

**ORDINANCE NO. 2019-35**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING STANDARDS RELATED TO CHICKENS, THEREBY  
AMENDING CHAPTERS 12 AND 21 OF THE CITY CODE**

The City Council of the City of Bloomington, Minnesota, ordains:

Section 1. That Chapter 1 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~stricken through~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

**CHAPTER 12**

**PUBLIC PEACE AND SAFETY**

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**ARTICLE IV. ANIMAL CODE**

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**DIVISION D: CHICKENS, FARM POULTRY, FARM ANIMALS, AND BEES**

**§ 12.115 CHICKENS.**

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- (i) *Shelter and enclosure requirements.* Chickens shall be properly protected from the weather and predators in a shelter or coop, and have access to the outdoors in an enclosure or fenced area. The shelter and/or enclosure shall meet all of the following requirements:
- (1) Applicable building and zoning requirements of Chapter 15, 19 and 21;
  - (2) ~~Setback for shelters and enclosures for chickens is a minimum of 50 feet from any lot used residentially or platted for future residential use;~~ Shelters and enclosures must be set back a minimum of 30 feet from the property lot line;
  - (3) ~~The~~ A shelter must ~~shall~~ be situated closer to the chicken owner's dwelling than to any of the neighboring dwellings;
  - (4) A shelter must be set back a minimum of 50 feet from any dwelling on an abutting parcel;
  - ~~(4)5~~ The s[§]helter and enclosure must [not] be located in the [front yard and must not be located closer to a property line along a street than the principal structure is from the same street unless setback at least 50 feet from the property line adjacent to the street] rear or side yard and set back at least 50 feet from any adjacent street;
  - ~~[(5) Screening from abutting residentially used properties and streets in the form of a solid privacy fence of at least four feet in height constructed according to the fence standards of § 21.301.08 shall be provided for the shelter and enclosure;]~~
  - (6) A shelter shall not exceed 120 square feet in size and shall not exceed six feet in height;
  - (7) An enclosure ~~[or fenced area for chickens]~~ shall not exceed 20 square feet per bird, ~~[and]~~ shall not exceed six feet in height, and shall have protected overhead netting to prevent attracting predators and other animals running at large;
  - (8) An enclosure ~~[or fenced area]~~ may be constructed with wood and/or woven wire materials that allow chickens to contact the ground; and
  - (9) The shelter and enclosure must be c[€]onstructed in a workmanship-like manner to deter rodents and predators; and
  - (10) The shelter and enclosure must be screened from abutting residential properties in the form of a solid privacy fence of at least six feet in height constructed according to the fence standards of § 21.301.08.

(j) *Prevention of nuisance conditions.* Owners shall care for chickens in a humane manner and shall prevent nuisance conditions by ensuring the follow conditions are met.

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(4) Composting of f[F]eces[;] and discarded feed [and dead birds shall not be composted] must comply with requirements of §10.05 (3).

Section 2. That Chapter 21 of the City Code is hereby amended by deleting those words that are contained in brackets and ~~stricken through~~ and adding those words that are underlined, to read as follows:

## CHAPTER 21

### ZONING AND LAND DEVELOPMENT

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#### ARTICLE III. DEVELOPMENT STANDARDS

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#### DIVISION B: USE STANDARDS

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#### § 21.302.05 LIMITED AGRICULTURE, BEES, AND GARDENING.

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(c) *Farm animal and farm poultry shelters and enclosures, and beehives.* Shelters, enclosures, fenced areas, and beehives in which farm animals, farm poultry, and bees are kept must meet the following standards.

(1) Chicken shelters, enclosures and fenced areas for four or fewer hen chickens:

(A) Must be at least ~~[50]~~ 30 feet from any property lot line ~~[lot used residentially or platted for future residential use];~~

(B) Must be located closer to the owner's dwelling than any dwelling on a neighboring lot;

(C) A shelter must be set back a minimum of 50 feet from any dwelling on an abutting parcel;

~~[(C)D] Must [not] be located in the [front yard and must not be located closer to the property line along the street than the principal structure is from the same street unless set back at least 50 feet from the property line adjacent to the street]~~ rear or side yard and set back at least 50 feet from any adjacent street; and

~~[(D)E] Count against the number and size of accessory buildings allowed on site if over 50 square feet in area.~~

Passed and adopted this 23rd day of September, 2019.

/s/ Gene Winstead

Mayor

ATTEST:

APPROVED:

/s/ Denise M. Christenson

Secretary to the Council

/s/ Melissa J. Manderschied

City Attorney