

**TOWN OF WEST LAKELAND
WASHINGTON COUNTY, MINNESOTA**

Be it ordained by the Town Board of the Town of West Lakeland that the following sections be adopted as amendments/additions to the Code of Ordinances for West Lakeland Township.

17.9.2.1 Animal Unit. A unit of measure used to compare differences in the production of animal manure that employs as a standard the amount of manure produced on regular basis by a slaughter steer or heifer.

17.9.2.4 Livestock. Domestic farm animals including but not limited to cattle, hogs, horses, bees, sheep, goats and any other animals commonly kept for commercial food production purposes and pleasure.

17.9.2.7 Domestic Fowl. A domesticated bird, such as a chicken, duck, goose or turkey.

17.9.5 The following equivalents shall apply with determining animal units

Animal	Animal Units
One mature dairy cow	1.4
One slaughter steer or heifer	1.0
One horse, donkey, pony, mule	1.0
One swine over 55 lbs	0.4
One llama	0.25
One goat or sheep	0.1
One swine under 55 lbs	0.05

For animals not listed above. The number of animal units shall be defined as the weight of the animal divided by one thousand (1,000) pounds.

17.9.9 Penalty. Any violation of section 17.9 shall be punishable as a misdemeanor.

17.10 Regulations Relating to Chickens and other Domestic Fowl

17.10.1 Number Allowed. A maximum of five (5) domestic fowl per one-half (1/2) acre may be kept.

17.10.2 Confinement Standards. A chicken coop and pen shall be provided to confine the birds on the owner's premises and keep predators out.

17.10.2.1 All coops and pens must be located within the rear yard and are subject to the requirements for accessory buildings including all setbacks.

17.10.2.2 Coops and pens must be of a sufficient size for the number of birds.

17.10.2.3 Birds, coops and pens must not be kept in a manner as to cause an unhealthy, unsanitary or noxious condition or to cause a nuisance such as objectionable noise or odors.

17.10.2.4 Food stored for birds must be kept in predator-proof containers.

17.10.3 Restrictions.

17.10.3.1 All butchering waste shall be disposed of in a sanitary manner.

17.10.3.2 Dead chickens must be properly disposed of within 48 to 72 hours of death.

17.10.4 Penalty. Any violation of section 17.10 shall be punishable as a misdemeanor.

Adopted on July 8, 2019

/s/ Daniel Kylo, Chairman

ATTEST:

/s/ Carrie Seifert, Clerk