

RAISING AND KEEPING CHICKENS AND FOWL WITHIN CITY LIMITS

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

(A) Except as otherwise provided, it shall be unlawful for any person within residential districts of the city limits to keep, or allow or permit the keeping of, or possession of any chicken, poultry, birds, peacocks, pea fowl, guineas, ducks, geese, goose, gander, or other fowl, except as provided and specified in division (B) of this section.

(1) No more than twenty (20) domesticated female chickens (hens) shall be kept, maintained, or raised on lots with single-family dwellings only. In no event shall the number of hens on any single premises or lot exceed more than twenty (20). No roosters whatsoever shall be allowed. The following are additional requirements regarding the maintenance of domesticated female chickens.

- a) Domesticated female chickens must be confined in a coop/run. Coops and runs must be completely enclosed and constructed in a uniform manner of a sturdy material that provides protection from potential predators and the elements, and properly ventilated. Runs must be constructed of a fencing material that prevents potential predators from getting in, and hens from escaping.
- b) Runs and coops must be well drained so that there is no accumulation of chicken excrement, and shall be cleaned on a regular basis with all droppings and excretion disposed of in a manner so as not to attract flies or varmints, unless otherwise disposed of in accordance with any federal, state, or health regulation. "Offensive odors," "unsanitary conditions," and/or "noise" are grounds for violations, even if the flock size is within legal limits.
- c) Chickens, coops, runs, or other structures for housing chickens shall only be located or permitted between the rear of the principal structure and the rear lot line of the premises and shall not be located within fifteen (15) feet of any property line and fifty (50) feet of the nearest residence or commercial building.

(2) Every person keeping, maintaining, or raising chickens and/or fowls within the corporate limits of the city on a lot, area, plot, parcel, or tract of land prior to or on the effective date of this section shall conform to and be in full compliance with the regulations of this section within ninety (90) days after its passage.

(3) Any person violating any provision of this section shall be deemed guilty of an offense and shall be subject to a fine of up to five hundred dollars (\$500). Each day of violation shall be considered a separate offense.

All ordinances in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed and this ordinance replaces them (repeals poultry reference in Ordinance # 74). This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after this passage. Adopted on this 12th day of August, 2026.

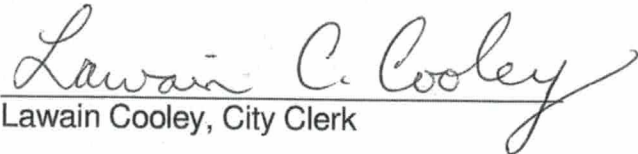
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Madeline Oertwig, Mayor of Linneus

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