**City of Woodbury**
**Washington County, Minnesota**

**Ordinance**

**An Ordinance of the City of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota providing that the City Code be Amended by Amending Chapter 5 – Animals and Fowl, Article II. – Domesticated Animals, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 5-17.- Domesticated pets.; Chapter 24 – Zoning, Article I. – In General, Sec. 24-4- Definitions.; And Chapter 24 – Zoning, Article VI. – Supplemental Performance Standards, Division 2 – Accessory Buildings, Garages, Recreational Facility and Miscellaneous Structures, Secs. 24-285—24-300.- Reserved.**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WOODBURY, WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA DOES ORDAIN:

**SECTION ONE. Amendment that Chapter 5 – Animals and Fowl, Article II. – Domesticated Animals, Division 1 – Generally, Sec. 5-17.- Domesticated pets. be amended as follows:**

**Sec. 5-17. - Domesticated pets.**

The keeping of domesticated pets as defined in section 5-16 is allowed provided such pets are for personal use and enjoyment and not for any business or production purpose. Up to three domestic pets are permitted per property except that there are no limits on the number of aquarium fish. The keeping of four or more domesticated pets is considered a kennel and requires a kennel license in accordance with section 5-23 of this chapter. The keeping of livestock, with the exception of chicken-hens, as defined in section 5-16 is allowed on properties zoned for agricultural use of at least five acres in size. The keeping of more than one livestock animal per acre shall require a conditional use permit in accordance with chapter 24, zoning.

The keeping of chicken-hens shall be allowed on all properties within the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts. The number of chickens permitted shall be as follows:

| Number of Acres | Number of Chicken-hens Permitted |
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| 3.99 acres or less | 6 chickens |
| 4 acres or more | 2 chicken per acre |

Chickens shall be kept within a chicken coop and shall not permitted to run at large. Chickens shall not be permitted in any portion of the home, garage and/or accessory building. Roosters shall be viewed as livestock.

**SECTION TWO. Amendment that Chapter 24 – Zoning, Article I. – In General, Sec. 24-4- Definitions. be amended as follows:**

*Cemetery* means property or a structure used for the interment of human or animal remains including mausoleums.

*Chicken coop* means a structure and/or enclosure that is intended to house and/or contain chickens. A chicken coop shall not be viewed as an accessory building. Chicken runs attached to,

or within five feet of a structure housing or containing chickens shall be viewed as a part of a chicken coop.

*Closed loop ground source heat pump system* means a system that circulates a heat transfer fluid, typically food-grade antifreeze, through pipes or coils buried beneath the land surface or anchored to the bottom in a body of water.

**SECTION THREE. Amendment that Chapter 24 – Zoning, Article VI. – Supplemental Performance Standards, Division 2 – Accessory Buildings, Garages, Recreational Facility and Miscellaneous Structures, Secs. 24-285—24-300.- Reserved. be amended as follows:**

### Sec. 24- 285. Chicken Coops

Chicken coops shall be permitted on all properties within the R-1 and R-2 zoning districts. Number of chickens permitted on these properties is established within Chapter 5 of this ordinance.

(a) *Number.* One (1) chicken coop shall be allowed per principal dwelling.

(b) *Location and Setbacks*.

(1) A chicken coop shall be setback a minimum of 50 feet from adjacent dwellings.
(2) A chicken coop shall be setback a minimum of 20 feet from all property lines.
(3) A chicken coop shall be limited to rear yard locations only.
(4) A chicken coop shall be located outside of all easements.

(c) *Height and area*.

(1) A chicken coop shall be a maximum of 50 square feet in area as measured from the exterior perimeter.
(2) A chicken coop shall be a maximum of seven (7) feet in height as measured from the adjacent grade.

(d) *Materials*. When a chicken coop utilizes non-rigid exterior materials, such as poultry netting, said materials shall be framed with rigid materials and maintained taut and in good repair.

(e) *Maintenance*. A chicken coop shall be maintained with respect to the materials of the structure and sanitation of the coop and surrounding area.

### Secs. 24-286—24-300. – Reserved.

**SECTION THREE. Effective date.**

This ordinance shall be in full force and effect following its passage and publication according to law.

Passed and adopted by the City Council of Woodbury, Washington County, Minnesota, this 23rd day of October, 2024.

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ATTEST: Anne W. Burt, Mayor

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Clinton P. Gridley, City Administrator (SEAL)