

Village of Dryden Proposal for Keeping Fowl:

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: Permits shall be issued to only single family residence on owner-occupied property.

- 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 issue up to 20 permits in the beginning of the program. 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 Zoning Law Section 30304 Accessory Structures.
- 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 and shall not be offered for resale.
- L. Absolutely no slaughtering of chickens is permitted within Village limits.

Section III: Violations and Enforcement: Dryden Code Officer

- A. All complaints against a chicken permit holder will be followed up by the Dryden Code Officer.
- B. If the Dryden Code Officer finds the permit holder in violation.
 - 1. The Code Officer can issue an order for: A. Immediate Correction- up to 5 days B. Thirty Day Correction Period.
 - 2. All violations will be assessed a \$ 25.00 Fine.
 - 3. A violation file will be started and all violations will be entered into this file
- C. A chicken permit holder that accumulates 3 violations will have the permit revoked and a ban against a future chicken permit application.
- D. May have Chicken Permit revoked for failure to correct violations within proper time frame.

Section IV: Issuance of Chicken Permit Requirements:

- A. A Tompkins's County Cornell Extension Poultry Course Certificate or a Certificate from another Poultry Course.
- B. Payment of \$ 25.00 Application Fee.
- C. Annual renewal fee of \$ 5.00.

Section V: 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**.

We look forward to collecting your feedback. Should you have specific questions about raising and caring for chickens please use Bard Prentiss as a resource. 607-844-0504 or bvanwoert13@gmail.com

The proposed fees and fines in Section III were developed to insure proper care and maintenance for the chickens well being and neighbors' peace of mind.