



**CITY COUNCIL
MEETING
MEMORANDUM**

ITEM: Ordinance No. 2023-29: An Ordinance Amending Chapter 90 of Title IX of the Municipal Code of the City of Monticello Regarding Hens	DEPARTMENT: City Administration
AGENDA SECTION: New Business	SUBMITTED BY: Jim Grabarczyk, Director of Planning and Development
ATTACHMENTS: (X) ORDINANCE () RESOLUTION () OTHER SUPPORTING DOCUMENTS	DATE: June 7 th , 2023

BACKGROUND:

At the May 22nd, 2023 regular City Council Meeting, the Council expressed a desire to amend Chapter 90 of its Code of Ordinances regarding the keeping of animals within the corporate limits of the city, specifically “Hens”.

Staff reviewed several surrounding local government codes relating to the keeping of hens within their respective jurisdiction. We drafted the attached revision to our code of ordinances and had our attorney review the revisions and it is presented here for your consideration.

Up to six hens may be housed according to the prescribed regulations. No other domestic fowl will be allowed. Hens running at large will not be allowed and must remain in their coop during non-daylight hours. Hens will be allowed to exercise, with supervision, outside of their coop or run providing that the property has a six-foot-tall fence. The coop and run must be located in the rear yard and twenty-five feet from any neighboring dwelling. Coops will be considered accessory structures and thus must meet all of the provisions for accessory structures including permitting and inspection. Non-compliance with any of these regulations may result in permit revocation, future permit denial, or considered nuisance violations.

RECOMMENDED ACTION:

It is recommended that the City Council discuss and approve or disapprove Ordinance 2023-29 as presented at your regularly scheduled meeting to be held on June 12th, 2023.