

ORDINANCE NO. 776

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF AUDUBON, IOWA, BY REPLACING SECTION 55.05 OF CHAPTER 55 TITLED “ANIMAL PROTECTION AND CONTROL” IN ITS ENTIRETY AND SUBSTITUTING IT WITH NEW LANGUAGE

BE IT ENACTED by the City Council of Audubon, Iowa:

SECTION 1. SECTION MODIFIED. Section 55.05 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Audubon, Iowa, is modified by replacing it in its entirety and substituting it with the following:

55.05 LIVESTOCK. It is unlawful for a person to keep livestock within the City except under the following exception on single-family residential lots in residential areas in the City.

1. Poultry (chickens) raised and kept by private individuals for residential purposes on single-family lots located on residential property under the following conditions:
 - A. The keeping of no more than six (6) chickens for use in egg production for the benefit of the owner or lessee of said property. Tenants of single-family residential properties shall be required to submit written support from the landowner.
 - B. Roosters may not be raised and kept within the City limits.
 - C. Chickens shall be secured within a covered structure/coop during non-daylight hours. Coops shall be a minimum of 4 sq. ft.in size per chicken, constructed of sturdy materials, and kept well maintained. Pens/fenced enclosures shall consist of sturdy wire fencing of a type customarily designed for and used to enclose chickens. A fenced enclosure a minimum of 10 sq. ft. per chicken shall also be required to be located around the covered structure/coop to allow the chickens to move around outside of the covered structure/coop.
 - D. The covered structure/coop and fenced enclosure are required to be located in the rear yard of the property. Covered structures/coops and the fenced enclosure shall be located a minimum 15 feet from side and rear property lines and a minimum of 50 feet from adjacent dwellings. On corner lots, placement of the covered structure/coop and fenced enclosure may be located in a side yard provided the covered structure/coop and fenced enclosure meet the minimum front yard street setback and are 15 feet minimum from side and rear property lines, and 50 feet from adjacent dwellings.
 - E. Chickens and the eggs shall not be for commercial use.
 - F. Dead chickens shall be removed from the coop and disposed of appropriately.
 - G. Slaughtering of chickens within City limits is not permitted.
 - H. The enclosed structure/coop and outdoor fenced area must be clean and odor free.
 - I. Chickens shall have access to feed and clean water at all times.

- J. All feed and other items associated with keeping chickens shall be stored in a manner to prevent rodents, wild birds, and predators.
- K. Violations of this ordinance are simple misdemeanors and municipal infractions. Violations may be prosecuted as either a misdemeanor criminal offense or a municipal infraction at the sole discretion of the Animal Control Officer.

SECTION 2. REPEALER. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY. If any section, provision, or part of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, unconstitutional, or unenforceable for any reason, such adjudication shall not affect the validity or enforcement of the remaining provisions.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall become effective from and after its final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED THIS 11th DAY OF AUGUST, 2025.

/s/Palle Lansman, Mayor

ATTEST: /s/Janell Remsburg, City Clerk