

ORDINANCE NO. 2023-2

AN ORDINANCE TO REPEAL AND RECREATE SECTION 7.03 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND, IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN, RELATING TO KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND FOWL

THE VILLAGE BOARD OF THE VILLAGE OF HIGHLAND, IOWA COUNTY, WISCONSIN, DO ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1: Section 7.03 of the Municipal Code of the Village of Highland is hereby repealed and recreated to read as follows:

"7.03 KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND FOWL

(1) Animals Permitted. No animals other than domestic pets may be kept on premises in the Village of Highland other than as permitted by this section or by the Village's zoning code. "Domestic pet" means any animal which is normally considered tame or domesticated and suitable for home life with humans.

(2) Keeping of Chickens and Ducks

(a) Within the Village of Highland, female chickens (hens) and male and female ducks are allowed in the R-1 and R-2 Residential Zoning Districts.

(b) Roosters are not allowed within the Village limits except as otherwise allowed in the zoning code.

(c) No more than ten hens or ducks may be kept on any property in the R-1 and R-2 Residential Zoning Districts.

(d) Hens and ducks may be kept for family use only. No meat chickens except egg-layers are permitted and the commercial sale of eggs or chickens is prohibited.

(e) There will be no slaughtering of chickens or ducks within the Village.

(f) Raising or keeping of hens or ducks for fighting and the fighting of hens or other fowl is not allowed within the Village as prohibited under Wis. Stat. sec. 951.08.

(g) Chickens must be properly cared for as provided under Chapter 951 of the Wisconsin Statutes.

(i) Food must be provided at all times and changed daily in accordance with Wis. Stat. sec. 951.13(1)

(ii) Clean water must be provided at all times and changed daily in accordance with Wis. Stat. sec. 951.13(2).

(h) No free-range chickens are permitted. The confinement system (including but not limited to coops, runs, pens and fences) regardless of its size or the type of materials utilized, shall be classified in its entirety as a "structure" and shall be constructed and located in a manner consistent with all Residential Zoning District setbacks.

(i) Licenses.

(i) Licenses are for a one-year term beginning April 1 of each year.

(ii) The license fee is \$10.00 annually and will not be prorated for any portion of a year.

(iii) Licenses not renewed by April 1 will be assessed a late fee of \$10.00 at the time of renewal.


(iv) Failure to renew a license requires the licensee to dispose of all hens and/or ducks at the time the license lapses.

(3) Sanitary Requirements. All structures, pens, buildings, stables, coops or yards wherein domestic pets or fowl are kept shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition free of rodents, vermin and objectionable odors.

(4) Animals Excluded from Food Handling Establishments. No person shall take or permit to remain any dog, cat or other live animal on or upon any premises where food is sold, offered for sale or processed for consumption by the general public except service animals.

Section 2: This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and posting as provided by law.

Dated this 9th day of August 2023.



George R. Breiwa II, Village President

COUNTERSIGNED:



Becky Fredericks, Village Clerk

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