

State of Minnesota
County of Watonwan

ORDINANCE 030, 4TH SERIES

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER §91.04 TO THE ST. JAMES CITY CODE
PERTAINING TO CHICKENS

The City of St. James does ordain:

Section 1. Title IX of the City Code is amended by revising Chapter §91.04(C)(3) to read as follows:

§ 91.04 CHICKENS

(C) *Enforcement.*

(1) A chicken keeping license shall expire for any of the following reasons:

- (a) If chickens are removed from the property for a period of one year.
- (b) The license is revoked.
- (c) A violation occurs as outlined below.

(2) If a property receives three or more valid complaints regarding the keeping of chickens, the chicken keeping license shall be revoked and the chickens must be removed from the property within 30 days of the date of revocation. A violation will be sited if the chicken is running-at-large. The license holder may appeal to the City Council for reinstatement of their license by filing an agenda request to appeal with the City Manager within ten calendar days after the city's decision to revoke the license. The City Manager shall cause the appeal request to be placed on the agenda of the next regular City Council meeting that is held not less than ten calendar days following receipt of the appeal request. The City Council may affirm or reject the decision of the city staff.

(3) Any violation of this section shall be considered a nuisance per § ~~90.02~~ [90.003](#), and is subject to an administrative fine in accordance with the city's fee schedule.

Section 2. Effective Date. The effective date of this ordinance shall be effective upon passage and publication.

First Reading:	<u>July 1, 2025</u>
Second Reading:	<u>July 15, 2025</u>
Date of Publication:	<u>July 24, 2025</u>
Date Ordinance Takes Effect:	<u>July 24, 2025</u>

Adopted by the City Council this 1st day of July, 2025.

Christopher Whitehead, Mayor

ATTEST:

Kristin K. Hurley, City Clerk-Treasurer