

VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE

AN ORDINANCE TO CREATE SECTION 10.11 KEEPING OF CHICKENS OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE VILLAGE OF STOCKBRIDGE

The Village Board of the Village of Stockbridge, Calumet County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

Keeping of Chickens

- (A) **Chickens Allowed.** Within the Village limits of Stockbridge female chickens (hens) are allowed on the lots with single family dwellings
- (B) **Roosters Not Allowed.** Roosters are not allowed within residential areas in the Village of Stockbridge.
- (C) **Maximum Number of Hens.** The maximum number of hens depends on the lot size.
 - (1) For lots of at least 1/4 acre but less than 1/2 acre there may be up to five (5) hens.
 - (2) For lots of at least 1/2 acre but less than 1 acre there may be up to seven (7) hens.
 - (3) For lots at least one (1) acre but less than two (2) acres there may be up to 10 hens.
 - (4) For lots two (2) acres or larger no more than 25 hens.
- (D) **No Slaughtering.** There will be no slaughtering of chickens within the Village limits of Stockbridge except on properties zoned and approved for such use.
- (E) **Bird Fighting.** Raising or keeping of hens for fighting and the fighting of hens and other fowl is not allowed with the Village of Stockbridge .
- (F) **Chicken Feed.** All food must be kept in airtight containers that are out of reach for wild animals.
- (G) **Chicken Coops.** Hens must be provided with a building structure that houses them and follows the following rules.
 - (1) Hens must be provided at least three (3) square feet of floor space each.
 - (2) A coop must have minimum dimensions of two (2) feet long by two (2) feet wide by four (4) feet tall.
 - (3) Coops must include elevated perches to ensure chickens are able to rest in their natural position.
 - (4) Coops must be structurally sound insulated, moisture proof and kept in good repair.
 - (5) Coops must have vents to insure proper ventilation during all times of the year.
 - (6) There must be a minimum of one (1) square foot of window per coop.
 - (7) Coops must be cleaned at least weekly and the waste must be properly disposed of .
 - (8) During the winter months: all coops shall be kept in a safe and humane condition in order to ensure the health and well-being of the chickens.
 - (9) Coops must provide access to the chicken run.
 - (10) No coop shall be located closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any residential structure on an adjacent lot. Coops must be located in the rear yard of the property or non-address side yard on corner lots.
- (H) **Chicken Runs.** The chickens must be provided with an outdoor fenced structure in which to run around.
 - (1) Hens must be provided with at least six (6) square feet of space each in the run.
 - (2) The fencing must have spacing of no more than one (1) inch.

- (I) **General Care Requirements.** Chickens must be properly cared for.
 - (1) Food must be provided daily and must be proper for chickens.
 - (2) Clean water must be provided at all times.

- (J) **Permit Application Process.** Applications will be submitted to the Village Clerk's Office and must contain the following:
 - (1) Show the desired location for the coop and run on a scaled drawing of the lot. The drawing shall include dwelling units on properties within 100 feet of the proposed coop location and shall be approved by the Village Code Administrator.

- (K) **Licenses and Fees**
 - (1) Licenses are for a 1 year term beginning January 1st of each year.
 - (2) License fee is \$20.00 annually and will not be prorated for any portion of a year.

- (L) **Renewal Process.** All licenses must be renewed on an annual basis prior to January 1st each year. Licenses not renewed by January 31st will be cited a \$10.00 late fee.


- (M) **Penalties.**
 - (1) **General Complaints.** This includes noise complaints and nuisance complaints and others.
 - a. First Offense - a warning will be given to the permit holder that if similar complaints continue, a fee will be cited as well as the potential loss of a license.
 - b. Second Offense - a fee of \$50.00 will be cited on the part of the permit holder. After receiving a warning, a property owner who violates this ordinance will be cited under the ordinance and each day of violation shall be a separate offense.
 - c. Third Offense - the license of the permit holder will be revoked for twelve (12) months and a fine of \$200.00 will be cited. After receiving a warning, a property owner who violates this ordinance will be cited under the ordinance and each day of violation shall be a separate offense.

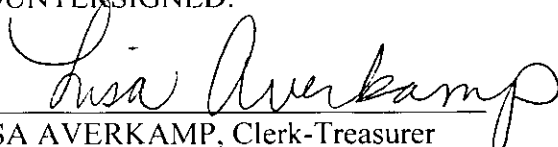
This ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication in accordance of law.

Upon a roll call of votes, thereon, the results were as follows:

Votes Cast	6
Votes Aye	4
Votes Nay	2

President, Roman Kappus Jr., declared Chapter No. 10.11 adopted, approved and signed the Same this 14 day of JANUARY, 2014.


 ROMAN KAPPUS JR., President

COUNTERSIGNED:

 LISA AVERKAMP, Clerk-Treasurer