

ORDINANCE 25-06

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 6.04.200 OF THE TOWN OF JACKSON MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING RAISING OR KEEPING FOWL.

WHEREAS, on June 10, 2014, the Council of the Town of Jackson adopted 6.04.200 regarding raising and keeping fowl; and,

WHEREAS, the Council desires to amend section 6.04.200 to increase the permitted number of hens and simplify coop/run requirements; and

WHEREAS, the Council has concluded that the adoption of the proposed amendment to the Town of Jackson Municipal Code is in the best interest of its citizens;

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF JACKSON HEREBY ORDAINS THAT:

The language in 6.04.200 of the Town of Jackson Municipal Code shall be amended to read as follows:

Raising or keeping fowl.

A. Generally. The keeping of fowl shall be in compliance with the following, in addition to any zoning and/or building regulations that may be applicable to the construction of coops and runs:

1. No more than ~~six (6)~~ **twelve (12)** hens shall be kept or maintained on a single premise. No roosters shall be allowed.
2. Such hens must be confined in a coop not less than 18 inches in height and with a minimum square feet of floor area of two (2) square feet per hen over four (4) months of age, connected to a run of not less than ~~nine (9)~~ **ten (10)** square feet ~~for one (1) bird; twelve (12) square feet for two (2) birds; sixteen (16) square feet for three (3) birds; or twenty (20) square feet for four birds~~ **per bird** over four (4) months of age, which shall be fully enclosed. Coops must be completely enclosed and constructed in a uniform manner of sturdy material that provides protection from potential predators and the elements and properly ventilated. Runs must be constructed of a fencing material that prevents potential predators from getting in and prevents the hens from escaping.
3. The run must be well drained so there is no accumulation of fowl excrement and shall be cleaned regularly with all droppings and excretion disposed of in a manner so as not to cause an odor or attract flies, unless otherwise disposed of in accordance with any federal, state or local health regulations.
4. Coops must be screened from the side or rear lot line by shrubbery or a privacy fence.
5. No person shall slaughter any fowl on their premises.

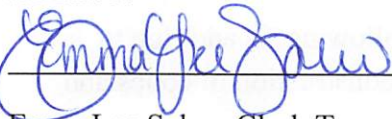
6. It shall be unlawful to raise fowl for commercial purposes within the corporate limits of the city or to sell eggs laid by fowl kept in the corporate limits of the city.
7. No person shall keep fowl on their premises within the town without first obtaining:
 - (i) A permit from the Town. To obtain a permit from the Town, landowner must give the Town a drawing of proposed structure for fowl **including setback measurements**. Written permission will be given to landowner once the property where the fowl is kept is inspected.

ADOPTED by the Council of the Town of Jackson at a regular meeting held this 13th day of May, 2025, at which a quorum was present and voting.

1st Reading: April 15, 2025

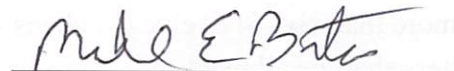
2nd Reading: May 13, 2025

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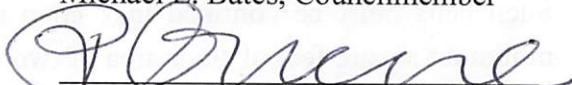


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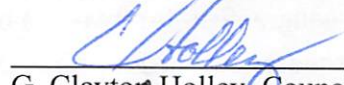
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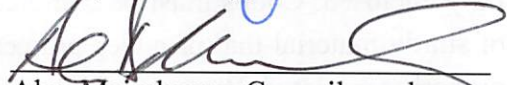
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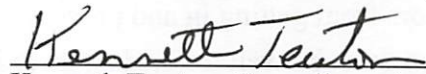
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