

ORDINANCE #2016-04

“AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN OF BAR NUNN, WYOMING
SETTING GUIDELINES AND REGULATIONS FOR
OWNING LAYING HENS (CHICKENS) WITHIN TOWN LIMITS”

WHEREAS, the Town of Bar Nunn, having been approached by residents to allow ownership of chickens within town limits; and

WHEREAS, the Town of Bar Nunn, deemed positive interest generated from a Public Hearing indicated an ordinance should be considered; now

THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED THAT the Town of Bar Nunn shall construct an ordinance allowing for the responsible ownership and care of laying hens in the town limits of the Town of Bar Nunn:

Chicken hens shall be permitted in association with an occupied single-family residential dwelling/structure as an accessory use, subject to the following regulations:

1. The maximum number of chicken hens permitted shall be six.
2. No roosters shall be permitted.
3. Only chicken hens shall be permitted. Chicken hens may be any breed or crossbreed of chicken. No hybrids will be allowed unless properly zoned, or a conditional use permit has been approved by the planning and zoning commission.
4. Chicken hens shall be provided with a covered, fully enclosed and predator-resistant coop which is adequately ventilated, designed for easy access for cleaning, and shall consist of an enclosed area (may include the pen) of at least five square feet per chicken hen. chicken hens shall be protected from predators by being enclosed in the coop from dusk until dawn.
5. During daylight hours, the chicken hens shall have access to the coop/pen at all times. if the chicken hens are permitted outside of the coop/pen, then the area which they have access to must be secured, with a minimum of a six foot high privacy fence, and if necessary, wing feathers shall be clipped to prevent the birds from flying and escaping.
6. The coop/pen shall be cleaned and maintained so as not to cause excessive smells or odors, dust, or attract excessive insects or vermin. the frequency of cleaning shall depend on the number of chicken hens, the type of litter, the area of the coop, and the

weather. Ordinance 4-1-8(C) shall apply to the enforcement of chicken waste, to include unharvested eggs, and the owner's responsibilities.

7. No butchering of chickens is permitted within the Town limits.
8. Coops and pens shall be constructed a minimum of six feet from side and rear property lines, and are only permitted in the rear yard of a home. if an alley is located adjacent to the property, the minimum setback for the coop/pen shall be three feet from the alley.
9. It is unlawful for chicken hens to be at large, as defined in Ordinance 4-1-8(B). Any chicken hen found to be at large may be taken into possession and impounded by metro animal services, and shall be adopted, rehomed or euthanized if not reclaimed within two working days.
10. Chicken hens shall be provided with access to adequate and fresh water at all times, and in a manner to prevent the water from freezing.
11. No coop shall exceed a footprint of sixty square feet, or shall exceed a height of seven feet at the highest point of the roof.
12. Chicken feed shall be stored in an airtight, metal container to discourage attracting mice, rats, and other vermin.
13. Chicken hens shall be confined in such a fashion as to prevent them from coming into contact with wild ducks or geese or their excrement.
14. The requirements of this section are minimum requirements and do not affect any private controls, including any more stringent regulations or prohibitions on the keeping of chicken hens contained in private covenants. Nothing in this chapter shall affect the authority of any owners' association to adopt and enforce more stringent standards for the keeping of chicken hens, or to prohibit outright the keeping of chicken hens on any property within the jurisdiction of such association.
15. Violations of this section shall be processed pursuant to the procedures set forth in Ordinances 4-1-17 of the Town of Bar Nunn Municipal Code.

This ordinance, Ordinance #2016-04 shall be in full force and effect from and after its approval, passage, and adoption.

APPROVED AND PASSED on the ____ day of _____, 2016, on its First Reading.

APPROVED AND PASSED on the ____ day of _____, 2016, on its Second Reading.

APPROVED AND PASSED on the ____ day of _____, 2016, on its Third and Final Reading.

TOWN OF BAR NUNN, WYOMING
A Municipal Corporation

Patrick R. Ford, Mayor

ATTESTATION

I, Carol R. Pendley, hereby attest the foregoing Ordinance #2016-04 was signed by the Mayor of Bar Nunn and posted in the Town Clerk's Office at 4820 N. Wardwell Industrial Avenue, as well as other locations as designated by Town Council on this ____ day of _____, 2016.

Carol R. Pendley – Clerk Treasurer