

ORDINANCE CHAPTER 159

LICENSING AND KEEPING OF CHICKENS – PROPERTIES ZONED R1

ORDINANCE REQUIREMENTS AND STANDARDS

Hen chickens for egg production (no rooster or other fowl) for personal use only may be kept in accord with the following requirements and standards:

1. Prior to establishing the use, a license shall be obtained from the Village Clerk for the keeping of hens and construction of the coop and related fencing.
2. The application for the license shall include a location sketch of the coop and fencing showing property lines and nearby structures.
3. A license shall be good for a period of one year. A fee shall be paid with submittal of the application in accord with the Village's fee schedule. A late fee will be assessed if renewal application not submitted in a timely matter.
4. A maximum of 6 hens may be kept (no roosters or other fowl)
5. Hens shall be kept in a covered enclosure and shall have an enclosed fence area adjacent. The chickens must be kept in the covered enclosure or fenced enclosure at all times and are not allowed to run loose.
6. The coop and fence area shall be located in the rear yard only.
7. The coop shall not exceed 50 square feet in area or 8 feet in height.
8. The coop and fence in area shall not be closer than 10 feet to any lot line. The enclosure shall be located at least 25 feet from any residential structure on an adjacent lot.
9. All new applicants for license must notify all adjacent residents of the property and the owner of the property if the resident is not the owner of the property stating they have no objection to the keeping of hens. Signatures of adjacent residents required on permit application. It shall be the responsibility of the applicant to procure signatures from all abutting landowners confirming the abutting landowners have no objection to the application. Signatures of adjacent shall be required for the initial permit only, and not for a renewal of a license.
10. The coop and fenced area shall not conflict with any public or private utilities, drainage facilities or any easement related thereto.
11. The keeping of hens shall not cause a public nuisance due to noise, odors, unsanitary conditions or any operation features. The Village may take enforcement action as necessary to abate any public nuisance in accord with Village ordinances.
12. The inside and outside of such structures shall be white-washed or painted as often as necessary to keep them clean or finished with such material as can be easily cleaned. All such structures shall be kept clean and sanitary and shall not cause any objectionable odor. All structures will be secured from predators.
13. No person possessing a hen shall permit more than 24 hours of accumulation of such animal's manure to remain on the property under the possessor's control.
14. Slaughter of chickens is prohibited on site.
15. The Village may revoke the license to keep chickens if, in any twelve-month period, the applicant accumulates two or more violations of any provision in this chapter.

REGISTRATION WITH STATE OF WI

Register with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

This registration is free. Go to: https://datcp.wi.gov/Pages/Programs_Services/PremisesRegistration.aspx

Either complete the form online, or print it and fill it out. Once registered, you will be given a registration number. Registration number needed to complete the Village of Francis Creek chicken application.