

**ORDINANCE NO. 406  
(ANIMALS)**

**CITY OF WATERTOWN  
COUNTY OF CARVER  
APRIL 24<sup>TH</sup>, 2018**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING WATERTOWN CITY CODE CHAPTER 10 TO PERMIT THE KEEPING OF CHICKEN HENS AND AMEND THE GENERAL PROVISIONS ON ANIMALS RELATED THERETO IN THE CITY.**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WATERTOWN, CARVER COUNTY, MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

**AMENDMENT.** Chapter 10 of the Municipal Code of Watertown (Animals) is hereby amended by adding the following underlined language and deleting the following ~~striethrough~~ language, to read as follows:

Chapter 10 - ANIMALS

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ARTICLE V – LIVESTOCK

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Sec. 10-102. - Farm and livestock animals prohibited.

- (a) No person shall keep, maintain or harbor within any zoning district, with the exception of agricultural zoning districts within the city, any of the following farm animals:
- (1) Any pig, whether potbelly or typical farm-raised, descended or not descended, vaccinated against rabies or not vaccinated against rabies.
  - (2) Any hoofed animal including but not limited to goats, horses, cows, and sheep, descended or not descended, vaccinated against rabies or not vaccinated against rabies.
  - (3) Any poultry or fowl including but not limited to ~~chickens~~ chicken roosters, ducks, geese, and pigeons. This does not include any caged non-farm birds used as pets.
  - (4) Any bees, whether kept in a hive or not, which are harbored for the purposes of private or commercial production of honey, breeding, or other agricultural type uses.

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Sec.10-103. – Farm and livestock animals permitted.

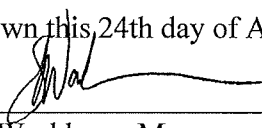
- (a) The keeping of chicken hens as a source of eggs and meat sources shall be permitted in any detached single-family residential zoning district as provided in this section except as allowed by agricultural, commercial, or industrial zoning districts within the city. The keeping of chicken hens in multi-family zoned districts is not permitted.

- (1) The limited keeping of chicken hens may be permitted as an additional accessory use to a single-family property dwelling unit.
- (2) The owner of the chicken hens shall live in the dwelling unit on the property.
- (3) No more than five (5) total chicken hens shall be kept on the single-family dwelling unit property.
- (4) All chicken hens shall be kept within a separate enclosed accessory structure and/or fenced outdoor animal run in accordance with City Code regulating accessory structures and fences under City Code Chapter 62-477, unless otherwise stated herein.
  - (a) Fencing used to contain chicken hens shall comply with City Code section 62-479, (5) and be sufficient to contain the chicken hens from being able to leave the site.
  - (b) The accessory structure and/or containment area shall be maintained in good repair, in a clean and sanitary manner, free of vermin or pests, and free of objectionable odors and comply with City Code Chapter 26.
- (5) Chicken hens shall not be kept within the dwelling unit or attached accessory structure.
- (6) Chicken hens shall remain in the detached accessory structure and/or containment area at all times and shall not run at large.
- (7) Chicken hens shall remain in the accessory structure from sunset to sunrise each day to prevent nuisance noise and the attraction of vermin and predators.
- (8) The slaughter of chicken hens on site is prohibited.
- (9) The sale of eggs, chicken hens, or other commercial activity on the premises is prohibited.
- (10) Feces and discarded feed shall be regularly collected and only stored temporarily onsite in a leak-proof container with tight-fitting cover to prevent nuisance odors and the attraction of vermin. Such waste shall not be composted on site.
- (11) Feed shall be stored in a leak-proof container with a tight-fitting cover to prevent attracting vermin.
- (12) Deceased chicken hens must be disposed of according to the Minnesota Board of Animal Health Rules which require chicken carcasses to be disposed of as soon as possible after death, usually within 48 to 72 hours. Legal forms of chicken carcass disposal include offsite burial, offsite incineration or rendering, or offsite composting.

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**SECTION 2. EFFECTIVE DATE.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and publications as required by law.

Adopted by the City Council of the City of Watertown this 24th day of April, 2018.

  
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Steve Washburn, Mayor

ATTEST:

  
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Lynn Tschudi, Clerk-Treasurer

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