

# VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE

## ORDINANCE NO. 4, SERIES OF 2025

### AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 6, ANIMALS, OF THE VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS.

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees considered changes to amend Chapter 6 Animals ordinance Section 6-31 of the Little Chute Municipal Code on July 16, 2025; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing regarding the amendments was held before the Village Board of Trustees on July 16, 2025, and;

**WHEREAS**, the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Little Chute, finds the following ordinance amendments to be in the public interest;

**NOW, THEREFORE**, the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Little Chute, do ordain as follows:

**Section 1.** That Chapter 6 Animals, Municipal Code of the Village of Little Chute, is hereby amended by adding the text as set forth below:

#### **Sec. 6-31 Keeping of chickens.**

In addition to all other regulations in this chapter, the following shall apply to the keeping of chickens within the Village of Little Chute.

(a) *Definitions.* The following terms, when used in this section, shall have the meanings set forth as follows:

**CHICKEN** means a domestic chicken of the sub-species *Gallus gallus domesticus*.

**CHICKEN COOP** means a new or existing enclosed structure designed or modified for the keeping or housing of chickens.

**CHICKEN RUN** means a fenced outdoor pen or cage attached to a coop.

**KEEP** mean either the owning, keeping, possessing or harboring of a chicken.

**ROOSTER** means a male chicken of any age, including a capon or otherwise neutered male chicken.

(b) *License required.*

- (1) Any person who keeps chickens on land in the Village shall first obtain a license issued by the Community Development Department. A license application shall be accompanied by an application, an application fee as established by the Village Board, details of the proposed coop and run and a site plan.
- (2) Licenses for keeping chickens shall be limited to land that is zoned RC Conventional Single Family or RD Dense Modern Single Family.
- (3) Chickens shall not be kept upon a vacant parcel and shall be located on the same parcel as the principal dwelling unit.
- (4) There shall be no more than one license issued to a parcel of land for the keeping of chickens.
- (5) License applications submitted by a person other than a record title owner of the property upon which chickens will be kept shall provide written consent of the property owner with the license application.
- (6) All license applications shall be accompanied by satisfactory evidence that the applicant has registered the proposed location with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade, and Consumer

Protection pursuant to Wis. Stats. § 95.51 and Wis. Administrative Code ATP 17.

- (7) A license shall not be issued until the Village has inspected the property and confirmed a compliant chicken coop and chicken run have been provided.

(c) *Conditions for keeping of chickens.*

- (1) Not more than six chickens are allowed to be kept on a property with a license.
- (2) No person shall keep any rooster.
- (3) Compliance with the submitted site plan and Section 6-31 at all times.
- (4) Chickens shall be kept or maintained within a fully enclosed coop and attached chicken run at all times.
- (5) All coops must be kept in a clean and sanitary condition so as to not pose a public health hazard and shall not cause any objectionable odor that would annoy or disturb a reasonable person's ordinary senses.
- (6) Deceased chickens shall be disposed of immediately in a safe manner, which may include trash disposal after placing the deceased chicken in a sealed bag.

(d) *Chicken coops and runs.*

- (1) Chicken coops and chicken runs shall be located in rear yards only.
- (2) No chicken coop or run shall be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any principal residential structure on an adjacent lot. All coops and runs shall be located at least ten (10) feet off the side and rear property lines. Chicken coops and runs shall be non-mobile and remain in the location shown on the approved site plan. A revised site plan may be submitted for re-location of the coop.
- (3) The chicken coop shall provide at least three (3) square feet of floor area per chicken, but shall not exceed sixty-four (64) square feet in total area. The height of the coop shall not exceed eight (8) linear feet as measured from the ground.
- (4) All coops must include an enclosed run area. Chicken runs shall be enclosed with wire netting, or equivalent material, including overhead enclosure, capable of preventing chickens from escaping and predators entering.

(e) *Enforcement.*

- (1) In addition to issuing citations for violations, the Village shall have the right to suspend or revoke any license issued pursuant to this section for violations of ordinances, laws, or requirements regulating activity and for other good cause.

**Section 2.** Effective Date. This Ordinance shall take effect upon the adoption and publication and enactment of the Ordinance by the Village Board of Trustees, Village of Little Chute.

Date introduced: June 18, 2025

Date approved and adopted: July 16, 2025

**VILLAGE OF LITTLE CHUTE**

By

Michael R. Vanden Berg, Village President

By

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