

ORDINANCE #366
CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD
Wayne County, Michigan

AN ORDINANCE TO ADD SECTION 18-16 CHICKENS, TO CHAPTER 18 ANIMALS, ARTICLE 18-I IN GENERAL, TO THE CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF REDFORD MUNICIPAL ORDINANCE CODE.

Sec 18-16 Chickens

(A) Any person, after obtaining a permit, residing in R-1 residential zoned property, in a single family detached structure, may keep not more than three (3) hen chickens in the township for personal use only and not for any business or commercial use.

(B) Completed applications for a permit shall be submitted to the Redford Building Department along with the fee which shall be determined by resolution of the Township Board of Trustees. The department shall issue a permit where the application is in compliance with all requirements, regulations and ordinances of the Township. Approved permit holders shall schedule an inspection within 30 days of permit issuance. Failure to schedule an inspection shall result in an automatic revocation of the permit. If an inspection identifies non-compliance with any requirements set forth in this article, or other articles within township ordinances, the permit holder shall have 15 days to achieve compliance with the requirements or the department may revoke the permit or result in a civil infraction. Permits shall be valid for up to one year, shall be non-transferable, site-specific and shall expire on November 1st of each year. A person who wishes to continue keeping chickens shall obtain a new permit prior to expiration of the previous permit. Application for a new permit shall be pursuant to the procedures and requirements applicable at the time a person applies for a new permit.

(C) A person residing in R-1 residential zoned district property, in a single family detached structure who keeps hen chickens shall comply with all of the following requirements:

- (1) Keep no more than three (3) hen chickens at any time.
- (2) Roosters or male chickens are prohibited.
- (3) Slaughtering of any chickens on the property is prohibited.
- (4) Chickens shall be maintained in a fully enclosed structure or a fenced enclosure and shall be kept in the enclosed structure or fenced enclosure at all times. Fenced enclosures are subject to all fence provisions and restrictions in the Redford Township code. An enclosed structure shall be constructed of permanent materials and shall be properly maintained in accordance with the property maintenance code.
- (5) Structures under 32 sq feet will be exempt from township ordinance Sec 3.11 (I)(2) pertaining to accessory structures. Any structures larger than 32 sq feet must be in compliance with the accessory structure ordinance 3.11 (I)(2).
- (6) Chickens shall not be kept in any location on the property other than in the backyard. For purposes of this section, "backyard" means that portion of a lot enclosed by the property's rear lot line and the side lot lines to the points where the side lot lines intersect with an imaginary line established by the rear of the single-family or two-family structure and extending to the side lot lines.

(7) No enclosed structure shall be located within any side or rear yard setback area. An enclosed structure or fenced enclosure shall not be located closer than fifteen (15) feet to any residential structure on adjacent property.

(8) All structures and enclosures for the keeping of chickens shall be constructed and maintained so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents or vermin from being harbored underneath or within the walls of the structure or enclosure.

(9) All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens likely to attract rats, mice, or other rodents or vermin shall be secured and protected in sealed containers.

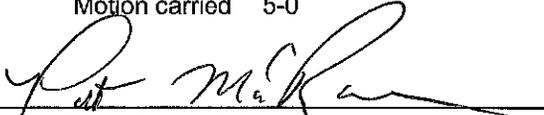
(D) Chickens shall be kept in compliance with the Michigan Department of Agriculture Generally Accepted Agricultural and Management Practices for the Care of Farm Animals, as it relates to laying chickens, as amended, except as otherwise provided in this section.

(E) Any persons owning more than 3 chickens prior to the enactment of this ordinance may keep their chickens as long as they are in compliance with the rest of the ordinance.

(F) A violation of the provisions of this section shall be a municipal civil infraction punishable by a fine to be established by resolution of the Township Board of Trustees pursuant to Chapter 1, Section 11.

22:082 MOTION BY TAYLOR, SUPPORTED BY CHRISTIE, approved 2nd reading to add Sec 18-16, Chickens, to the Redford Code of Ordinance,

AYES: Christie, Jackson, Kennedy, Taylor, McRae
NAYES: King
Motion carried 5-0


Pat McRae, Supervisor
Charter Township of Redford


Garth J. Christie, Clerk, MMC
Charter Township of Redford

I, Garth J. Christie, Clerk of the Charter Township of Redford, County of Wayne, State of Michigan, do hereby certify the forgoing is a true and correct copy of the Motion approved by the Board of Trustees of Redford Township, at a board meeting held on June 28, 2022.


Garth J. Christie, Clerk, MMC
Charter Township of Redford