

**CHAPTER 6
ANIMAL CONTROL**

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7-6-1 **BEEKEEPING**

Bees and beehives shall be only be permitted in Agricultural zoning.

7-6-2 **KEEPING ANIMALS (OTHER THAN CHICKENS)**

No person shall keep any animal, other than domestic pets, or chickens, only as set forth below in Section 7-6-3, on any premises in the Village, except for those properties zoned agricultural. No person and no family or household may keep more than three (3) domestic pets at any time on any premises in the Village, except that puppies or kittens may be kept for three (3) months after birth. “Domestic pets” means only dogs or cats, and no other kind or type of animal.

It shall be illegal to maintain in a residentially zoned neighborhood any livestock. “Livestock” means bison, cattle, swine, sheep, goats, equidae, roosters or geese.

7-6-3 **CHICKENS**

- A. The raising or keeping of a maximum of eight (8) chickens shall be permitted on a residential zoning lots containing a minimum of six thousand (6,000) square feet subject to requirements and conditions in this section.
- B. A maximum of fifty (50) residential zoning lots will be permitted to have chickens in the Village at one time.
- C. All chickens shall be kept within a covered enclosure/structure with an attached covered/enclosed outdoor area to prevent chickens from encroaching onto neighboring properties.
- D. An minimum outdoor area of two (2) square feet per chicken is required and a maximum of one hundred (100) total square feet will be permitted for both the covered enclosure/structure and outdoor area.

- E. All enclosures/structures for the raising or keeping of chickens shall be located a minimum of ten feet (10') from all residential lot lines.
- F. The structure shall contain insulated walls and/or an insulated blanket which shall cover the structure during the winter months.
- G. All chickens and enclosures/structures shall be kept/located in the rear yard only.
- H. All areas where chickens are kept shall be clean and well maintained with little to no accumulation of waste. In addition, all areas where chickens are kept shall not produce or cause odors that are detectable on adjacent properties.
- I. Roosters are prohibited within Village limits.
- J. The slaughter of hens on residentially zoned property is prohibited. A hen shall be taken off premises to a licensed live poultry establishment for slaughter.
- K. No other poultry, including but not limited to geese, ducks and turkeys, shall be kept on the property.
- L. An initial building permit shall be required for all enclosures/structures associated with the keeping of chickens. A building inspection/approval is required prior to obtaining a permit.
- M. Persons desiring to raise /keep chickens on their property must complete an application with a depiction of the proposed chicken enclosure (including property measurements, pictures of the intended structure and the proposed fencing) prior to any application being approved. The application must include a full set of plans including a full list of building and fencing materials to be used.
- N. Applicants must submit correspondence from each adjoining neighbor by which such neighbor acknowledges having been notified of the proposed enclosure for chickens, the location of same and proposed plans and whether each adjoining neighbor agrees or objects to same.
- O. The permit fee for the chicken enclosure/structure shall be \$35.00.
- P. No person shall maintain a chicken enclosure/structure until it is properly permitted under all conditions set forth in this section.
- Q. Permits shall only be granted to persons who reside on parcels with single family residences. One permit will be granted per single-family residential lot.
- R. The Village reserves the right to deny a permit to anyone currently owing money to the Village. Permits can also be denied in the event that someone has active enforcement actions against their property.

- S. The sale of eggs on the lot for which a permit is issued is prohibited.
- T. Violation: Any person found to be in violation of this section shall be fined not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00), nor more than seven hundred fifty dollars (\$750.00) for each offense. In the event that an owner is adjudged to have three (3) violations of this section or does not take action within seven (7) days from notification to achieve compliance, the relevant permit shall be revoked and chicken enclosure/structure removed from the relevant property.

7-6-4 DUTIES OF POLICE DEPARTMENT

It shall be the duty of the Police Department to enforce the provisions of this Chapter.

7-6-5 INOCULATION FOR RABIES

All dogs in the Village shall be inoculated for rabies, and the owner of any dog in the Village shall procure and have a certificate of a veterinarian licensed by the State of Illinois that the dog has been so inoculated for rabies. He shall exhibit such certificate when requested by Village authorities having jurisdiction in the premises.

7-6-6 CRUELTY TO ANIMALS

No person shall inhumanely, unnecessarily or cruelly beat, injure or otherwise abuse any animal.

7-6-7 NOISY DOGS

On complaint being made to the Police Department of any dog within the Village which shall be barking, biting, howling or in any other way or manner disturbing the quiet of any person, the Police Department, on being satisfied of the truth of such complaint, shall give notice thereof to the person keeping or permitting such dog to remain in or on the premises. In case such person shall, after such notice, neglect to prevent the disturbance, he shall forfeit and pay a sum not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five-hundred dollars (\$500.00).

7-6-8 REMOVAL OF DEFECATION

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to cause or permit a dog to be on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person unless such person has in his immediate possession a device for the removal of excrement and a depository for the transmission of excrement to a receptacle located upon property owned or possessed by such person.
- B. It shall be unlawful for any person in control of, causing or permitting any dog to be on any property, public or private, not owned or possessed by such person to fail to remove excrement left by such dog to a proper receptacle located on property owned or possessed by such person.

7-6-9 CONFINEMENT

The owner of a vicious animal shall not suffer or permit the animal to go unconfined.

7-6-10 LEASH AND MUZZLE

The owner of a vicious animal shall not suffer or permit the animal to go beyond the premises of the owner unless the animal is securely muzzled and restrained by a chain or leash, and under the physical restraint of a person. The muzzle shall be made in a manner that will not cause injury to the animal or interfere with its vision or respiration but shall prevent it from biting any human or other animal.

7-6-11 SIGNS

The owner of a vicious animal shall display in a prominent place on his or her premises a clearly visible warning sign indicating that there is a vicious animal on the premises. A similar sign is required to be posted on the pen or kennel of the animal.

7-6-12 PENALTIES

Whoever violates any provision of this Chapter shall be fined an amount of not less than fifty dollars (\$50.00) nor more than five hundred dollars (\$500.00).