

Sec. 6-108. - Keeping of chickens.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any chickens within the village, on any lot, piece or parcel of land, except as provided in subsections (a) through (i) below.

- (a) *Permitted locations.* Domestic hens may be kept within the village only on property zoned and occupied for single family residential use. All hens shall be kept in the rear yard of the permitted location.
- (b) *Maximum number.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep more than eight (8) hens, of any age, on property zoned and occupied for single family residential use within the village.
- (c) *Keeping of roosters.* It shall be unlawful for any person to keep a rooster(s) within the village.
- (d) *Slaughtering of chickens.* It shall be unlawful for any person to slaughter any chickens within the village, except for a humane reason.
- (e) *Shelter and fenced areas.* All hens kept in the village pursuant to this article, shall at all times be provided a shelter and an adjacent covered outside fenced area. All hens shall be kept in a shelter or adjacent outside fenced area at all times. The outside fenced area shall be no less than thirty-two (32) square feet in area and shall be demarcated with a fence constructed of wood or metal, excluding barbed wire or razor wire, of sufficient height to contain the hens. The shelter shall be no less than sixteen (16) square feet in area and no more than six (6) feet in height. The shelter shall contain an independent electric/heat source. Such utilities shall not be maintained with the use of extension cords.

The shelter and adjacent outside fenced area shall also be:

- (1) Thirty (30) feet from any adjacent occupied residential structure other than that of the owner or occupant of the real property on which the shelter and adjacent outside fenced area are located;
 - (2) Not less than the minimum property line setback required for accessory structures in an R-1 zoning district as defined by the village's zoning code; and
 - (3) Constructed in such a manner as to contain the hens to the shelter or the adjacent outside fenced area at all times and to keep the shelter and adjacent outside fenced area free from rodent infestation.
- (f) *Property maintenance.* All areas in which hens are kept shall be maintained in a neat and clean manner, free from undue accumulation of waste such as to cause odors detectable on adjacent properties. All feed for hens shall, except when placed for consumption by the hens, be kept in containers with tightly fitted lids that are rodent-proof.
 - (g) *Permit/inspection required.* A permit shall be required for construction of a shelter utilized to contain hens. The permit shall be issued by the village's building department. The fee for the permit for construction of the shelter shall be twenty dollars (\$20.00). Two (2) inspections by

the village's building department officials shall be required during construction of the shelter. The first shall occur upon installation of the base/floor of the shelter and prior to any further construction of the shelter; and the second shall occur upon completion of the shelter and prior to the owner acquiring hens to occupy the shelter. The inspections are required to confirm compliance with this article and the village's building code. A fee of thirty dollars (\$30.00) shall be charged for each inspection. The owner/occupant of the property shall be responsible for contacting the village's building department to schedule each inspection of the shelter.

(h) *Village verification allowance.* Through the execution of a chicken coop permit application, the applicant is providing permission for any village building or code enforcement official to access the rear yard of the property for the purposes of verifying compliance with applicable village Code, specifically as it relates to the number of hens.

(i) *Compliance.* All persons having chickens as of the effective date of this ordinance shall have ninety (90) days to bring their property into compliance with this article.

(Ord. No. 3082, § 3, 10-15-12; Ord. No. 3591, § I, 3-6-23)