

# TOWN OF ANGELICA

*Shawano County, Wisconsin*

**ORDINANCE 6-9-25**

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## KEEPING OF POULTRY

The Town of Angelica Board of Supervisors, Shawano County, Wisconsin, ordains as follows:

### 1. KEEPING OF POULTRY REGULATED

- a. **POULTRY DEFINITION.** Poultry includes chickens, ducks, and geese.
- b. **POULTRY ALLOWED.** Within the hamlet limits of **Angelica, Krakow, and Zachow**, female poultry (hens) are allowed on **single-family dwelling** lots.
- c. **MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HENS.** Each **single-family dwelling** shall have a maximum of twelve (12) hens.
- d. **ROOSTERS ARE NOT ALLOWED.**
- e. **BIRD FIGHTING.** Raising or keeping of poultry for fighting and the fighting of poultry and other fowl is not allowed within the Town of Angelica as per Wisconsin Statute 951.08.
- f. **POULTRY FEED.** All food must be kept in covered containers that are out of reach of wild animals. Poultry shall be always provided with fresh water and adequate amounts of feed.
- g. **POULTRY COOPS.** Hens must be provided with a raised building structure, a minimum of six (6) square feet that houses them. No poultry tractor. No coop shall be located closer than 15 feet from a lot line, shall not be located in a front yard, coops must be located in the rear or side yard of the property, and coops larger than 200 square feet will require permits from Shawano County Planning and Zoning and the Town of Angelica.
- h. **POULTRY RUNS.** The poultry must be provided with an outdoor enclosed fenced area in which to run around. No free range is allowed.
- i. **SLAUGHTERING.** The slaughtering of poultry is allowed only in an enclosed structure.
- j. **ODOR-FREE ENVIRONMENT.** The coop shall be cleaned regularly to ensure a healthy and odor-free environment with waste contained in a sealed container or disposed of properly.
- k. **SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING.** No poultry over eight weeks of age may be kept inside a single-family dwelling. The poultry can be raised on the property of the owner. If the current resident is a tenant, the tenant must have written permission of the owner and provided to the Town Clerk.

1. SUBDIVISION. It is the owner's responsibility to be in compliance with any restrictive covenant in place for their subdivision.
  - m. No sale of eggs or poultry without first obtaining a land use or conditional land use permit.
  - n. NO OTHER FARM ANIMALS. No other farm animals including, bovine animals, equine animals, goats, sheep, swine, farm-raised game birds, camelids, ratites, and farm-raised fish will be allowed per Shawano County Zoning Ordinance No. 7-14 refer to Wisconsin Administrative Code ATCP 51 for application definition.

## 2. ENFORCEMENT AND PENALTIES

- a. GENERAL COMPLAINTS. This includes health, safety, nuisance, and other complaints. Complaints will be reviewed, and a warning will be given to the resident if warranted. If the complaint continues, the Shawano County Sheriff Department will assess a fine which can escalate the loss of poultry. The Town of Angelica will pay for the Shawano County Sheriff Department fees, except as noted in 2d.
  - b. FIRST OFFENSE. A verbal and written warning from the Town of Angelica will be given with the order to fix the problem within one week or to provide proof of a plan to fix the problem. Submitted plans and timing must be reviewed and approved by the Town Board.
  - c. SECOND OFFENSE. The resident will be issued a fine of \$100.
  - d. THIRD OFFENSE. The resident will be issued a fine of \$500, will be revoked the right to keep poultry on the property indefinitely, and is responsible for all court costs and lawyer fees incurred.
3. SEVERABILITY OF PROVISIONS: If any portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by reason of any decision of any court of competent jurisdiction such phrases or portions may be declared invalid or unconstitutional. Decision shall not affect the validity of any other section, sub-section, sentence, clause, phrase, or portion thereof irrespective of the fact that any one or more sections, sub-sections, sentence, clauses.
  4. EFFECTIVE DATE: This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and posting as provided by law.

Adopted this 9<sup>th</sup> day of June 2025