

ORDINANCE #2017-0503

**AN ORDINANCE CREATING SECTION 7-1-23A OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF
THE VILLAGE OF MONTICELLO, GREEN COUNTY, WISCONSIN
RELATING TO KEEPING OF CHICKENS**

The Village Board of Trustees of the Village of Monticello do ordain as follows:

SEC. 7-1-23A KEEPING OF CHICKENS. Village Ordinance of the Village of Monticello Municipal Code of Ordinances is hereby created as follows:

KEEPING OF CHICKENS: No person shall, without first obtaining a perpetual permit under this section, raise any chickens within the Village limits of Monticello. The following guidelines will need to be adhered to:

1. Chickens must be kept on a vacant lot or a lot with a one family dwelling.
2. The chickens must be kept in the back yard and not the side or front yard.
3. The chickens/hen house must be no closer than 25 feet from any structure located on any adjacent lot.
4. There can be no more than 6 female chickens per lot.
5. No roosters are permitted.
6. There will be no slaughtering of chickens within the Village limits of Monticello, except on properties zoned and approved for such use.
7. All food must be kept in airtight containers that are out of reach for wild animals.
8. Chickens shall be provided with a structure and area exclusively devoted for use as a hen house and fenced outdoor enclosure (run) at all times. Following rules:
 - a. Each hen must be provided a maximum of six (6) square feet of floor space.
 - b. There must be at least one (1) nesting box per hen of minimum one (1) foot by one (1) foot by one (1) foot tall.
 - c. The top of the run must be covered with fencing.
9. Coops and chicken runs shall be kept clean, dry and in sanitary condition at all times. Waste must be properly composted or disposed of.
10. The permittee shall comply with Wis. Admin. Code §ATCP 17.02 relating to livestock premises registration.
11. Permit.
 - a. Any person who keeps chickens in the Village of Monticello shall obtain a permit within 30 days of acquiring the chickens.
 - b. A site plan, as to where the chickens will be kept showing setbacks will need to accompany the permit.
 - c. If a rental, a dated and signed certified letter to the Village of Monticello from the property owner granting permission to harbor hens and a coop on their property must be attached.
 - d. Must receive written permission from neighbors that abut the property line (property owners & renters if applicable) to allow chickens on our property.
 - e. Permit to be renewed every three years.

f. Applications shall be turned in to the Village clerk's office, on such forms as deemed appropriate, and a fee shall be established from time to time by the Village Board.

12. **Penalties.** Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall be subject to the general penalty provisions of this code, the penalties provided under this section and citations issued pursuant to Monticello Code Section 7-1-24.


Inspections. In order to ensure compliance with this section and that there are no hazards or other issues present, the Chief of Police or his/her designee will conduct a site inspection of the premises on which chickens are kept.

Removal of Chickens. Chickens may be impounded or removed from the village for violations of this section upon order of the Village. The chicken's owner shall be responsible for costs of the impoundment or removal.

Appeal. Any person aggrieved by a determination or order of the Village may appeal in writing to the Public Safety Committee within thirty days of issuance of the determination or order and may request a hearing before the committee. A hearing will be conducted as soon as responsibly possible and no later than thirty days after receiving a request for a hearing. An appeal will not stay a determination, order or permit revocation.

Adopted by a vote of 7 for and 0 against at a regular meeting of the Village Board held the 3rd day of May, 2017.

Signed: 
Teresa Dunlap, Village President

Attest: 
DaNean Naeger, Clerk/Treasurer

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