

SECTION 3-202: CHICKENS; LICENSE REQUIRED; REGULATIONS

Chickens utilized for hobby, recreation, subsistence or noncommercial purposes are hereby allowed to be kept within village limits according to the following regulations:

- A. Every person desiring to keep chickens within the village limits shall be required to apply annually for a permit, which shall be for a one-year term beginning January 1 each year. Late fees shall be incurred after February 1, according to the fee schedule as set by resolution of the Village Board and kept on file at the office of the village clerk, if such permit shall be deemed necessary.
- B. The annual permit fee shall be in the amount set by resolution of the Village Board and kept on file at the office of the village clerk. Such fee shall not be prorated for any portion of a year.
- C. The permit required herein shall be nontransferable.
- D. The permit application will show the desired location for the chicken coop and run on a scaled drawing of the lot. The drawing shall include all dwelling units on properties within 100 feet of the proposed coop location.
- E. All property owners as provided in (D) above shall sign the permit application. Any tenant seeking a permit shall have the property owner sign the permit application prior to issuance.
- F. There shall be a maximum of five chickens per residence within the village limits.
- G. Female hens shall be allowed on lots with single family dwellings.
- H. No roosters shall be allowed.
- I. Enclosures for chickens shall be in the rear yard of the premises only and no free-roaming chickens shall be allowed.
- J. Chickens may only be maintained outdoors in a predator-proof chicken coop that is thoroughly ventilated, of sufficient size to permit free movement of the animals, designed to be easily accessed, cleaned, and maintained by the owner, and at least 2 square feet in size for each chicken.
- K. Chicken coops shall be provided with one nest box per chicken.
- L. Chicken coops shall be provided with elevated perches to ensure chickens are able to rest in their natural roosting position.
- M. No chicken coop shall exceed 8 feet in height.

N. Chickens shall have a sufficient predator-proof area, or chicken run, for grazing and exercise outside of the chicken house, coop, or other structure used for housing the chickens.

O. Chicken shelters shall provide direct access to the outdoor fence enclosure or run.

P. The chicken run fencing must have spacing of no more than 1-inch mesh and shall be no less than 3 feet in height.

Q. All chicken feed shall be kept in containers that are rodent-proof.

R. All chicken housing and the chicken run shall be set back at a minimum of 20 feet from the side lot lines and a minimum of 5 feet from the rear lot line.

S. All areas in and around the chicken habitat structure must be maintained in a clean, safe, sanitary and orderly manner for the health and welfare of the chickens as well as all other animals and persons. No part of the structure or surrounding area shall constitute a nuisance. In addition to the provisions and remedies set forth in this chapter, no person shall allow the chickens or the chicken habitat to be a nuisance, including, but not limited to, allowing noxious odors or any noise of a loud, persistent or habitual nature.

T. If the Village Board becomes aware of a possible violation of this section on property subject to a permit under the provisions set forth herein, an inspection shall be permitted of the property at any reasonable time, after written notice has been given to the occupant(s) of such property, to determine whether or not a violation exists. If the result of the inspection determines that a violation of the provisions set forth herein exists, the property owner(s) shall be notified to bring said property into compliance within a reasonable amount of time as determined by the board. If the property is not brought into compliance within the time to remedy such violation, the permit shall be automatically revoked.