

APPLICATION FOR KEEPING CHICKENS / VILLAGE OF UNION CENTER

(FEES ARE NON-REFUNDABLE AND DUE UPON FILLING)

Fee: \$10.00

REVISED 2017

DATE OF APPLICATION: _____

The undersigned requests permission to keep chickens in the Village of Union Center.

Name of Applicant: _____

Address of Applicant: Property Owner Tenant

Phone number of applicant: _____

Number of Chickens to be kept: (Cannot exceed 12) _____

Accurate description of coop. Coop may be part of unattached yard shed or garage provided setback requirements are met but may not be on top of a building. Can attach photo or drawing, if preferred.

Coop Size: Length _____ Width _____

Size of run attached or surrounding the coop: _____

Distance of Coop/Run to lot lines: _____ feet to closet side lot line _____ feet to rear lot line

(May not be closer than 25 feet to any lot line. Coop may not be placed in the front yard.)

Name and address of the owners on each lot immediately contiguous to the boundaries of applicant.

WHEREFORE, the undersigned applicant hereby states that the foregoing information and all the attachments to this application are true and correct.

Dated: _____ Applicant _____

TO BE COMPLETED IF APPLICANT IS NOT THE OWNER OF THE PROPERTY:

I am the property owner of the address listed on this application and hereby consent permission to my tenant to keep chickens on my property.

Dated: _____ Property Owner _____

ORDINANCE NO. 2017-01

**AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY, AMEND, AND RE-ADOPT, ORDINANCE
NO. 2033 OF THE GENERAL ORDINANCES AND BY-LAWS OF THE
VILLAGE OF UNION CENTER**

REGULATE THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS

WHEREAS, it is deemed to be in the best interest of the Village of Union Center that the Municipal Ordinance of the Village of Union Center be further modified and amended in the manner hereinafter more particularly set forth below.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Village Board of the Village of Union Center, Juneau County, Wisconsin does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 1 of Ordinance 2033 is amended to include:

Regulation of Chickens

Purpose and Intent. The purpose of this section is to outline conditions under which Village residents may keep a limited number of chickens, where poultry raising is a permitted use, to ensure and maintain property conditions and values, and to protect the health, safety, and welfare of the General population of the Village of Union Center.

Definitions. For the purpose of this section, the following terms have the meaning indicated:

- A Abutting Property — All property that abuts an applicant's property at one or more points except public streets.
- B Chicken — Chicken shall mean a female hen of any age, including chicks. This definition does not include other kinds of fowl including but not limited to ducks, quail, pheasant, geese, turkeys, guinea hens, peacocks, emus, or ostriches.
- C Coop — Coop shall mean an enclosed structure, building or pen within which chickens roost or are housed.

Keeping of Chickens. Subject to Village of Union Center Board approval, chickens may be kept or maintained upon the following:

- A Up to twelve (12) chickens may be raised on a lot upon proof of notification of all abutting property owners. Proof of notification of all abutting property owners must accompany the permit application.
- B Rental tenants of a single-family dwelling or a two-family dwelling shall abide by the rules set forth. Herein, and shall obtain the written approval of their landlord prior to the keeping or maintaining of chickens on the rental premises. The landlord's written approval must accompany the permit application.
- C Educational facilities are allowed to keep chickens for educational purposes only.
- D Chickens may be allowed in the local veterinarian's office for the purpose of observation or treatment.
- E In addition to twelve (12) adult chickens, newly hatched chickens (chicks) living in a brooded may be kept in a residence or outbuilding up to the age of three (3) weeks.

Chickens are Not Allowed. Chickens are not allowed to be kept or maintain upon the following:

- A. Vacant lots unless the person requesting the permit resides on the abutting property and the coop cannot be easily seen from the street.
- B. Condominiums
- C. The keeping of chickens in any non - residential area will only be allowed with the special approval of the Village Board.

Permit Required.

- A. No property owner or tenant shall own, keep or maintain chickens without first obtaining a permit. The permit process requires a completed application accompanied by the application fee.
 - B. The applicant for a permit must notify all abutting property owners of their intent to keep or maintain chickens prior to applying for a permit and the permit application must certify that all such property owners have been notified. A list of all property owners and their addresses must be included with the permit application, which shall be submitted prior to the applicant's appearance before the Village Board. No permit to keep or maintain chickens shall be issued unless all requirements are met.
 - C. The above requirements shall not be required for a renewal of a permit as long as the permit is kept current.
 - D. The permit shall be renewed annually. The permit year shall commence January 1, and shall end on the following December 31.
 - E. A permit granted shall not transfer to any other property or successor owners of permitted property unless all provisions of this section are met.
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Fees.

- A. The annual fee for keeping and maintaining up to twelve (12) chickens shall be set forth by The Village of Union Center and must be paid to the Village Clerk at the time of application. This fee shall not be prorated.
- B. All renewal permits are due and payable to the Village no later than January 31 of the permit year. Failure to timely renew and pay will result in the forfeiture of the permit. Upon forfeiture, an applicant shall be required to meet all initial requirements as set forth.

Property Requirements.

- A. A coop and any attached enclosure shall be not less than twenty-five feet (25') from any lot line, shall be located in the rear yard of the permit holder's residence, and shall meet all other applicable requirements for accessory buildings.
- B. A coop and any attached enclosure shall not be closer than twenty-five feet (25') to an abutting residence in addition to the restrictions in paragraph (A) above
- C. A coop may not be located closer to a neighboring residence than to the residence located upon the coop's parcel.

Coop Design

- A. All chickens shall be kept and maintained within a ventilated and roofed coop constructed of sturdy, predator proof material in compliance with any applicable state and local requirements.
- B. All coops, including an attached coop enclosure, shall be enclosed with wire netting or equivalent material that will prevent chickens from escaping the coop or the attached enclosure.
- C. The coop shall have a clear open space to allow the chickens to walk on the ground or concrete slab.
- D. All coop plans shall be reviewed and approved by the Village of Union Center Board.

Any Person Keeping Chickens.

- A. Shall keep or maintain chickens within a coop or attached coop enclosure at all times.
- B. Shall not keep or maintain any roosters or male chickens older than ten (10) weeks.
- C. Shall ensure that chickens are provided with access to feed and clean water at all times.
- D. Shall comply with all state laws governing animal health and any applicable restrictive covenants.
- E. No person shall slaughter any chickens within the village limits.

Sanitation.

- A. Chickens and their coops shall be kept and maintained at all times in outdoor areas and shall not be permitted inside a residential premise or dwelling
- B. Chicken feed shall be stored and kept in containers, which make the feed inaccessible to rodents, vermin, wild bird, and other predators.
- C. All coops and rear yards where chickens are kept or maintained shall be reasonably free from chicken produced substances, including, but not limited to, chicken manure such that air or environment around chickens does not become noxious or offensive or create a condition that would reasonably promote the breeding of flies, mosquitoes, or other insects, or provide a habitat, breeding or feeding place for rodents or other animals, or otherwise be injurious to public health.

Inspection. The Village shall have the power, whenever it may deem reasonably necessary, to enter a building, structure, or property where chickens are kept to ascertain whether the permittee is in compliance with this section. The permittee shall be responsible for all costs associated with the inspections. The Police Department may issue compliance orders and citations pursuant to the provisions of this section.

Revocation of Permit. The Village shall revoke a permit to keep chickens in the event that the Police Department has issued two (2) or more violation. Once a permit is revoked, it shall not be reissued.

Removal of Chickens. The Village may impound or remove any chickens for violations of this section. The chickens' owner shall be responsible for all costs associated with the impoundment or removal.

Removal of Coop. Chicken coops shall be removed from the property within 90 days of the permit revocation or non-renewal of permit. Failure to remove coop within the 90-day period may result in citations and/or the coop's removal by the Village. Coop owners shall be responsible for all costs associated with coop removal.

Penalty. Any person violating any of the provisions of this ordinance shall be subject to a forfeiture of no less than \$50.00 and no more than \$500.00, together with the costs of prosecution.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as required by law.

Approved Alan E. Scott

Village President

Attest: Robin M. Laubscher

Village Clerk/Treasurer

I hereby certify that the foregoing Amended Ordinance was duly passed by the Village Board of the Village of Union Center on the 13th day of April, 2017 and approved by the Village President on that date.

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