

ORDINANCE 3066

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 17 CHAPTER 20
OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS,
REGULATING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS
WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS
OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, MONTANA

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WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Commission of the City of Great Falls to provide for and protect the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Great Falls, promote residential harmony and ensure the well-being of properly maintained domestic chickens through effective regulation; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Great Falls acknowledges that having chickens within an urban environment has the potential to affect the interests of others; and,

WHEREAS, certain minimum standards for keeping chickens is necessary to protect the health, welfare and quality of life of both the animals and citizens of Great Falls; and,

WHEREAS, it is the intent of the City Commission of the City of Great Falls to provide and maintain, for the citizens of Great Falls, opportunities for the healthy consumption of locally produced foods and products; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, acknowledges that the act of food production on one's own property may improve the quality of life of its residents; and,

WHEREAS, the City Commission of the City of Great Falls acknowledges that the husbandry of an appropriate number of domestic female chickens may provide a sustainable and cost-effective food source.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF GREAT FALLS, STATE OF MONTANA:

Section 1. That Exhibit 20-2 of the Official Code of the City of Great Falls (OCCGF) Title 17, Chapter 20 Land Development Code be amended as depicted in Exhibit A which adds the Keeping of Chickens as an accessory land use in the City of Great Falls.

APPROVED by the City Commission on first reading _____, 2011.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED by the City Commission of the City of Great Falls, Montana, on second reading _____, 2011.

Michael J. Winters, Mayor

ATTEST:

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

APPROVED FOR LEGAL CONTENT:

James W. Santoro, City Attorney

State of Montana)
County of Cascade : ss.
City of Great Falls)

I, Lisa Kunz, City Clerk of the City of Great Falls, Montana, do certify that I did post as required by law and as prescribed and directed by the Commission, Ordinance 30__ in three conspicuous places within the limits of said City to-wit:

On the Bulletin Board, first floor, Civic Center Building;
On the Bulletin Board, first floor, Cascade County Court House;
On the Bulletin Board, Great Falls Public Library

Lisa Kunz, City Clerk

(CITY SEAL)

Exhibit A:

Exhibit 20-2. Accessory uses by district

Use	R-1	R-2	R-3	R-5	R-6	R-9	R-10	C-1	C-2	C-3	C-4	C-5	M-1	M-2	PLI	POS	AI	I-1	I-2	Specific Standards
Agriculture, livestock	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	-	-	17.20.7.010
ATM, exterior	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	17.20.7.020
Bed and breakfast	C	C	C	C	C	C	-	C	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	-	17.20.7.030
Fences	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	17.20.7.040
Gaming, accessory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	-	-	P	-	-	P	P	P	17.20.7.050
Garage, private	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	P	P	17.20.7.060
Home occupation	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	17.20.7.070
Private stable/barn	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.20.7.080
Residence, accessory	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	P	P	17.20.7.085
Roadside farmer's market	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.20.7.090
Storage containers	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	P	P	17.20.7.100
Urban Chickens	P	P	P	P	P	P	P	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	-	17.20.7.110*

- The use is not permitted in the district

C The use is allowed in the district through the conditional use process

P The use is permitted in the district by right, consistent with the development standards contained in Article 7 of this chapter, as appropriate

* **Specific Standards do not apply to the R-1 zoning district as Agriculture, livestock is a permitted land use**

Article 7
SPECIAL STANDARDS FOR ACCESSORY USES

Sections:

17.20.7.010	Agriculture, livestock	17.20.7.070	Home occupation
17.20.7.020	Automated teller machine, exterior	17.20.7.080	Private stable
17.20.7.030	Bed and breakfast	17.20.7.085	Residence, accessory
17.20.7.040	Fences	17.20.7.090	Roadside farmer's market
17.20.7.050	Gaming, accessory	17.20.7.100	Storage container
17.20.7.060	Garage, private	17.20.7.110	Urban Chickens

17.20.7.110 Urban Chickens

- A. **The keeping of chickens shall be permitted only as an accessory land use to a single family detached residence, within a fenced yard which prohibits said chickens from leaving the yard.**
- B. **Any party(s) keeping chickens as an accessory land use in the R-2, R-3, R-5, R-6, and R-9 zoning districts must meet all of the provisions of Title 6 Chapter 12 OCCGF.**
- C. **The provisions of Title 6 Chapter 12 OCCGF shall not apply to the R-1 zoning district, as Agriculture, livestock uses are permitted in this district.**