



ORDINANCE NO. 5, SERIES 2025

AMENDING SECTION 7-1-14(e), FARM ANIMALS

The Village Board of the Village of Prairie du Sac, Sauk County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

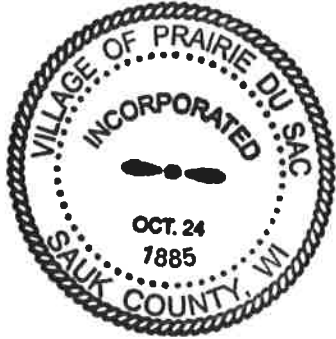
Section 1: Repeal and recreate Section 7-1-14(e), FARM ANIMALS of the Code of the Village of Prairie du Sac as follows:

- (e) FARM ANIMALS. For purposes hereof, the term “Farm Animals” means any animals normally raised on farms in the United States and used for food or fiber. Farm Animals include, but are not limited to, chickens, ducks, geese, rabbits (more than four rabbits), bees, wasps, hornets, horses, mules, ponies, donkeys, cattle, swine (including miniature pigs), goats or any other similar type of animal. No person shall bring into, keep or maintain within the Village of Prairie du Sac any Farm Animal, except that this prohibition shall not apply to:
- (1) Areas of the Village which are zoned for agricultural purposes.
 - (2) The care, custody or control by a veterinarian for treatment of such animals.
 - (3) Agricultural fairs, shows or projects of 4-H Clubs, not including the raising of Farm Animals; or display for judging purposes.
 - (4) Itinerant or transient carnivals, circus’s or other like shows; or dog or cats shows or trials.
 - (5) Public or private educational institutions.
 - (6) Chickens kept on properties where a lawfully permitted or a legal nonconforming single-family land use, per Title 10, Chapter 1 of this Code, exists provided the following conditions are met:
 - a. The keeping of chickens shall require an annual license issued by the Village. The Village Administrator shall review applications for chicken licenses. Not less than ten (10) days notice of an application shall be provided to all property owners contiguous with the parcel proposed for a chicken coop. If less than fifty percent (50%) of the contiguous property owners of the applicant property are in approval of the granting of the license, then the Village Board, rather than the Village Administrator, shall consider the granting of application. The license shall expire on December 31 of each year, and the annual fee shall be set forth by the Village Board in the Schedule of Fees. Any license not renewed by April 1 shall be assessed as a late penalty as set forth by the Village Board in the Schedule of Fees. No license shall be issued unless proof of registration with the Wisconsin Department of Agricultural Trade and Consumer Protection pursuant to Wis. Stats. 95.51 and ATCP 17, Wis. Adm. Code is provided with an application for license. The chickens are raised on the property of the owner, or if a tenant, with the written consent of the owner. Such written consent must be submitted with the application for a license.
 - b. A zero lot line, as defined per Title 10, Chapter 1 of this Code, is not qualified to have chickens.
 - c. No more than four (4) chickens may be maintained on any parcel.
 - d. No roosters and/or cockerels are to be kept.
 - e. All food supplies shall be kept in a secure and rodent-proof container.
 - f. Chickens shall not be kept inside of a residence.

- g. The outdoor slaughtering of chickens is prohibited on properties with residential uses.
- h. No person may offer to sell chicken products, including eggs, or chicks accumulated from the activities permitted hereunder.
- i. The use of mechanized farm equipment is prohibited.
- j. Chickens shall be kept in a completely enclosed and covered coop or run at all times. A coop is defined as an enclosed accessory structure designed for the keeping of chickens and meeting the requirements of this section. A run is defined as a covered fenced cage attached to a coop. The coop and run shall be constructed of sturdy, predator-proof and rodent-proof material and shall provide adequate shade from the sun and warmth in cold weather. The coop and run shall be constructed and maintained in a manner that is compatible with the character of the area and so as to not constitute a public nuisance. The floor of the enclosure shall be covered with wood chips, straw, or similar type absorbent material and be regularly cleaned and otherwise maintained. The coop and run combined shall be a minimum of ten (10) square feet per chicken, but the coop shall not exceed twenty-four (24) square feet in area and the run shall not exceed forty (40) square feet in size. No coop or run shall be closer than ten (10) feet to any lot line nor closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any neighboring residential structures. The chickens, coop and run must be kept in the area behind the principal structure of the applicant property and not be kept in the front yard or street side yard (reference Sec. 10-1-0104). Per Sec. 7-1-11, coops and runs shall be kept clean, dry and odor free and sanitary condition at all times in such a manner as not to disturb the use or enjoyment of adjoining property due to noise, odor or any other adverse impact.
- k. In the event that a license holder accumulates two violations, Sec. 7-1-21, of this Chapter within any 12-month period, or three violations within any 36-month period, the license shall be revoked. A person whose license is revoked shall have the right to a hearing on the revocation before the Administrative Committee of the Village Board, if such hearing is requested in writing within 10 days of service of the Notice of Revocation. A Notice of Revocation is deemed served upon the day of mailing if sent by certified mail to the applicant of the license at the address as listed upon the application for the chicken license.

Section 2: This ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption and publication in the manner provided for by law.

Adopted this 9th day of September, 2025.
 Published this 25th day of September, 2025.



Village of Prairie du Sac, WI

Andrew Strathman
 Village President

Niki Conway
 Village Clerk