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Annual Registration of Chicken Keeping Updated 6-2019

An individual must register their chicken keeping with the City of Stoughton within 30 days after commencing chicken keeping on their property. This registration expires on December 31 each year, and must be renewed by March 31st each subsequent year or the registration will be subject to a \$25 late fee. You can register at City Hall, 207 S. Forrest St., Monday - Friday between the hours of 8 a.m. and 4:30 p.m. or by mail by completing and mailing the registration form below.

Registration Process:

- **Provide the following information:**

Registration Date: _____ Number of hen chickens to be kept: _____

Registrant Name (please print): _____

Street Address where chickens will be housed: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone (day time): _____

- **Sign and mail this form to the City of Stoughton, 207 S. Forrest St., allow with:**
 - A self-addressed, stamped envelope
 - Proof of registration with the Department of Agriculture (https://wiid.org/premises_registration/)
 - For **NEW** registrations: \$25 check made payable to the City of Stoughton
 - Map of coop location
 - There is no fee for registration renewals

Your signature acknowledges that you have read and accept the following standards for keeping chickens in the City of Stoughton:

1. You will abide by the regulations set forth in zoning code section 78-206(8)(y). (attached).
2. You agree to allow Planning Department and Police Department staff to enter on your property to inspect the chicken keeping operations.

Registrant Signature _____ Date _____

Date Registered: _____

Sec. 78-206(8)(y) Keeping of chickens

Description: A maximum of six hen chickens (no roosters) are allowed by right on residentially zoned property with a single-family, duplex or twin home residential unit. Additionally, the keeping of chickens shall be allowed for Group Daycares, Schools and Church uses within the Planned Business and Institutional zoning districts. The following requirements shall also apply to the keeping of chickens:

1. Regulations:
 - a. No chicken coop or run area shall be closer than 25 feet to any residential home on an adjacent lot and the coop and run area shall only be located within the rear yard and/or side yard.
 - b. Chicken coops that are less than 65 square feet in area are exempt from a zoning permit and fee.
 - c. Chicken coops must conform to the accessory structure requirements of the specific zoning district where located.
 - d. Any electrical work requires an electrical permit through the department of planning and development.
 - e. Chickens shall be kept within the coop or run area at all times. The run area shall include an area fenced with materials to sufficiently contain chickens. A zoning permit and fee is required for fencing an area over 100 square feet. Fencing shall meet all zoning requirements.
 - f. Selling of eggs is prohibited.
 - g. Slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.
 - h. The noise standards in section 6-5 of the Stoughton Code of Ordinances must be adhered to.
 - i. The public nuisances - noxious odors standards specified in section 58-8 of the Stoughton Code of Ordinances must be adhered to.
 - j. Proof of livestock premises registration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, if necessary, must be provided upon request.
 - k. Chickens shall be provided a covered enclosure for protection.
 - l. Coops shall be a minimum of 3 square feet in area per hen chicken and run areas shall be a minimum of 10 square feet in area per hen chicken.