



# CITY OF APPLETON

## MEMORANDUM

**Date:** 8/2/24

**To:** Human Resources & Information Technology Committee

**From:** Charles E Sepers, Jr, PhD, MPH, Health Officer/Director, Department of Public Health

**Subject:** Exclusion of Chicken Hens from Maximum Animal Provision

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The purpose of this memo is to highlight the changes made to the existing ordinance regarding the number and types of animals allowed per household or dwelling unit.

### **Original Ordinance Language:**

#### **Sec. 3-12. Maximum number of animals.**

"No person or household shall keep more than six (6) animals, the maximum number of dogs being three (3), the maximum number of rabbits being two (2), on any City lot, land parcel, or dwelling unit if in a multiple dwelling unit, with the exception of a litter of pups or kittens, which may be kept for a period of time not to exceed five (5) months from birth. This section does not apply to premises holding a valid kennel license."

### **Modified Ordinance Language:**

#### **Sec. 3-12. Maximum number of animals.**

"No person or household shall keep more than six (6) animals, the maximum number of dogs being three (3), the maximum number of rabbits being two (2), on any City lot, land parcel, or dwelling unit if in a multiple dwelling unit, with the exception of a litter of pups or kittens, which may be kept for a period of time not to exceed five (5) months from birth. This section does not apply to premises holding a valid kennel license or to chicken hens maintained under a valid permit issued by the Health Department."

### **Summary of Changes:**

1. **Exception of Chicken Hens:** The modified ordinance now includes an exception for chicken hens. Specifically, it allows for chicken hens to be kept if they are maintained under a valid permit issued by the Health Department.
  - o **New Exception Clause:** "or to chicken hens maintained under a valid permit issued by the Health Department."

This amendment provides clarity and a legal framework for residents wishing to keep chicken hens within city limits, under regulated conditions set by the Health Department.