

AMENDMENT TO ALLOW THE RAISING OF CHICKENS IN THE B-1 ZONE

*As Adopted by the Dorr Township Board
September 29, 2016*

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF DORR ORDINANCE NO. ____

THE TOWNSHIP OF DORR ORDAINS:

SECTION 1 Section 4.49 of the Dorr Township Zoning Ordinance being the General Provisions Chapter is hereby amended to **ADD** the following language:

Sec. 4.49 Regulations for Keeping Chickens in the B-1 Zone.

Chickens are permitted to be kept in the B-1 zoning district subject to the following regulations:

- a) No more than ten chickens shall be permitted on any lot.
- b) Roosters are not permitted.
- c) The applicant shall provide a covered, predator-proof chicken coop that is thoroughly ventilated, of sufficient size to admit free movement of the chickens, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained by the owners and provides at least four square feet of area per chicken.
- d) A sturdy outdoor enclosure for the keeping of the chickens shall also be provided which contains at least 10 sq. ft. per chicken. The enclosure shall be considered a fence and shall be subject to the applicable requirements of Sections 4.38 herein. The enclosure shall be constructed and kept in a condition so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents from getting inside.
- e) Chickens shall be kept in the coop or enclosure at all times.
- f) The coop and enclosure shall not be allowed to fall into disrepair and shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition with manure removed on a regular basis so it does not produce an odor noticeable off site or attract flies or other insects.
- g) Disposal of waste must be off site or on site in a compost bin approved by the Zoning Administrator. The compost bin shall be maintained so it is odor free and does not attract flies or other insects.
- h) Feed for the chickens shall be kept in a predator-proof container.
- i) The chicken coop, enclosure, feed container, and compost bin shall only be located in the rear yard and shall be at least eight feet from the side and rear lot lines.

j) It shall be unlawful for the owner, custodian, or keeper of any chicken to allow the animal(s) to be a nuisance to any neighbors, including but not limited to: noxious odors from the animals or their enclosure; and noise of a loud and persistent and habitual nature.

SECTION 2 EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall become effective seven days after publication or seven days after publication of a summary of its provisions in a local newspaper of general circulation in the Township.

Motion by _____ Seconded by _____

YEAS: _____

NAYS: _____

ABSENT: _____

ORDINANCE DECLARED ADOPTED

Brian Boot, Clerk
Dorr Township

I hereby certify the foregoing to be a true copy of an ordinance adopted at a regular meeting of the Dorr Township Board held on _____, 2016. Public notice of said meeting was given as provided by law.

Brian Boot, Clerk
Dorr Township