

## *Local Law Filing*

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of Goshen  
~~Village~~  
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Local Law No. 2 of the year 2026

A local law Adding a new Code Section 6-2 which is currently “reserved” and shall be re-titled “Residential keeping of hens.”  
(Insert Title)

Be it enacted by the Village Board  
(Name of Legislative Body)

of the  
~~County~~  
~~City~~  
of Goshen as follows:  
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**Section 1. Title**

Code Section 6-2 which is currently “reserved” and shall be re-titled “Residential keeping of hens.”

**Section 2. Purpose and Intent:**

In recent years the village has experienced an increase in the number of residential properties that own and maintain hens in residential areas to the extent that it is necessary to implement code provisions that will allow the village to properly regulate the keeping of these animals. The purpose of this Local Law is to ensure the health, safety and welfare of the Village as well as the orderly and attractive appearance of the Village residential areas by the adoption of this local law which will permit the village to properly regulate this activity.

**Section 3. Amendment to Code**

Section 6-2 of the Village Code is hereby amended as follows:

**Sec. 6-2.- Residential keeping of hens.**

6.2.1. The keeping of hens on residential property only shall be permitted subject to the terms and conditions set forth in this section.

6.2.2 The total number of hens permitted on residential property shall be no more than six. This regulation does not apply to agricultural properties or uses.

6.2.3. Roosters, geese and ducks are expressly prohibited on all residential properties.

6.2.4. Hens shall be housed in rear yards only and shall only be permitted to roam in rear yards.

6.2.5. Outdoor coops, or any similar outdoor housing for fowl shall be setback at least 20 feet from any property line and shall be fully enclosed with a solid fence.

6.2.6 Hen housing and confinement, as well as waste handling and maintenance shall be conducted so as not to create a public health and safety hazards. Wastes shall be stored and maintained so as to prevent runoff to watercourses, water bodies, and/or to adjoining lots. Waste shall not be stored adjacent to other structures or within 20 feet of any property line, and shall be disposed of on a regular basis to prevent offensive odors from impacting adjacent neighbors

**Section 4. Severability**

Any clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part of this Local Law shall be adjudged by any court of competent jurisdiction to be invalid, such judgement shall be confined in its operation to the clause, sentence, paragraph, section or part thereof directly involved in the controversy in which such judgment shall have been rendered and the remaining provisions shall remain in full force and effect.

**Section 5. SEQRA**

This local law constitutes an Unlisted Action under the State Environmental Quality Review Act.

**Section 6. Effective Date**

This local law shall take effect upon the filing of certified copies thereof with the Office of the Secretary of State in accordance with New York Municipal Home Rule Law.