

I hereby certify that the attached is a true and complete copy of a Resolution adopted by the City Commission of the City of Sturgis, County of St. Joseph, State of Michigan, at a regular meeting held on **November 13, 2024** and that public notice of said meeting was given pursuant to and in full compliance with Act No. 267, Public Acts of Michigan 1976.

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Kenneth D. Rhodes, City of Sturgis Clerk/Treasurer

Commissioners present: Mullins, Boring, Moyer, Smith, Harrington, Abbs, Miller, Vice-Mayor Bir, Mayor Perez

Commissioners absent: None

Community Development Director Will Prichard provided details on the ordinances and schedules needing to be approved due to the passage of the urban chickens ordinance at the recent election. There was discussion regarding the amount of the fees and fines and the process of approving a permit.

Moved by Comm. Harrington and seconded by Comm. Smith to consider this the second reading of and approve the amendments to the City Code of Ordinances, Section 10.64, Appendix A - Zoning Code Sections 1.1105 and 1.1401, and Appendix B - Fine Schedule regarding Urban Chickens effective December 5, 2024. 150, 300, 500

**Voting yea: Seven**

**Voting nay: Miller, Mullins**

**MOTION CARRIED**

**AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES**  
**PERTAINING TO URBAN CHICKENS**

An Ordinance to amend Chapter 10 – Animals, Article III. – Livestock and Fowl, Sections 10-64 – “Keeping of animals, fowl, etc. restricted”; of the Ordinances of the City of Sturgis pertaining to the keeping of fowl if permitted by section 10.65 and to provide for an effective date of this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to modify Section 10-64 regarding the keeping of fowl when permitted by section 10-65.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Sturgis, St. Joseph County, Michigan ordains:

Chapter 10 – Animals, Article III. – Livestock and Fowl, Section 10-64 of the Ordinances of the City of Sturgis are hereby modified as follows effective December 5, 2024:

Chapter 10 – Animals, Article III. – Livestock and Fowl

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Sec. 10-64. - Keeping of animals, fowl, etc. restricted.

No horse, cow, calf, swine, sheep, goat, geese, ducks, donkeys, fowl unless permitted by section 10-65, or pigeons shall be kept in any dwelling or part thereof. No such animals or fowl shall under any circumstances be kept on the same lot or premises with a dwelling unless they are maintained in connection with the operation of a bona fide farm.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, it shall be permissible to own, keep, or harbor not more than two adult rabbits per household, together with not more than eight young rabbits until they attain the age of four months. The keeping of chickens shall be permitted with a valid permit issued by the City of Sturgis as per section 10-65.

## AMENDMENTS TO ZONING ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE REGULATION OF URBAN CHICKENS

An ordinance to amend Appendix A of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Sturgis to provide for the modification of regulation of Accessory buildings, structures and uses and update Building Permit requirements as it pertains to urban chickens within certain districts in the City and an effective date of this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the City Commission, upon recommendation from the Planning Board, has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to modify the Zoning Ordinance to provide for the modification of regulation of urban chickens within the City;

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Sturgis, St. Joseph County, Michigan ordains:

Appendix A of the Zoning Ordinance of the City of Sturgis, Section 1.1105 and Section 1.1401 of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby modified to provide as follows effective as of December 5, 2024.

### Article XI. – General Provisions

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1.1105 Accessory buildings, structures and uses.

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(B) Accessory building or accessory structures in a residential district.

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(8) There shall be no more than two accessory buildings on any one parcel excluding play houses, dog houses, chicken coops not exceeding 30 square feet, pergolas or gazebos not exceeding 150 square feet, or buildings of similar uses.

(10) Chicken coops shall not exceed eight (8) feet in height and sixty (60) square feet in area. Chicken coops shall be removed if a valid urban chicken permit as per section 10.65 of the City of Sturgis code of ordinances is not maintained.

### Article XIV. – Administration and Enforcement

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1.1401.-Building Permits.

No sign, parking area, fence, building, or other structure regulated by this zoning ordinance shall be erected, razed, moved, extended, enlarged, altered, or changed in use, and no exterior of any commercial building in the central business district shall be painted until a building permit has been issued by the building department, except the following:

1. Touch-up painting of the same color of any commercial building in the central business district.
2. Accessory structures and fences that are included as part of an urban chicken permit, section 10.65 of the City of Sturgis code of ordinances.

AMENDMENT TO THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES  
PERTAINING TO URBAN CHICKENS

An Ordinance to amend Appendix B – Fine Schedule for Municipal Civil Infractions, Chapter 10 – Animals, of the Ordinances of the City of Sturgis pertaining to the fines for violations regarding urban chickens and to provide for an effective date of this Ordinance.

WHEREAS, the City Commission has determined that it is in the best interest of the residents of the City to modify Appendix B – Fine Schedule for Municipal Civil Infractions Chapter 10 fines for violations regarding urban chickens.

NOW, THEREFORE, the City of Sturgis, St. Joseph County, Michigan ordains:

Appendix B – Fine Schedule for Municipal Civil Infractions, Chapter 10 – Animals, of the Ordinances of the City of Sturgis are hereby modified as follows effective December 5, 2024:

Appendix B – Fine Schedule for Municipal Civil Infractions

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Chapter 10. -Animals

Urban Chickens Violations:

First Offense - \$150.00

Second Offense - \$300.00

Any additional offenses - \$500.00