

VILLAGE OF FREEVILLE

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Local Law # 1 of 2010

Keeping of Fowl

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Freeville as follows:

Section I: Preface It shall be unlawful to cause, permit or allow chickens to be kept in a manner such as to constitute a nuisance or create a hazard to public health or in any manner which either annoys, disturbs, injures, or endangers, or tends to annoy, disturb, injure, or endanger the comfort, repose, peace, health, or safety of the public.

Section II: Provisions

- A. No person shall keep, maintain, house or possess more than eight (8) chickens on any premises.
- B. No other fowl will be permitted, including: turkey, quail, ducks, geese, or guinea fowl.
- C. In no instance will roosters be permitted.
- D. A permit is required to keep chickens. The Village will not issue more than 20 permits at any given time. Permits will be effective for a period of 1 year and are renewable indefinitely. Applicants for a permit must complete the designated form(s) and pay the designated fee.
- E. All pens, coops or houses maintained for the keeping of chickens shall comply with the setback and side yard requirements set forth in § 361.03, Minimum Yard Depth for Residential Zone (R) of the Village Land Use and Development Code.
- F. All pens, coops or houses in which such chickens are kept must be cleaned regularly and maintained in a sanitary condition, free of refuse, debris and any other dirt or excess food, so as not to endanger public health and safety.
- G. Chicken refuse and feed must be stored in metal containers and securely covered with metal covers.
- H. There shall be no less than two (4) square feet of floor space per chicken in any pen, coop or house in which such chickens are kept. The pen, coop or house shall be large enough to provide adequate access for cleaning and egg collecting.
- I. Pens, coops or houses shall be suitably screened from the view of surrounding residences and surrounding streets by a fence or by shrubs, unless said pen, coop or house is located in such a manner as not to be visible from the surrounding residences and streets.
- J. Chickens shall be confined at all times to the property on which they are kept, possessed or maintained
- K. Any chickens maintained, housed or possessed and all eggs produced from said chickens shall be for the sole use and consumption of the homeowner or tenant in possession and shall not be offered for resale.
- L. Absolutely no slaughtering of chickens is permitted within Village limits.

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Section IV: Validity and Effective Date

All codes, laws or parts of same in conflict herewith are repealed.

The invalidity of any section, clause, sentence, or provision of this law shall not affect the validity of any part of this law which can be given effect without such invalid part or parts.

This law shall become effective immediately upon filing with the Secretary of State.