

ORDINANCE 23 - 01
KEEPING CHICKENS
TOWN OF TURTLE, COUNTY OF ROCK, WISCONSIN

This ordinance applies to the keeping of chickens in the R-R and R-1 zoning districts.

To keep chickens in Rural Residential or Residential One, a resident shall do all of the following:

1. Apply to the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection for a Livestock Premises Registration Number.
2. Apply to the Town of Turtle for a chicken keeping permit.
3. Apply to the Town of Turtle for a chicken enclosure building permit.

In addition, a resident shall adhere to all of the following:

1. Six (6) chickens are the maximum allowable on R-1 parcels. Twenty (20) chickens are the maximum allowable on R-R parcels.
2. Chickens are prohibited on all parcels with more than one primary residence.
3. Roosters are prohibited.
4. Slaughtering chickens on the premises is prohibited.
5. Chickens shall not be kept within any residential dwelling or in any attached garage.
6. The chickens shall be provided with a structurally sound, covered enclosure and an attached fenced enclosure. The chickens must be kept in the covered enclosure or an attached fenced enclosure at all times. The enclosures shall be maintained in good repair and kept free from rodents and other vermin. The fence of the enclosure shall be of sufficient opacity or webbing to contain the chickens.
7. The covered and the fenced enclosures shall be located in a rear yard only. The covered enclosure shall be a minimum of twenty-five (25) feet from any residential structure on any adjacent lot.

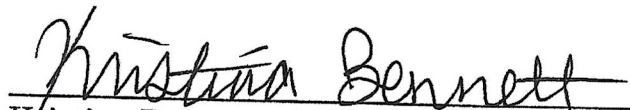
8. The total area of the covered and fenced enclosures shall not exceed seventy-five (75) square feet except when the rear yard of the property is fenced, in which case the rear yard fence can serve as the fenced enclosure. If the fenced enclosure also serves as a rear yard fence, the rear yard fence must be one hundred percent (100%) opaque. The total area of the covered enclosure shall be a minimum of four (4) square feet per chicken. The total area of the fenced enclosure must be a minimum of six (6) square feet per chicken.

9. The covered enclosure shall not be considered an accessory structure.

Dated this 11th day of August, 2023.


Roger Anclam, Town Chair

Attest:


Kristina Bennett, Town Clerk