

ORDINANCE NO. 885, Fourth Series

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE AMENDING
SHAKOPEE CITY CODE SECTION 10.22 PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF HEN
CHICKENS**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF SHAKOPEE, MINNESOTA, ORDAINS:

Section 1. Section 10.22, Subdivision 2 of the Shakopee City Code is amended to read as follows:

Subd. 2. Keeping. It is unlawful for any person to keep any wild animal in any part of the City. It is unlawful for any person to keep any animal which is not approved by the United States Department of Agriculture, or the Minnesota Department of Natural Resources, in any part of the City. Except as otherwise allowed in Subdivision 8 of this Section, farm animals, pot bellied pigs, and pygmy goats may be kept only in that portion of the City zoned for agricultural purposes or where these animals are a permitted, conditional, or accessory use.

Section 2. Section 10.22 of the Shakopee City Code is amended by adding the following subdivision:

Subd. 8. Hen Chickens

- A. No more than five hen chickens are allowed on any parcel of land in the City.
- B. Every person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains or harbors hen chickens must keep them confined on the premises at all times in a chicken coop or chicken run. Hen chickens are not allowed in any part of a house or garage.
- C. Any chicken coop or chicken run must comply with all applicable building and zoning codes and regulations.
- D. No chicken coop or run shall be constructed on any parcel of land before construction of the principal building.
- E. A chicken coop or run cannot be located in the front or side yard.
- F. A chicken coop or run must be set back at least fifty feet from any residential structure on any adjacent lot and at least ten feet from the property line.
- G. A chicken coop or run must be screened from view with a solid fence or landscaped buffer with a minimum height of four feet.
- H. A chicken coop can be no larger than ten square feet per chicken and cannot exceed six feet in height. A chicken run cannot exceed twenty square feet per chicken and the fencing cannot exceed six feet in height. A chicken run may be enclosed with wood or woven wire materials, and may allow chickens to contact the ground. A chicken run must have a protective overhead netting to keep the chickens separated from other animals.
- I. A chicken coop must be elevated a minimum of twelve inches and a maximum of twenty four inches above grade to ensure circulation beneath the coop.
- J. Chicken grains and feed must be stored in rodent-proof containers.

K. No chicken may be kept or raised in a manner as to cause injury or annoyance to persons on other property in the vicinity by reason of noise, odor or filth.

L. Any chicken running at large may be impounded by the City and, after being impounded for three days or more without being reclaimed by the owner, may be destroyed or sold. A person reclaiming any impounded chicken must pay the cost of impounding and keeping the same.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance becomes effective from and after its passage and publication.

Passed in regular session of the City Council of the City of Shakopee, Minnesota held this 17th day of July, 2014.

Mayor of the City of Shakopee

Attest: _____,
City Clerk