

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 27, ANIMALS; SECTION 27.020; DEFINITIONS; 27.025 KEEPING NEAR DWELLINGS; 27.035; CLEANLINESS OF PENS, COOPS, ETC.; ADDING NEW SECTION 27.161 LIMITATIONS UPON NUMBER OF CHICKENS KEPT AND DELETING SECTION 27.050 HATCHERIES OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND CODE

WHEREAS, The Planning and Zoning Commission has reviewed Chapter 27, Animals and recommended amendments.

WHEREAS, The City of Ashland Board of Aldermen has reviewed said changes and accepts the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOARD OF ALDERMEN OF THE CITY OF ASHLAND, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. That Sections 27.020 Definitions; 27.025 Keeping near dwellings; 27.035 Cleanliness of pens, coops, etc. of the Ashland Municipal Code is herewith amended.

Section 2. That Section 27.020 Definitions be amended as follows:

Addition: Chick: Any member of the chicken (genus Gallus) family over 8 weeks of age.
Livestock: Shall include cattle, horses, mules, goats, sheep, hogs, ducks, geese, turkeys, lamas, emu, ostriches, camels or any other domestic beast or fowl but shall not include chickens.

Section 3. That Section 27.025 Keeping near dwellings shall read as follows:

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any livestock in an outdoor enclosure or pasture, the exterior boundary of which is within one hundred (100) feet of the dwelling house of another without the written permission of the owner or occupant of such dwelling house.

Section 4. That Section 27.035 Cleanliness of pens, coops, etc. shall read as follows:

It shall be unlawful to keep any livestock or chickens in any structure used for human habitation. It shall be unlawful to keep any animal in any structure, pen, coop or yard that is not maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times. Devoid of all rodents and vermin and free from offensive, disagreeable or obnoxious smells or odors, tending to injure, annoy or inconvenience any inhabitant of the neighborhood.

Section 5. Chapter 27; Animals shall be amended to add a new Section 27.161-Limitations upon number of chickens to be kept.

Section 6. Section 27.161-Limitations upon number of chickens to be kept. The maximum number of chickens allowed is ten (10) per tract of land regardless of how many dwellings are on the tract. Only one (1) male chicken is allowed. Chicks are excluded from the limitation on the number of chickens kept. There is no restriction on chicken species. It shall be unlawful to engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer for commercial purposes.