

STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
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VILLAGE OF CULLOM        )

CHICKEN ORDINANCE

WHEREAS Residents within the Village of Cullom, Illinois have inquired about keeping chickens within the Village; and

WHEREAS the Board of Trustees has determined that they wish to establish rules and regulations regarding the keeping of Chickens within the Village,

NOW THEN BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Cullom, IL this 26th day of May, 2020, as follows:

**SECTION I**

**PURPOSE**

The purpose of this Ordinance is to establish standards and restrictions regarding the keeping of chickens within the Village of Cullom, Illinois.

**SECTION II**

**DEFINITIONS**

As used in this ordinance, "Chickens" shall be defined as domesticated hens (not roosters) kept as household pets and/or for the production of eggs for personal consumption.

**SECTION III**

**PERMIT REQUIRED**

Prior to any resident bringing chickens into the Village limits of Cullom, IL, said resident is required to obtain a permit from the Village. The cost of applying for said permit shall be \$5.00. Said permit shall be valid until such time as no live chickens remain upon the residence for which said permit was issued. If any such residence for which a permit has been issued reaches a point where no live chickens remain upon same, a new permit must be applied for prior

to obtaining new chickens.

#### SECTION IV

#### **STANDARDS FOR KEEPING CHICKENS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF CULLOM, IL**

In the event any resident desires to keep chickens upon their property within the Village of Cullom, Illinois, the following standards, requirements and restrictions shall apply:

1. Chickens may only be kept on the lot of a single family detached residence.
2. No roosters (male juvenile or adult chickens) are allowed within the Village limits.
3. Chickens are not allowed to be kept within a residence, porch, sunroom or attached garage.
4. A maximum of 5 hens may be kept per single family residence.
5. Chickens must be kept in a predator-proof chicken coop with a fenced-in run. Chicken coops larger than 50 square feet will require a building permit and must meet all requirements of accessory structures under all other ordinances of the Village.
6. Any chicken coop must be located at least 15 feet from any property line.
7. No chicken coop may be located in a front yard.
8. An outside, enclosed run no larger than 8 feet by 8 feet must be attached to each chicken coop and must be built to keep dogs, cats and wildlife from gaining entry.
9. All coops must be maintained and cleaned at all times to minimize odors and other nuisances.
10. The owner must dispose of waste materials, (feed, manure and litter) in an environmentally responsible manner. The materials can be composted or bagged and disposed of in the trash. Piling waste materials on the property is not allowed, and shall be a violation of this Ordinance.
11. All chicken coops shall be designed to prevent rodents and wild birds from entering. Owners should store all feed supplies in rodent-proof containers. Owners should take steps to avoid the buildup of flies and maggots by keeping litter and feed dry and promptly dispose of dead birds or waste eggs.

12. The owner must control rodents by eliminating nearby hiding places of trash, weeds and debris.
13. The owner must feed and water the chickens on a daily basis.
14. Keeping hens are only allowed for personal use and not for running a business.
15. Chickens may not be raised for slaughter or bred for sale.
16. Village residents are prohibited from selling eggs produced by their chickens

## SECTION V

### PENALTIES

Any person, persons, partnership, corporation or other business association or firm violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall upon conviction, be fined no less than \$50.00 nor more than \$50.00 for each offense. Each day upon which any such violation continues shall constitute a separate offense, subjecting the violator to said fine on each day in which the violation shall continue. In addition to the monetary fine which may be assessed, the Village may revoke the permit to keep chickens as a penalty for violating this Ordinance.

PASSED AND APPROVED in due form this 26th day of May, 2020, pursuant to a roll call vote as follows:

Ayes: 5

Nays: 0

Attest:

Nancy Flesner  
Village Clerk

Barbara Helms  
President of the Board of Trustees  
Village of Cullom, Illinois