

ORDINANCE # 2025-01

ORDINANCE CREATING NEW CHAPTER §222 OF THE CODER OF THE VILLAGE OF GRESHAM, SHAWANO COUNTY, WISCONSIN

Chapter 222 Peace and Good Order

§ 222-9 (a) Animals and poultry not to run at large.

- (1) Definitions. As used in this section, the following terms shall have the meanings indicated:

CHICKEN

The common fowl (*Gallus gallus domesticus*), especially when young; also, its flesh used for food.

COOP

A structure for the sheltering of chickens. Said structure shall meet the standards contained in this section.

- (2) Permit required. A permit shall be issued by the Village Clerk's office. The permit process requires a completed application accompanied by the fee as determined by the Village Board. The permit will expire December 31 of each year. A new permit must be reissued annually and a new fee paid with each application. Applications received after April 1 is subject to a late fee as set by Village Board
- (3) The applicant is required to register with the State of Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and consumer protection as soon as chickens are added to a premise and must keep registration current and up to date. State ID number must be provided to the Village of Gresham at the time of application.
- (4) Keeping of chickens allowed. The keeping of up to four (4) chickens, with a permit, is allowed on a single-family detached dwelling premises (as defined in § 10.03), provided the following.
- (a) No person shall keep a rooster.
- (b) No person shall slaughter any chicken within Village limits.
- (c) Chickens shall be provided with fresh water at all times and adequate amounts of feed.
- (d) Chickens shall be provided with a sanitary and adequately sized enclosure, or coop, and shall be kept in an enclosure or a sanitary and adequately sized and accessible fenced enclosure, including fencing or other covering to prevent the chickens from flying out of the enclosure.

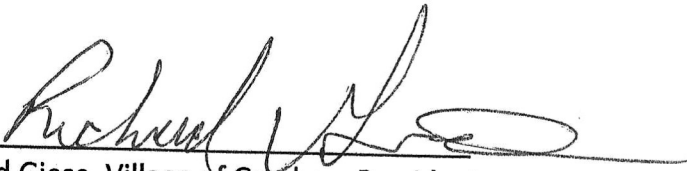
- (e) Chicken coops shall be constructed in a workmanlike manner, be moisture-resistant and either be raised off the ground or placed on a hard surface such as concrete, patio block or gravel.

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- (f) Chicken coops and enclosures shall be cleaned of hen droppings, uneaten food, feathers and other waste daily and as necessary to ensure that the coop and yard area do not become a health, odor or other nuisance. In addition, the chicken coops and enclosures must be thoroughly ventilated, predator-proof and be of sufficient size to admit free movement of the chickens, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained by the owners and must be at least two squared feet.
- (g) All chickens kept pursuant to this section shall be disease free.
- (h) The total area devoted to keeping chickens may not exceed 80 square feet.
- (i) No part of any enclosure shall be located closer than 25 feet from any residential dwelling on an adjoining lot. No part of any enclosure may be located closer than five feet from any lot line. No part of any enclosure shall be located nearer than 25 feet from a navigable waterway.
- (j) No enclosure may be located in the front yard area of a lot.
- (k) No one may keep any chickens in a manner that causes a nuisance, unhealthy condition or public health threat.
- (l) The chickens shall be shut into the chicken house at night, from sunset to sunrise.
- (m) During the daylight hours, the adult chickens shall have access to the chicken house and weather permitting, shall have access to an outdoor enclosure on the subject property, adequately fenced to contain the chickens and to prevent access to the chickens by dogs and other predators. Additional permits may be required for any fencing exceeding 24 feet.
- (n) Stored feed must be kept in a rodent – and predator – proof container.
- (5) Permit revocation. A permit is subject to revocation by the Village Board by recommendation of The Building Inspector of Village Clerk. Once a permit is revoked, it shall not be reissued for a period of at least two (2) years.

THIS ORDINANCE SHALL BE EFFECTIVE February, 18TH, 2025 AND POSTED ON February
19TH, 2025.

ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE OF GRESHAM, VILLAGE BOARD THE 18TH, DAY OF February, , 2025.



Richard Giese, Village of Gresham President

2-18-25

Date


Judith Kristof, Clerk/Treasurer

02/18/2025

Date

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