

**CITY OF GLEN ULLIN, NORTH DAKOTA**

**RESOLUTION PROPOSING BALLOT MEASURE 1**

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Glen Ullin is considering enacting an ordinance to allow chickens in Glen Ullin.

WHEREAS, the City Council has drafted a proposed ordinance for consideration by the community.

WHEREAS, the City Council would like input from the community in the form of a ballot initiative to determine if the ordinance to allow chickens in Glen Ullin should be enacted.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT RESOLVED that the City Council directs that Ballot Measure 1 shall be submitted to the voters in the City of Glen Ullin to determine if an ordinance to allow chickens should be enacted. A proposed Ordinance and Ballot Measure 1 are attached.

Dated February 9, 2026.

CITY OF GLEN ULLIN, ND

Attest:

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Mayor

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City Auditor

The governing body of the City acted on the foregoing resolution at a properly noticed meeting held at Glen Ullin City Hall, on February 9, 2026, with a motion for adoption made by Swanson and seconded by Kottre, and the roll call vote on the motion was as follows:

“Aye” Emter, Fitterer, Foss, Kottre, Swanson and Wood

“Nay” None

Absent: None

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 11.0107 AND ENACTING ARTICLE 3 OF THE CITY OF GLEN ULLIN RELATING TO CHICKENS AND POULTRY**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GLEN ULLIN AS FOLLOWS:

**11.0107 Keeping of Certain Animals Prohibited**

It is unlawful to keep any live sheep, swine or pigs, *horses* 3-12-2018 , cattle, ~~chickens or other poultry (excluding chickens as permitted in Article 3)~~, goats, or rabbits in the City. This section shall not apply to any person, partnership or corporation keeping or handling such animals under consignment in the course of regular business or to a licensed livestock auction market.

ARTICLE 3 – Chickens

11.0301 Permit for Chickens and Poultry

A permit is required to have chickens or poultry in the City. To obtain a permit, an application shall be submitted 30 days prior to commissioning a coop. A non-refundable application fee, as established by the Glen Ullin City Council, shall be required at the time of application. The Glen Ullin City Council may establish a different fee to be applied to new applications and renewal applications. A permit issued in accordance with this section shall expire on December 31 of the year in which such permit is issued and may be renewed annually, provided the requirements, limitations, and conditions set forth in this section are satisfied. Late renewal applications shall be treated the same as new applications, including fee and submittal requirements. An applicant owning multiple properties abutting or in close proximity is limited to a single permit. The planner or his/her designee shall make the determination of what is considered "close proximity."

11.0302 Number of Chickens and Poultry Permitted

No more than four hens may be kept in the City per permitted coop. No roosters are permitted.

11.0303 Location of Chicken Coop and Run

The chickens, coop, and run (hereinafter the "Enclosure") shall be located in the rear or side yard. The Enclosure shall be located within a yard enclosed by a solid opaque fence or wall, or shall otherwise be screened from view of adjacent properties. Fences, walls, or screening used for the Enclosure shall measure a minimum of five feet (5') in height and not more than four inches (4") from the ground or other surface. The Enclosure not be located on any public easements. The Enclosure and manure storage shall be kept 20 feet from ditches, storm water management facilities, or other storm drainage areas that would allow fecal matter to enter any city storm drainage system or stream. Dumping chicken manure into the city's storm drainage system is prohibited.

11.0304 Enclosure Requirements

Owners must provide an enclosure for the chickens that is predator-proof, well-ventilated, and comply with the following:

- a. The coop dimensions shall total less than one hundred twenty (120) square feet.
- b. Coop height as measured from the average ground elevation to the highest point on the coop shall not exceed six (6) feet.

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- c. The coop and run shall be located no closer than ten (10) feet from the property line and no closer than twenty (20) feet from an adjacent property dwelling.
- d. The coop shall be constructed in a manner that prevents rodent infiltration.
- e. The coop shall be constructed to provide a minimum of four (4) square feet per chicken, and may not exceed (10) square feet per chicken in size.
- f. The run shall be constructed to provide a minimum of ten (10) square feet per chicken and may not exceed 20 square feet per chicken
- g. Chicken coops must either be:
  - i. Elevated with a clear open space of at least twenty-four (24) inches between the ground surface and framing/floor of the coop; or,
  - ii. The coop floor, foundation, and footings must be constructed using rodent-resistant construction.

Chicken coops are not allowed to be in any part of a home or a garage that is attached to a home. A chicken coop may be attached to a detached garage, shed, or other structure not attached to a dwelling or any other structure that includes sleeping, cooking, eating, or sanitation facilities, or any combination thereof, and so long as there is a physical separation between the chicken coop and run and the space used and occupied for non-chicken-keeping-related purposes.

### 11.0305 Additional Requirements

- a. Chickens shall at no time be located off the property for which they have been permitted.
- b. Chickens must be secured in a chicken coop from sunset to sunrise each day.
- c. Manure must be removed weekly; if not properly disposed of, and/or if it causes odor issues will result in revocation of the permit.
- d. All grain and food stored for the use of the chickens shall be kept in a rodent-proof container in the coop.
- e. No person who owns, controls, keeps, maintains, or harbors chickens shall permit the premises where the chickens are kept to be maintained in an unhealthy, unsanitary, or noxious condition or to permit the premises to be in such condition that noxious odors are carried to adjacent public or private property.

### 11.0306 Disposal

Chicken carcasses must be disposed of within 24 hours after death. Legal forms of chicken carcass disposal include burial and off-site incineration or rendering. Dumping chicken carcasses in City trash bins is prohibited.

### 11.0307 Enclosure Inspection

Any coop or run authorized by permit under this chapter may be inspected at any reasonable time by the animal control officer, law enforcement officer, public health official, or other employee or agent of the City.

### 11.0308. Penalty

Except as otherwise provided in this article, any person who owns or keeps at any time within the limits of the city any unauthorized fowl of any kind shall be deemed guilty of maintaining a public nuisance if such fowl is not removed from the city within ten (10) days after notice. Each day's continuance of such nuisance shall be a separate offense. Any person violating any

provision of this article where no penalty is specifically attached shall be guilty of an infraction and be assessed an amount not to exceed one thousand dollars (\$1,000.00).

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**City of Glen Ullin**

**Ballot Measure 1**

A ballot measure to allow chickens within the City of Glen Ullin

By voting “yes,” you indicate that you are in favor of the City of Glen Ullin enacting an ordinance to allow chickens in the City of Glen Ullin. By voting “no,” you indicate that you are not in favor of the City of Glen Ullin enacting an ordinance to allow chickens in the City of Glen Ullin

YES.....[    ]

NO.....[    ]

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