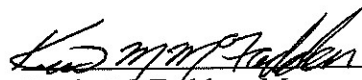
VOTES CAST:

YES: Alderman Breeden, Kramme, Bohl, Lahmeyer

NO: n/a

ABSENT: n/a

APPROVED BY THE MAYOR ON THIS 19th DAY OF AUGUST 2024.



Kevin McFadden, Mayor

Attest:



Peggy Farrell, City Clerk