

6.12 KEEPING ANIMALS.

- E. No person shall own, harbor or keep in his or her possession more than four (4) hens per any lot.
- (1) The keeping of poultry hens shall be permitted subject to the following conditions. No person shall keep any rooster or other fowl.
 - (a) No person may slaughter any hen.
 - (b) Hens shall be provided with a covered enclosure and kept in a covered or fenced enclosure all the time.
 - (c) No permanent enclosure may be closer than twenty-five (25) feet to any residential structure on adjacent lots and no closer than ten (10) feet to any lot line.
 - (d) (moved to 6.12E(e) on 10/15/13)
 - (e) LICENSE REQUIRED. The owner of any hen (female *Gallus gallus domesticus*) more than eight (8) weeks of age shall annually, or on or before the date the hen becomes eight weeks of age, obtain a license - in doing so will submit permission (signatures) from all adjacent neighbors stating that they approve of the hens. The word "owner" shall include every person who owns, harbors, or keeps a hen.
 - (f) FEE. Refer to Section 8.01A. The license year commences on January 1 and ends on December 31.
 - (g) LATE FEES. The Village Clerk shall assess and collect a late fee as outlined in Section 8.01A from every owner of a hen(s) eight (8) weeks of age or over, if the owner failed to obtain a license prior to April 1 of each year, or within thirty (30) days of acquiring ownership of a licensable hen(s), or on or before the day the hen(s) attained the age of eight (8) weeks.
 - (h) ISSUANCE OF LICENSES. Only one license may be issued to each parcel number. Upon payment of the required hen license fee, the Village Clerk shall complete and issue to the owner a license stating the owner's name and address, parcel number, date of issuance, and date of license expiration. The Village Clerk shall keep a duplicate copy of the license on file.
 - (2) (removed on 10/15/13)
 - (3) (removed on 11/15/11)
 - (4) Construction of Animal Shelters: All coops, yards, pens or other structures wherein any hen is kept shall be constructed so as to be easily cleaned and kept in good repair. The inside and outside of such structures shall be white-washed or painted as often as necessary to keep them clean or finished with such material as can be easily cleaned. All such structures shall be kept clean and sanitary and shall not cause any objectionable odor. All structures will be secured from predators.

- (5) No person possessing a hen shall permit more than twenty-four (24) hours of accumulation of such animal's manure to remain on property under possessor's control.
 - (6) Hens are to be confined - must follow the current animal ordinance. License can be pulled immediately for any violations.
- F. No person shall own, harbor or keep in his possession more than two (2) cats and two (2) dogs on any lot zoned as residential, with the exception that a litter of pups or kittens, or a portion of a litter, may be kept for a period of time not exceeding eight (8) weeks from birth. If more than one family resides on any particular lot, the person exceeding the limitation imposed by this section is in violation thereof.

In no event shall any person have more than four (4) animals at a residence, except upon issuance of a waiver as here and after provided.

The above requirement for the number of animals may be waived with the approval of the Village Administrator. The total number of pre-existing animals shall be a factor in considering whether to grant or deny the requested waiver. Such application for waiver shall first be made to the Village Clerk and shall be referred to the Public Safety Coordinator for an investigation and recommendation to the Administrator. The decision of the Administrator may be appealed to the Village Board.