

1 **COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART, INDIANA**
2 **Ordinance No. 2025- 17 as amended**

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4 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF HOBART,**
5 **INDIANA WITHIN THE CITY OF HOBART REGARDING SPECIFIC**
6 **REQUIREMENTS FOR MAINTAINING CHICKENS**
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8 WHEREAS, § 90.01 and § 90.03 of the Municipal Code (“Code”) of the City of Hobart,
9 Indiana (“City”) sets forth the parameters of where chickens, chicken **coops/runs** or chicken
10 parks can be located in relation to surrounding residences except that of the owner of the
11 chickens, and
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13 WHEREAS, the Council now finds it is necessary to enact additional regulations in order
14 to ensure appropriate provisions to permit the harboring of chickens within the City; and
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16 WHEREAS, the Council is desirous of adopting the foregoing new provisions of § 90.01
17 to address the harboring of chickens within the City.
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19 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Common Council of the City of Hobart,
20 Indiana, as follows:
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22 **SECTION ONE:** That the Code of Ordinances of the City of Hobart, Indiana is hereby
23 amended in **Chapter 90** entitled “**ANIMALS AND FOWL**” to add the following **new**
24 **language** to § 90.01 and § 90.03:
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26 **Section 90.01 – Keeping Certain Animals**
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28 It is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain any pig pen or pig sty, chicken **coop/run** or
29 chicken-park or any other fowl in the same [area] within 200 feet of any dwelling house of any person,
30 other than the owner of the pig pen, pig sty, or chicken **coop/run** or chicken park.
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32 In regard to the keeping of chickens and chicken **coops/runs** on parcels not able to meet the 200 feet
33 requirement, the following provisions apply:
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35 **(1) A chicken is a *gallus gallus domesticus*, a domestic bird typically kept on a**
36 **farm. This definition does not include other fowl, such as, but not limited to,**
37 **peacocks, turkeys, or waterfowl.**
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39 **(2) No roosters (male chickens) shall be kept under the provisions of this**
40 **subsection.**
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42 **(3) There shall be no more than four (4) chickens kept on any single parcel at**
43 **any time.**
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45 **(4) Chickens must be kept completely and securely enclosed and under the**
46 **control of the owner.**
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48 (5) An enclosed structure for harboring chickens that provides shelter from the
49 elements and offers sufficient space for browsing and feeding hereinafter referred to
50 as a chicken coop/run, shall be provided. Said structure shall:

- 51 • Provide adequate access to sunlight, shade and ventilation.
- 52 • Be constructed to prevent ingress by rodents, wild birds, and predators,
53 including cats and dogs.
- 54 • Provide at least ten (10) square feet or space per chicken kept therein.
- 55 • Not exceed seventy-five (75) total square feet in size.
- 56 • Not exceed ten (10) feet in height.
- 57 • Be located a minimum of ten (10) feet from all property lines.
- 58 • Sit no less than sixty (60) feet from any neighboring residential dwelling.
59 However, where a fence or other barrier of no less than six (6) feet in height
60 is maintained between the coop/run and the neighboring dwelling, the
61 required setback may be reduced to a minimum of forty (40) feet.
- 62 • For corner lots, the chicken coop/run shall be situated as near as possible to
63 the middle of the lot. The City's Building Commissioner shall approve the
64 location of chicken coops/runs on all corner lots.

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66 (6) Chickens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times.

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68 (7) All feed for said chickens shall be stored in containers so as to protect against
69 intrusion by rodents and vermin.

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71 (8) The chicken coop/run shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and in
72 compliance with all applicable health regulations of the State of Indiana, Lake
73 County, and the City.

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75 (9) Chickens and chicken coops/runs shall be confined to the rear yard of the
76 property.

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78 (10) Any Chickens kept in accordance with the provisions of this subsection shall
79 be for non-commercial, personal use only and may not be slaughtered on the
80 property.

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82 (Prior Code, § 3-1) (Ord. 415, § 1; Ord. 498, § 1) Penalty, see § 10.99

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84 **§ 90.03 KEEPING CERTAIN ANIMALS; EXCEPTION.**

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86 It is unlawful for any person to permit any animal or fowl, with the **exception of chickens which**
87 **shall be contained within the owners property**, mentioned in §§ 90.01 or 90.02, to go within 200 feet of
88 any occupied dwelling except when riding a horse to, from or along any roadway within the city.

89 (Prior Code, § 3-3) (Ord. 415, § 2; Ord. 498, § 1) Penalty, see § 10.99
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SECTION TWO: That all existing City Code Sections and Ordinances, or parts thereof, in conflict with the provisions of this Ordinance, are hereby deemed null, void, and of no legal effect, and are specifically repealed.

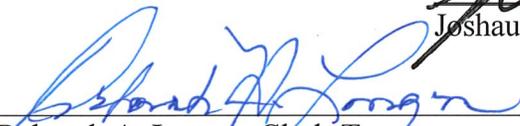
SECTION THREE: If any section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance shall be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by any Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect any other section, clause, provision, or portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION FOUR: That this Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force and effect from and after its passage by the City Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, and publication in conformance with applicable law.

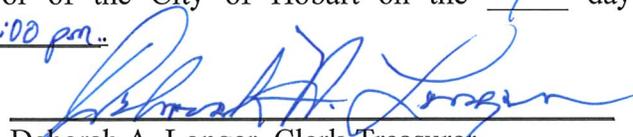
FURTHER BE IT ORDAINED, that the City of Hobart intends to create an enforceable Ordinance which is compliant with all Federal, State and Local laws, in the event, that this Ordinance, or any part of it, or any provision, or any classification contained therein, is found to be unconstitutional, the remaining portion will remain in effect and will be found to be valid.

PASSED AND ADOPTED by the Common Council of the City of Hobart, Indiana, on this 4th day of JUNE, 2025.


Joshua Huddleston, Presiding Officer

ATTEST: 
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

PRESENTED by me to the Mayor of the City of Hobart on the 4th day of JUNE, 2025 at the hour of 7:00 pm.


Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer

APPROVED, EXECUTED and RETURNED by me to the Common Council of the City of Hobart on this 5th day of JUNE, 2025.


Joshua Huddleston, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Deborah A. Longer, Clerk-Treasurer