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**RESOLUTION TO AMEND TOWN OF HOLLAND MUNICIPAL CODE OF  
ORDINANCES; CHAPTER 10 – KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND FOWL**

Resolution # 5-3-23C

STATE OF WISCONSIN  
Town of HOLLAND  
BROWN County

WHEREAS, the Town Board of the Town of Holland, Brown County Wisconsin has identified a need to regulate the keeping of domestic fowl in R-1 Residential zoning districts.


WHEREAS, upon referral from the Town Board the Town Plan Commission met on April 12, 2023 upon proper notice at a public meeting to discuss recommended amendments concerning the keeping of domestic fowl; and

WHEREAS, the Plan Commission has recommended amendment of Chapter 10 – Keeping of Animals and Fowl of the Town of Holland Municipal Code of Ordinances as provided for in attached draft amended Chapter 10 – Keeping of Animals and Fowl.

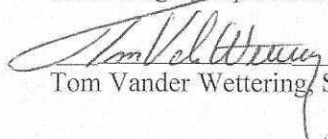
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, the governing body of the Town of Holland, Brown County, Wisconsin, determines as follows:

The following amendments to Chapter 10 of the Town of Holland Municipal Ordinance shall be adopted and effective upon publication pursuant to §60.80(5) Wisconsin Statutes

Adopted this 3 day of May, 2023.

  
Mike Smits, Chairman

  
Mike Geiger, Supervisor

  
Tom Vander Wettering, Supervisor

I, Ellen Schmidt-Hubers, clerk of the Town of Holland, Brown County, Wisconsin, certify that the foregoing is a true, correct and complete copy of a resolution adopted by the town board of the Town of Holland on the above date.

Attest:

  
Ellen Schmidt-Hubers, Clerk

## **CHAPTER 10 - KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND FOWL**

### **10.01 INTENT AND PURPOSE**

The purpose of this ordinance is to regulate the keeping of certain animals and fowl in designated zoning districts within the Town of Holland. The Town of Holland has an interest in regulating such animals are provided for herein to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the residents of the Town of Holland.

### **10.02 DEFINITIONS**

(1) Fowl. Those species of domesticated birds primarily raised for their meat, eggs, and feathers, including, chickens, hens, roosters, geese, ducks, turkeys, quail, and pheasants.

(2+) Exotic Animal. Those species of animal that are not domesticated by humans. Exotic animals include, but are not limited to, animals belonging to any or all of the orders and families on the Prohibited Animal List as adopted by the Town.

### **10.03 PROHIBITED FOWL**

(1) The keeping of all domestic fowl as defined above shall be limited to A-R Agricultural-Residential and AG-FP Agricultural-Farmland Preservation zoned districts within the Town, except as permitted herein.

(2) Domestic chickens and hens may be kept on properties within R-1 Residential zoned districts subject to the following regulations.

- a. The number of chickens or hens shall be limited to ten (10) birds.
- b. Birds must be kept within an enclosure positioned consistent with district setbacks consisting of a minimum of eight (8) square feet per animal with adequate shelter from the elements.
- c. Noise and odor must be kept at acceptable levels such that they do not interfere with the quiet enjoyment of neighboring residents.
- d. Enclosures shall be maintained in a sanitary manner to prevent spread of communicable diseases among birds and to humans.
- e. Roosters are strictly prohibited



#### **10.04 KEEPING OF EXOTIC ANIMALS**

(1) Prohibited. No person shall possess an exotic animal within the Town of Holland.

(2) Exceptions. This subsection shall not apply to institutions accredited by the American Zoo and Aquarium Association, licensed veterinary hospitals or clinics, licensed or accredited research or medical institutions, licensed or accredited educational institutions, including museums, an animal certified as having been specially trained to assist an individual with impaired vision, hearing, or mobility, any government owned or operated facility, volunteers working on behalf of a government owned or operated facility, or a person temporarily transporting an exotic animal through the city if the transit time is not more than 24 hours and the animal is at all times maintained within a confinement sufficient to prevent the exotic animal from escaping.

#### **10.05 PROHIBITED ANIMALS**

##### **Town of Holland Prohibited Animal List**

The following orders and families, whether bred in the wild or in captivity, and any or all hybrids shall be defined as "Exotic Animals". The animals listed in parentheses are intended to act as examples and are not to be construed as an exhaustive list or limit the generality of each group of animals, unless otherwise specified:

##### **1. Class Mammalia**

- (a) Order Chiroptera. (Any bat species)
- (b) Order Artiodactyla. (Hippopotamuses, giraffes, camels, deer) Excludes domestic cattle, swine, sheep, goats, alpaca, and llama.
- (c) Order Carnivora.
  - (i) Family Felidae. (Lions, tigers, cougars, leopards, ocelots, servals)  
Excluding domestic cats.
  - (ii) Family Canidae. (Wolves, coyotes, foxes, jackals)  
Excluding domestic dogs.
  - (iii) Family Ursidae. (All bears)
  - (iv) Family Mustelidae. (Weasels, skunks, martins, minks)  
Excluding ferrets
  - (v) Family Procyonidae. (Raccoons, coatis)
  - (vi) Family Hyaenidae. (Hyenas)
  - (vii) Family Viverridae. (Civets, genets, mongooses)
- (d) Order Edentata. (Anteaters, armadillos, sloths)
- (e) Order Marsupialia. (Opossums, kangaroos, wallabies, sugar gliders)
- (f) Order Perissodactyla. (Rhinoceroses, tapirs) Excluding horses, donkeys and mules.
- (g) Order Primates. (Lemurs, monkeys, chimpanzees, gorillas)
- (h) Order Proboscidea. (Elephants)

- (i) Order Rodentia. (Squirrels, beavers, porcupines, prairie dogs)  
Excluding guinea pigs, rats, mice, gerbils, and hamsters.

## 2. Class Reptilia

### (a) Order Squamata.

- (i) Family Helodermatidae. (Gila Monsters and Mexican beaded lizards)
- (ii) Family Varanidae. (Any monitor which will normally grow over two feet in length)
- (iii) Family Iguanidae. (Only green iguanas and rock iguanas)
- (iv) Family Boidae. (All species whose adult length may exceed eight feet)
- (v) Family Colubridae. (Boomsnakes and African twig snakes)
- (vi) Family Elapidae. (Coral snakes, cobras, mambas)
- (vii) Family Natriidae. Only keelback snakes.
- (viii) Family Viperidae. (Copperheads, cottonmouths, rattlesnakes)

### (b) Order Crocodilia. (Crocodiles, alligators, caimans, gavials)

## 3. Class Aves

- (a) Order Falconiformes. (Eagles, hawks, vultures)
- (b) Order Rheiformes. (Rheas)
- (c) Order Struthioniformes. (Ostriches)
- (d) Order Casuariiformes. (Cassowaries and emus)
- (e) Order Strigiformes. (Owls)

## 4. Class Arachnida

### (a) Order Scorpiones, Family Buthidae.

- (i) Arabian fat-tailed scorpion - *Androctonus crassicauda*
- (ii) Arizona centruroides scorpion - *Centruroides exilicauda*
- (iii) Death stalker - *Leiurus quinquestriatus*
- (iv) Egyptian yellow scorpion - *Androctonus amoreuxi*
- (v) Israeli black scorpion - *hottentotta judaicus*
- (vi) S.A. giant fat-tailed scorpion - *Parabuthus transvaalicus*
- (vii) Sinai desert scorpion - *Androctonus bicolor*
- (viii) Yellow desert scorpion - *Androctonus australia*

### (b) Order Araneae, Family Therididae.

- (i) Argentina red widow spider - *Latrodectus coralinus*
- (ii) Brown widow spider - *Latrodectus geometricus*
- (iii) Red-black widow - *Latrodectus hasselti*
- (iv) Red widow spider - *Latrodectus bishopi*
- (v) Southern black widow spider - *Latrodectus mactans*
- (vi) Western widow - *Latrodectus hesperus*



(c) Order Araneae, Family Loxoscelidae, Brown recluse spider -  
Loxosceles reclusa

5. Class Chilopoda

- (a) Order Scolopendromorpha, Family Scolopendridae.  
(i) Amazon giant banded centipede - Scolopendra gigantea  
(ii) Arizona Tiger Centipede - Scolopendra viridis  
(iii) Florida keys centipede - Scolopendra alternans

6. Any Federal or State Endangered or Threatened Species

(b) Person. Any person, firm, partnership, association, corporation, company, or organization of any kind.

(c) Possess. To own, possess, keep, harbor, bring into the city, act as a custodian, or have custody or control of an animal.

**10.06 PENALTIES**

Any person found in violation of any of the provisions of this section shall be subject to a forfeiture of not less than \$25 nor more than \$100 for the first offense and not less than \$50 nor more than \$200 for subsequent offenses. Each day that a violation exists shall be considered a separate violation.

**10.07 EFFECTIVE DATE**

This Ordinance shall be effective upon publication or posting as required by state statute.

Adopted this \_\_\_\_\_ day of May 2023