

**CITY OF ZUMBROTA
ORDINANCE NO. 2015-02**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF ZUMBROTA, MINNESOTA AMENDING THE
CITY ZONING CODES PERMITTING THE KEEPING OF URBAN CHICKENS IN
RESIDENTIAL ZONING DISTRICTS MODIFYING DISTRICT R1, R1A, R2, R3 AND
R4; SUBDIVISION 3(E)**

WHEREAS, The keeping of urban chickens in residentially zoned districts is not currently allowed under the City of Zumbrota Zoning Code Subdivision 3(E) which states as an allowed use: “The keeping of animals typically classified as animals that are domesticated pets...”; and,

WHEREAS, An application for a zoning ordinance amendment was received from a resident requesting the above referenced Zoning Code be revised to allow the keeping of urban chickens; and,

WHEREAS, A duly noticed public hearing was held at the April 14, 2015 regular Planning Commission meeting to consider this request; and,

WHEREAS, After significant public input, the Planning Commission directed the Zoning Administrator to draft a revision to the ordinance that would allow limited and regulated keeping of hen chickens in residential zoning districts; and,

WHEREAS, After subsequent review of draft revisions at the May and June Planning Commission meetings, the Planning Commission on June 9, 2015 voted unanimously to recommend the City Council approve the revisions to the Zumbrota Zoning Code listed below.

NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF ZUMBROTA HEREBY ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

The language in red shall be added to Subdivision 3(E) in Zoning Districts R1, R1a, R2, R3 and R4 of the Zumbrota Zoning Code:

E. The keeping of animals typically classified as animals that are domesticated pets and buildings and structures for the keeping of such animals and storage of related equipment.

In addition to animals typically classified as domestic pets, the keeping of not more than ten (10) hen chickens on a parcel shall be permitted provided the following standards are met:

- (1) Hen chickens shall be fully contained on the property at all times.*
- (2) Hen chicken feed shall be stored in secure containers with tight fitting lids.*
- (3) All housing, pens and containment areas shall be maintained in a clean, sanitary and odor free environment, consistent with Zumbrota City Code Sections 95.29 and 95.30.*
- (4) Hen chickens shall be housed in an accessory structure with run meeting the requirements of the underlying zoning district and consistent with Zumbrota Zoning Code Section 3, Subdivision 3. Structures shall be rodent/predator proof and no hen chickens shall be housed within any part of a residential dwelling.*

- (5) Accessory structures and runs shall be at least ten (10) feet from all property lines.*
- (6) Neither the keeping of roosters nor the slaughtering of hen chickens shall be permitted.*
- (7) In order to address potential Avian Influenza (AI) and other disease spreading, any illness or unusual mortality of hen chickens shall be reported immediately to the Goodhue County Feedlot Management Officer and the MN Board of Animal Health. Biosecurity measures shall be in place to help prevent introduction of avian influenza.*
- (8) Prior to the keeping of hen chickens in accordance with this Section, property owners shall notify the City in writing on a form provided by the Zoning Administrator. Failure to provide prior notification shall subject property owner to enforcement under provisions of the City Code Title I: General Provisions, Chapter 10 Section 20.*

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the City Council of the City of Zumbrota, Minnesota,
this 18th day of June, 2015.

Mayor Richard Bauer

ATTEST:

City Administrator Neil Jensen