

VILLAGE BOARD MEETING

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VILLAGE OF HARRISON

Meeting Date: 3/25/2025

Title: Ordinance V25-06, An ordinance amending Chapter 6, Section 6-3 Keeping of Fowls.

Issue: Does the Village Board approve amending the Keeping of Fowls ordinance to allow for 6 chickens, doves and expand the size of the enclosure and adding a run square footage.

Background and Additional Information:

A future board agenda items included reviewing the revisions to the keeping of fowls based on a resident request.

Village staff completed a review of the surrounding communities' ordinances. The results of this review are below:

Municipality	Number of Chickens	Maximum size of coop	Setbacks to Res Structures	Notes	
Harrison	4	25 square feet	35 feet	A coop larger than 25 sq ft is permitted as an accessory building	
Buchanan	8	80 square feet	15 feet from property line		
Fox Crossing	4	NA	25 feet	Register with WI Dept of Ag	
Greenville	4	50 square feet	25 feet; 10 feet from lot line	Requires annual license	
Grand Chute	6	48 square feet	25 feet; 10 feet from lot line	Requires annual license	
Menasha	6	64 square feet	20 feet; 3 feet from lot line	Requires permit; inspection from Health Officer	
Appleton	6	100 feet including run	25 feet; 3 feet from lot line	Requires annual permit from Health Department	
Kaukauna	6	NA	100 feet ; 50 feet from lot lines	Only issues 10 Fowl permits per year; setbacks can be closer with approval from neighbors	
Calumet County	6	NA	40 feet; 15 feet from lot lines		

Staff recommendation is to allow 6 fowl up from the 4 previously allowed and to increase the inside coop to 30 square feet and no more than 60 square feet for a run.

The square footage change recommendation is based on backyard chicken chatter website: In the backyard chicken coop, standard size chickens will need 3 sqft per chicken. But if your hens are large chickens, you might want to up that to 4-5 sqft per bird. And for smaller bantam chickens, you can get away with less room with 2 square feet of space for each chicken.

Budget Impacts: None

Recommended Action: Motion to approve Ordinance V25-06 amending Chapter 6, Section 6-3, Keeping of Fowls as printed and circulated.

Attachments:

Ordinance V25-06