

Ordinance 63A- Regarding Farm Animals in the Village

Prior Ordinance(s) in place re farm animals/poultry—Ordinance No. 639 (amendment to ordinance No 17) The below would be a proposal to repeal and replace any prior existing ordinances relating to the keeping of farm animals or poultry/fowl within the Village.

The Village Board of the Village of Granton, County of Clark, State of Wisconsin, do ordain as follows: Ordinance 63A replaces and repeals Ordinance No 17 and Ordinance 63 which was an amendment to the Ordinance No 17.

The purpose of this ordinance is to permit the keeping of poultry/fowl or farm animals in a manner that prevents nuisances to occur on nearby properties and prevent conditions that are unsanitary or unsafe.

Farm Animals: Farm animals are animals not normally considered domesticated, Including, but not limited to horses, cattle, sheep, etc. For persons owning 1.5 or more acres of any single property within the village, ownership of farm animals is limited to no more than 1 animal per acre and is limited to a maximum of 10 per household, regardless of total number of acres owned. Animals that are considered prohibited/not permitted are as follows but not limited to buffalo, elk, emu, alpacas, swine, etc. No intact males are permitted. Any animals not outlined in this ordinance may require Board approval.

Poultry/Fowl: Any property owners with less than 1.5 acres of any single property would be limited to a maximum of 4 poultry/fowl. Property owners with greater than 1.5 acres of any single property would be limited to 5 per acre and limited to a maximum of 15 per household, regardless of total number of acres of property. No roosters or intact males permitted. Poultry animals are not permitted to be free range and should not be located in the immediate front yard of the property. Any animals not outlined in this ordinance may require Board approval.

Housing and Maintenance of all animals: Adequate housing must be structurally sound and maintained in good repair to protect the animals from injury and adequate fencing to contain animals is required for all animals permitted within this ordinance. Inadequate or fencing may be evidenced by visible signs of debility stress or abnormal behavior patterns of animals, or animals consistently breaching their fencing and posing a safety risk to persons within the Village. Animals should also have access to sufficient care including clear water, clean bedding and sufficient feed. Normal maintenance and clean-up are required to control smell and eliminate area accumulation of insects, rodents or disease. No butchering or slaughtering of animals outlined within this ordinance is allowed within Village limits(i.e. this ordinance does not apply to animals that require processing related to hunting.)

Animals considered within this ordinance shall not be housed or allowed to roam within 30 feet of any residence or occupied building of a neighboring property within village limits. A property owner may not grant permission under this ordinance to a tenant. All persons currently

approved to be housing animals are considered grandfathered in, except for the requirement of adequate housing and maintenance of animals. This will remain in effect until such time the current owner removes the animals, at which time any and all future owners would comply with all current ordinance guidelines.

Ordinance provisions and fees shall not apply to small animals kept on the property for 4-H and or mimilar county fair purposes so these animals are kept on the premises for no more than 120 days in any calendar year and the owner can substantiate that the animal(s) are being kept for these purposes. It would be expected that these animals have proper temporary housing and fencing.

Fees: Keeping of any animals outlined in this ordinance would be subject to the following village registration and fee schedule. Animals must b e registered and fees paid with the Village Clerk prior to placement. Fees are then paid on an annual basis, due by January 30, which follows the dog registration guidelines. Cattle/ Horses=\$20/animal: sheep/ goats= \$10/ animal: any other permitted medium/large farm animals= \$10 animals; chickens/ geese/ ducks= \$5/ animals; Any other permitted small animals:\$5/ animals. Fees can be subject to re-evaluation of the Village Board at any time.

Non- Compliance to this ordinance may include a verbal warning, the issuance of a fine of \$50 to \$500 dollars as determined by the Village Board, in addition to any reasonable restitution for any property damages caused by the animal. Fines and repercussions may include the revocation of the livestock or fowl license and removal of the animals from the property, as determined by the Village Board. Any unpaid fines and restitution may be added to the property owner's tax bill when applicable.

A unanimous vote to sign and adopt ordinance 63A was made at the March 8, 2023 board meeting after the proper posting and public comment was concluded.

Ordinance was reviewed/ clarified the wording of the ordinance at the November 13, 2024 Village Board meeting. Farm Animals in the Village were clarified and passed a unanimous vote.

11/13/2024
Village President, John A. Garbisch

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Village Clerk/ Treasurer Fabreann Buffington