

**AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING HENS WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF  
MANSFIELD**

**VILLAGE OF MANSFIELD  
PIATT COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

**Ordinance No. 2018- 06**

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Mansfield believe that it is in the best of interests of the Village for the residents to have to the ability to possess hens for eggs and as a source of a food.

**Whereas**, the Board of Trustees also determined that regulations are needed to prevent hens from becoming a nuisance and to ensure the safety of the hens

**THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED**, that the Board of the Trustees of the Village of Mansfield ORDAINS as follows:

**Section 1- Hens.**

No person shall possess a hen unless a license has been issued as set forth in this Ordinance.

**Section 2- Allowable Number of Hens**

The number of hens allowed shall be a maximum of five (5) hens per property.

**Section 3- Roosters Prohibited**

Roosters are prohibited within the Village.

**Section 4- Single Family Dwelling**

Licenses will only be granted to persons who reside on parcels with single-family dwellings AND are owners of the aforementioned parcel with the single family dwelling.

**Section 5- Care of Hens**

Care for hens shall follow the following provisions:

A. No hen shall be permitted to run at large. Hens shall be kept in a designated coop or run.

B. Hens must be kept within the coop and run at all times.

C. Feed must be stored in a fully enclosed, rodent proof container.

## **Section 6- Housing for hens**

Housing for Hens shall adhere to the following provisions:

A. The chicken coop and run shall be located in the rear of the residential structure. The coop and run are allowed in the rear yard, but not the side or front yards.

B. The chicken coop and run shall be located at least 10 feet (10') from the property line and at least twenty feet (20') from any neighboring dwelling.

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. Openings in windows and doors must be covered by wire mesh or screens to deter predators.

E. Access doors must be sized and placed for ease of cleaning.

F. The enclosed run must be attached to the coop or must surround the coop. The sides of the run must be made of fencing or wire mesh that discourages predators.

G. The run must be enclosed on all sides, including the top or roof plane.

H. Size. The coop shall provide a minimum of five (5) square feet of floor area per hen. The run shall provide a minimum of ten (10) square feet of floor area per hen.

I. Eggs shall be removed daily and nesting boxes shall be cleaned daily.

J. The coop shall have a high, wide perch for nighttime roosting and the perch must be higher than the nesting boxes to discourage hens from roosting in nesting boxes.

## **Section 7- Coops must satisfy all other building regulations**

Coops and runs shall comply with all other applicable regulations and standards of Village code.

**Section 8- Care of Coop and Run**

The coop and run shall be kept in a clean, dry and sanitary condition at all times. Manure, uneaten and discarded feed, feathers and other waste must be removed regularly and at a minimum of once per week.

**Section 9- Odors prohibited**

Odors from hens, manure or related substances shall not be detectable from property lines.

**Section 10- Disposal of Manure**

Manure must be stored and disposed of. Manure may be composted. All manure not composted must be removed from property regularly and at a minimum of once per week.

**Section 11- License Required; License to Issue Only When All Conditions of Ordinance are Met**

*Mansfield* No person shall maintain a coop without first obtaining a license from the *Village of* ~~City of~~ ~~Champaign~~. Licenses shall be issued when all conditions outlined in this Ordinance are met.

**Section 12- Denial of license**

The City may deny a license to any person who 1) owes money to the City; or 2) has, in the last five (5) years prior to application for a license under this section been convicted or plead guilty to any violation of the Village code regarding animals, noise, property maintenance or zoning.

**Section 13 – Validity of License;**

All licenses pursuant to this section shall be valid for one year from the date of issuance. Licenses may be automatically renewed if the licensee has been in compliance during the previous year. If the licensee is found to be in violation of the standards outlined in this Ordinance, the license will be allowed to expire at the end of the period. A new license will only be issued after the coop and run have been inspected and determined to meet all requirements outlined herein.

**Section 14- Cruelty to Animals; Use of Animals in Entertainment**

If the licensee is found to be in violation of the Village Code for Cruelty to Animals Prohibited or Animals For Use in Entertainment, the license will be immediately and permanently revoked.

### **Section 15- Single Family Dwelling Units**

Only persons residing in a single family dwelling in single family residential zoned area AND owning the aforementioned single family dwelling unit in a single family residential zoned area are eligible for a license.

### **Section 16- One license per zoning lot**

Only one chicken coop license will be issued per zoning lot.

### **Section 17- Non-transferability of licenses.**

Coop licenses are non-transferrable.

### **Section 18- Costs**

The coop license shall be \$50.00. This license shall renew automatically if the licensee is in compliance with all standards set forth in this section. No charge is incurred for licenses that renew automatically.

### **Section 19- Penalty**

In addition to the general penalty previously set forth in the Village Code, the owner of any coop is subject to the following additional penalties:

- A. If a complaint is made against a licensee, then the coop shall be inspected by the animal control officer or trustee in charge of animal control. Failure to cooperate with said inspection will result in the immediate revocation of license.
- B. If a violation has occurred, a fine of \$100 dollars shall be issued, and the licensee has 48 hours to get into compliance with all conditions of this Ordinance.
- C. If a second violation occurs, a fine of \$100 dollars shall be issued, and the owner has 48 hours to get into compliance with all conditions of this Ordinance.
- D. If a 3<sup>rd</sup> violation occurs, the license shall be revoked and the licensee shall have 7 days to dispose of the hens. After the 3<sup>rd</sup> violation, the licensee shall be forever barred from holding a license under this Ordinance.
- E. The Village shall have the right to inspect any coop or run within 24 hours of notice to the licensee and any licensee hereby consents to said inspection of the coop and run.

### **Section 20- Nuisance**

Hens, coops and runs not maintained according to this Ordinance shall be deemed a public nuisance.

**Section 21-**

THAT this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

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ABSENT: 0

PASSED and APPROVED this 6<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2018.



ANDREW STIGER, PRESIDENT  
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