

**ORDINANCE NO.**  
**TOWN OF DANVILLE**

**TEXT AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 95 SECTION 95.01 KEEPING OF FARM  
ANIMALS**

**Regulation of Chicken and Hens**

The following regulations regarding the allowance of 4-6 chickens and hens with recommendation of 5 are permissible on all properties greater than 1 acre in size.

- a. The allowance of chickens and hens is restricted for personal use for individual households to produce meat or eggs for food. The Town of Danville prohibits the allowance of Roosters on any property.
- b. Chicken Coop shall mean a structure to house chickens that is properly ventilated and designed to be protected from the weather, vermin, and predators. Outside exercise area and pasture must be fenced and must not be located in the front yard. Pen, Shelter, coop, roost hutch, or other shelter for animals must not be located in a front yard and must meet setbacks required in the Town. Animals must at all times be confined to the lot.
- c. The keeping and raising of Chicken and Hens is for personal use only, it is not intended or permitted for residents of the Town to conduct commercial sales or breeding of chickens. All new accessory structures or chicken coops require a permit issued by the Town of Danville in accordance with the enacted fee schedule. The allowance of new accessory structure or relocation of existing chicken coops shall be permitted in the rear yard only, no chicken coops will be permitted adjacent to private or public roadways. The Chicken Coop must be kept 100' feet from all rear yard property lines. The allowance of Chicken Coops will only be permitted in rear yards and placement of coops must not exceed 250 square feet of said rear yard property and must be placed in the center of the rear yard. The placement of existing or new chicken coops shall be in equal distance from rear side yards measured equally from the center line of the rear yard.
- d. All Chickens kept within the Town limits shall be confined to the private property of the respective owner by use of fencing to prevent the running at large or trespass of chickens on public or private property. Fence materials shall be at least 60 inches in height measured to grade. The fence shall be comprised of solid, opaque surfaces including but not limited to, wooden picket, stone, mason, vinyl, or similar panel material intended to completely enclose and prevent the escape and viewing of chickens from adjacent viewsheds, this provision is intended to confine chickens or prevent their escape from enclosures shall constitute a violation of this ordinance.
- e. Reasonable care of the animals must be afforded in all aspects including proper handling, restraining, sheltering, exercise, grooming, nutrition, watering, parasite and waste management, and veterinary care for the species of animal kept. Industry or breed standards for the breed and type of animal may be used to determine whether reasonable care is being provided. Poor condition or health in the absence of veterinary supervision is prima facie evidence of a violation.
- f. Clean water must at all times be present and available for the animals. Feed must be animal-appropriate and stored in such a manner as to prohibit contamination by moisture, mold, and insects and to restrict access by rodents.

- e. Odors from the animals or from animal waste must not be discernible at any property line
- f. Waste must be collected and removed or composted regularly.
- g. Slaughter must be limited to personal livestock, must not be conducted in the front yard, and must be conducted within a completely screened area. Remains must be disposed of and removed from the site within 24 hours.

#### **PENALTY FOR VIOLATION**

The Town has the right to revoke any prior approval written notice of violation of this ordinance. Any owner of any chickens kept within the limits of Town found to be violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be sentenced to pay a fine not less than \$50.00 plus the costs of prosecution. Each day that a violation continues shall constitute a separate and distinct offense.