

CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 27, SERIES 2023

ORDINANCE AMENDING NUMBER OF CHICKENS
THAT CAN BE KEPT WITHIN CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, upon citizen request for the right to keep more than four (4) within chickens within the city limits and the council finding such request reasonable and, consistent with public health, safety, and good agricultural practices.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF LAGRANGE, KENTUCKY AS FOLLOWS: S FOLLOWS:

§ 90.09 of the La Grange Ordinance Code prohibiting the keeping of farm animals and exotic species within city limits, is hereby amended as follow:

(A) It shall be unlawful for any person, company, firm, or business to keep maintain or have any live farm animals or exotic species within the boundaries of the city; however, Gallus domesticus (herein referred to as "chicks" or "chickens") may be kept as long as there are no more than ~~four (4)~~ six (6) chicks or chickens per household and as long as the chicks or chickens are kept in a humane manner and under sanitary conditions so as not to constitute a nuisance in violation of any other city ordinance, or state law, or county law. No male chicks or chickens (hereinafter referred to as "roosters") may be kept in any household.

(B) Any person who, as of June 15, 1987, already has such farm animals or exotic species may keep them until such time as they shall cease having such animals or fowl; however, notwithstanding this, chicks or chickens are allowed to be kept as long as no more than ~~four (4)~~ six (6) chicks or chickens are kept in any one household and no roosters are kept in any household. No additional farm animals (except chicks or chickens) or exotic species may be acquired by such person. If at any time any person no longer has such farm animals (except chicks or chickens) or exotic species they shall be prohibited from re-establishing and keeping such animals on their property in the future. Chicks and chickens may only be kept on property that is zoned for single family residential or agricultural use and includes a single-family dwelling and may not be kept on property where there are apartments or commercial or industrial uses. No roosters may be kept on single family, multi-family, commercial or industrial property.

(C) Any person keeping such animals under the "grandfather" provision set forth in division (B) above, must keep said animals confined in cages or pens and under such sanitary conditions so as not to constitute a nuisance in violation of other city ordinance of state and county law. (D) Any person found in violation of any provisions of this section shall be cited by the ~~city police~~ code enforcement officer and given ten (10) days to remove the offending animals or fowl from their property. Failure to remove the offending animals or fowl within the ten (10) day

period will result in a citation being issued to the offending individual and said person shall be subject to the fines set forth in §90.99.

(E) Any person who is keeping chickens on his or her property, or rented property, shall complete a permit application prior to keeping the chickens on the property. If the person keeping chickens is a tenant, then the tenant shall also complete and sign a permit application prior to keeping chickens on the property and the landowner shall also provide contact information on the permit and the landowner shall sign the same. The applicant shall provide contact information, information on the zoning of the property, information about the coop and a sketch of the proposed area for the coop and/or run with dimensions of property lines and adjacent structures. Property fencing and/or runs must be a minimum of four (4) feet tall. All coops and runs must be located in the rear yard behind the residence and comply with all rear and side setback zoning regulations on the property. The permit fee is to be paid at the time that the application is submitted for consideration. The code enforcement officer, in his or her sound discretion, shall determine the number of chickens that may be kept, based on the area proposed in the application. ~~No chickens may be kept closer than twenty five (25) feet from any adjacent structure.~~ There shall be a minimum of 8 square feet of fenced space outside the coop per chicken, and a minimum of 2 square feet of inside coop space per chicken.

This Ordinance shall become effective upon its passage and publication.

FIRST READING: March 6, 2023

SECOND READING: April 3, 2023

VOTE:
For 8
Against 0
Abstain 0
Present 8

SO APPROVED this 3rd day of April 2023.

John W. Black, Mayor

ATTEST:

Stephanie Cooper, City Clerk

