

ORDINANCE RELATING TO THE KEEPING OF POULTRY IN RESIDENTIAL AND ESTATE RESIDENTIAL ZONES

1. PURPOSE

It is recognized that the ability to cultivate one's own food is a sustainable activity that can also be a rewarding past time. Therefore, it is the purpose and intent of this ordinance to permit the keeping and maintenance of poultry for egg and meat sources in a clean and sanitary manner that is not a nuisance to or detrimental to the public health, safety, and welfare of the community.

2. DEFINITIONS

- a. Person/Owner shall include every person who owns, harbors, or keeps poultry.
- b. At Large Animals. Animals are considered at large when they are off the premises owned, leased or rented by its owner unless crated, penned, or under the control of a person able to control the animal.
- c. Poultry. For the purpose of this ordinance poultry means domesticated birds that serve as a source of eggs or meat. This includes chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, peafowl, pigeons, pheasants and other commercially raised poultry.
- d. Coop means the structure for the keeping or housing of poultry permitted by the ordinance.
- e. Officer means person designated by the Town Board to enforce this ordinance.
- f. Run means a fully enclosed area attached to a coop where the poultry can roam unsupervised.

3. GENERAL ORDINANCE

- a. If the Town Board determines that conditions are unsanitary, or if for any reason a nuisance exists, the owner of the premises shall be ordered to abate the nuisance.
- b. Any current grandfathering will be allowed as long as the provisions for grandfathering are followed according to State Statute 170, Nonconforming uses.
- c. The maximum number of poultry allowed per parcel is based on the residential zone:
 1. Estate Residential – twenty (20)
 2. Residential – ten (10)

4. CONFINEMENT OF POULTRY

- a. No person shall permit any poultry to run at large in Residential Zones.
- b. Poultry shall be kept in an enclosure such as a coop or fenced area used for poultry.

5. SETBACKS

a. No coop used to keep poultry shall be located within 15 feet of any principal structure which is not owned by the person possessing said poultry.

6. PENALTIES

Penalties will be assessed according to the Town of Morrison Bond Schedule.

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Attested:

Clerk – Colleen Magley

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