

The council of the City of Yale, hereby ordains that Chapter **85.05 “Livestock,”** Code of Ordinances, of the City of Yale, Iowa be and hereby is repealed and the following is adopted in lieu thereof:

85.05 Livestock. Except as provided herein, it is unlawful for a person to keep livestock within the City except by written consent of the Council or except in compliance with the City’s zoning regulations.

85.05a DOMESTICATED CHICKENS

Purpose - Whereas, the keeping of chickens in the city supports a local, sustainable food system by providing an affordable, nutritious source of protein through fresh eggs. The keeping of chickens also provide free, quality, nitrogen-rich fertilizer; chemical-free pest control; animal companionship and pleasure; weed control; and less noise, mess and expense than dogs and cats. The purpose of this article is to provide standards for the keeping of domesticated chickens. It is intended to enable residents to keep a small number of female chickens on a non-commercial basis while limiting the potential adverse impacts on the surrounding neighborhood.

Number and Type of Chickens Allowed.

- (a) The maximum number of laying hens allowed is four (4) per single family dwelling.
- (b) Only female chickens are allowed with no restriction on chicken species.

Enclosures.

- (a) Chickens must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at all times and be housed in a movable, non-fixed enclosure.
- (b) Enclosures must be clean, dry, and odor-free, kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times, in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor or other adverse impact and be erected in accordance with local zoning regulations.
- (c) Enclosures shall be placed in backyard only. No enclosures will be tolerated in front or side yards.

Odor and Noise Impacts.

- (a) Odors from chickens, chicken manure, or other chicken-related substances

shall not be perceptible at the property boundaries.

(b) Perceptible noise from chickens shall not be loud enough at the property

boundaries to disturb persons of reasonable sensitivity.

Predators, Rodents, Insects, and Parasites.

The property owner shall take necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents and the potential infestation of insects and parasites.

Feed and Water.

Chickens must be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times; such

feed and water shall be unavailable to rodents, and predators.

Removal.

Provision must be made for the removal of chicken manure. It shall not be stored

on site. In addition, the henhouse, chicken pen and surrounding area must be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings. Uneaten feed shall be removed in a timely manner and spent hens must be disposed of immediately.