

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3-1-11 OF THE ANIMAL CONTROL
ORDINANCE REGARDING CHICKEN COOPS WITHIN CORPORATE LIMITS OF
THE VILLAGE OF LOAMI**

WHEREAS the Village of Loami wishes to amend the Village Code, specifically the Section 3-1-11,
Animals, ETC. in Village

*NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF
TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF LOAMI, SANGAMON COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:*

(A) **Certain Prohibitions.** It shall be unlawful and is hereby declared a nuisance for any person to keep or allow to be kept any animal of the species of horse, mule, swine, sheep, goat, cattle, poultry (with the exception of chickens, ducks, quail, pheasant, pigeons and rabbits as herein provided), skunks, or poisonous reptiles within the limits of the Village.

- (1) It shall be unlawful to keep roosters within Village limits.
- (2) Allowable animals shall be deemed Hobby Animals.
- (3) The number of allowable fowl shall be no less than **two (2)**, and no more than **six (6)**.
- (4) The number of rabbits shall not exceed **ten (10)**.
- (5) Any structures housing hobby animals shall be termed an “accessory structure”.
- (6) Applicants shall register with Village Hall obtaining annual permit and have proof of registration on-site. Registration fee of **Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00)** per year.
- (7) Care for Hobby Animals shall follow the provisions set forth in this Chapter.
 - (a) Hobby Animals shall be kept in such a way so as not to cause a nuisance.
 - (b) Hobby Animal runs, yards and coops shall be constructed and maintained to reasonably prevent the collection of standing water; and shall be cleaned of droppings, uneaten or discarded feed, feathers, and other waste with such

frequency as is necessary to ensure the yard, coop and pen do not become nuisances.

- (c) The coop must be built to provide ventilation, shade, protection from precipitation, protection from cold weather and to be secure from predators, wild birds and rodents.
- (d) Odors from pens, manure or related substances shall not be detectable from property lines. Manure must be stored and disposed of. Manure may be composted. All manure not composted must be removed from property regularly.
- (e) Licenses for coops must be obtained and shall meet the rules of this Chapter where applicable.

B. Permits:

1. Applicants shall register with the Village Hall obtaining annual permit and have proof of registration on-site. Registration fee of Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) per year. The initial permit will be available on September 1, 2022 and must be renewed by September 1st of each succeeding year.
2. Citizens are allowed to raise no less than two (2), and no more than six (6) chickens. No roosters or other fowl are allowed or can be raised within the city limits.
3. Proof of home ownership or the landlord's written permission must be submitted on the day of purchasing and/or renewing the permit.
4. The Village may deny a license to any person who:
 - a. Owes money to the Village; or
 - b. Has, in the last five (5) years prior to application for a license under this Section been convicted of plead guilty to any code violation of animals, nuisance, noise, property maintenance or zoning.
5. Applications shall be submitted to the Village Clerk's office.

6. Any resident currently owning a designated chicken(s) shall have ninety (90) days from enactment of this ordinance to comply with all the provisions set forth.
7. The permit must be kept on the coop and in plain sight of the village ordinance inspector.

C. Chicken Coop and Run:

1. Citizens are allowed only one (1) coop and run on their property. The same will apply to renters who have secured their landlord's permission. The one (1) coop and/or run must be at least five (5) feet from the property line(s) and at least twenty-five (25) feet from any dwelling. The chicken coop and run shall be located in the rear of the residential structure. The pen, coop and run are allowed in the rear yard, but not the side or front yards.
2. Permits will only be granted to persons who reside on parcels with single-family dwellings. An applicant who lives in an apartment, multi-family units or condominium building is not eligible to receive a permit.
3. The Coop (Chicken House) must be built to allow two square feet per chicken and the run (Outdoor Fenced Area) must be built to allow three square feet per chicken. Larger coops and runs can be built. However, the entirety of the coop and run together must not exceed ninety-nine (99) square feet. Coops over **one hundred twenty (120) square feet** will require a building permit.
4. Coops and runs must be built to provide chickens with a safe environment to provide ventilation, shade, protection from precipitation, protection from cold weather and to be secure from predators, wild birds and rodents.
5. Chickens must always be confined to the **house and coop OR coop and run**. Failure to adhere to this requirement will result in the loss of permit. Escaped birds are considered to be lost property. No lawfully owned cat or dog shall be deemed dangerous, vicious, or otherwise punished for attacking or killing any chicken allowed to run astray by accident or design.

6. The village ordinance inspector has the right to enter the permit holder's property and inspect the chicken coop and run.
7. Openings in windows and doors must be covered by wire mesh or screens to deter predators.
8. The enclosed run must be attached to the coop or must be made of fencing or wire mesh that discourages predators.
9. The run must be enclosed on all sides, including the top or roof pane.
10. Pens, coops and runs not maintained shall be deemed a public nuisance and the license will be immediately and permanently revoked.

D. Chicken Care:

1. Chickens must be fed and watered daily.
2. The chicken coop and run must be cleaned on a regular basis.
3. Food for the chicken(s) must be kept in a covered container.
4. All bedding and chicken manure must be disposed of in a proper and reasonable manner.
5. The sale of chicken eggs will not be allowed. Keeping hens should be for personal use only and not for the purpose of running a business and/or profit.
6. Butchering chickens must not be done in public view.
7. The owner must control rodents by eliminating nearby hiding places (i.e. trash, weeds, and other debris).
8. Any neglect in the proper care of your backyard chickens and their dwelling area will result in the loss of permit.
9. Any person found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be fined not less than One Hundred Dollars (\$100.00) nor more than Seven Hundred Fifty Dollars (\$750.00) for each offense. Each day an owner is not compliant with this Ordinance shall constitute a separate offense. If the

licensee is found to be in violation of these standards three (3) or more times, the license will be immediately and permanently revoked.

The Village of Loami is in support of the raising of chickens within the village limits as long as the established rules, as well as proper care, are followed to make the ordinance successful.

PASSED THIS 18th DAY OF August 2022.

dl Mann
Village President

ATTEST:
Cammie Grider
Village Clerk

PASSED: Yes

APPROVED: Yes

AYES: Pippin, Mann, Grider, Patterson, Branson-5

NAYS: ∅

ABSENT: ∅

ORDINANCE CERTIFICATE

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
) SS
COUNTY OF SANGAMON)

I, the undersigned, do hereby certify that I am the duly qualified and acting Village Clerk of the Village of Loami, Sangamon County, Illinois.

I do further certify that the ordinance attached hereto is a full, true, and exact copy of Ordinance No. 22- 02, adopted by the President and Board of Trustees of said Village on the 18th day of August 2022, said Ordinance being entitled:

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I do further certify that prior to the making of this certificate, the said Ordinance was spread at length upon the permanent records of said Village, where it now appears and remains.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said Village this 18th day of August 2022.

Caum D. Guder
Village Clerk