

**Ordinance No. 2023-13**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 7-1-26(D)(4) OF THE CODE OF  
ORDINANCES FOR THE VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA, RACINE COUNTY,  
WISCONSIN, RELATING TO CHICKEN COOPS**

The Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, do ordain as follows:

1. That Section 7-1-26(d)(4) of the Code of Ordinances for the Village of Caledonia be, and hereby is, created to read as follows:

"(4) **Coops.** Hen coops are required to house the Hens on a property in compliance with this ordinance. An accessory building permit is required for all Hen coops greater than 36 square feet. A Hen coop is a building structure that provides housing/shelter for Hens and shall meet the following requirements:

- a. Hens must be provided at least 3 square feet of floor space each.
- b. A coop must have minimum dimensions of 2 feet long by 2 feet wide by 4 feet tall.
- c. There must be at least 2 nesting boxes per 5 hens.
- d. Coops must include elevated perches to ensure chickens are able to rest in their natural position.
- e. Coops must be structurally sound, insulated, moisture proof and kept in good repair.
- f. Coops must have vents to ensure proper ventilation during all times of the year.
- g. There must be a minimum of 1 foot of window for each 10 feet of wall space.
- h. Coops must be clean, dry and kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times and exist in a manner that will not disturb the use or enjoyment of neighboring lots due to noise, odor, or other adverse impact.
- i. Waste from Hens must be properly disposed of according to Sec. 7-1-10.
- j. During the winter months to protect from inclement weather:
  1. Windows must be covered with clear plastic to minimize drafts. Air vents shall be installed to ensure adequate air quality for the Hens.
  2. Coops must be kept at a temperature of no less than 35° F.
  3. Water must not be frozen in the winter.
- k. Coops must provide access to the chicken run, when required.
- l. No coop shall be located closer than 20 feet to any residential lot line on an adjacent lot. Coops (and their runs) must be located in the rear yard and must meet requirements of accessory structures under Section 16-1-1(a)(11) of this Code.
- m. Bedding. The material that covers the floor of a coop is commonly referred to as bedding and should be at least two inches thick. The primary function of the bedding is to absorb moisture from droppings, water spills, limit odors, and facilitate coop cleaning."

3. This ordinance shall take effect on August 8<sup>th</sup>, 2023 and upon adoption and publication as required by law.

Adopted by the Village Board of the Village of Caledonia, Racine County, Wisconsin, this 8 day of August, 2023.

**VILLAGE OF CALEDONIA**

By: Thomas R. Weatherston  
Thomas R. Weatherston, President

Attest: Joslyn Hoeffert  
Joslyn Hoeffert, Clerk