

ORDINANCE NO. 21-0731

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE KEEPING OF CHICKENS, OF THE MUNICIPAL ZONING ORDINANCE

The Council of the Town of Sullivan, Jefferson County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 17.109 Permitted Use Specific Standards of Chapter 17 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended to create subsection (5) regulations for Keeping of Chickens:

17.109 (5) Keeping of chickens. Chickens are allowed within the following zoning districts: RR- Rural Residential; TR- Traditional Residential; SR- Suburban Residential; IP- Institutional Public and UR- Urban Reserve. The keeping of chickens shall maintain compliance with the following requirements:

a. Regulations:

1. A maximum of four (4) hen chickens (no roosters) per property within any of the specifically allowed zoning districts identified. In the UR, Urban Reserve District there is no maximum amount of chickens per property. In the case of an existing duplex structure, the maximum number of hen chickens shall be capped at a total of 4 for the entire property.
2. No chicken coop or run area shall be closer than 25 feet to any residential lot line and the coop and run area shall only be located within the rear yard.
3. Chicken coops that are 50 square feet in area or less are exempt from a building permit. Coops greater than 50 square feet require to obtain a building permit.
4. Any electrical work requires an electrical permit through the Building Inspection Department.
5. Chicken coops must conform to the accessory structure requirements of the specific zoning district where located.
6. Chickens shall be kept within the coop or run area at all times. Free Range chickens are prohibited. The run area shall include an area fenced and roofed with materials to sufficiently contain chickens. A fence permit and fee are required for permanent fencing greater than 30 inches in height. Fencing shall meet all zoning requirements.
7. Selling of eggs from the subject property is prohibited.
8. Slaughtering of chickens shall only be allowed within a building.
9. The City noise standards in Section 17.212 of this Code must be adhered to.

10. The public nuisance noxious odors standards specified in Section 10.03(9) of the Municipal Ordinance must be adhered to.
11. Proof of livestock premises registration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, if necessary, must be provided upon request.
12. Chickens shall be provided a covered enclosure for protection.
13. Coops shall be a minimum of three-square feet in area per hen chicken. Run areas shall be a minimum of ten square feet in area per hen chicken.
14. The keeping of turkey, ducks, geese or fowl is prohibited.
15. The City is not responsible for the enforcement of homeowners' association private covenants and/or deed restrictions. Property owners shall be aware of said requirements regarding the keeping of chickens within a subdivision with private restrictions.

SECTION 2. Section 17.106 Table of Allowed Uses of Chapter 17 of the Municipal Zoning Ordinance, is hereby amended to allow "Chickens" within the allowable Agricultural Uses as a permitted use within the Rural Residential (RR) Zoning District, Suburban Residential (SR) Zoning District, Traditional Residential (TR) Zoning District, Institutional Public (IP) Zoning District and the Urban Reserve (UR) Zoning District.

SECTION 3. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

DATED: _____

TOWN OF SULLIVAN

ATTEST:

By: _____
Scott Buth, Town Chairman

Dawn Bauer, Clerk

Date Adopted: _____

Date Published: _____

Effective Date: _____