

VILLAGE OF FORESTVILLE  
ORDINANCE NO 3-2012

ARTICLE II

CHICKENS

An Ordinance to add to chapter 145 of the Village of Forestville Code regarding the keeping of chickens.

WHEREAS, The raising of chickens as a hobby has become popular in urban areas, and

WHEREAS, while the raising of poultry presents numerous issues in developed areas, The Village Board has determined that where a small number of chickens could be raised without creating an undue risk to public health, safety and welfare, and

145-7 WHEREAS, the Village Board have further determined that any such activity should be carefully regulated and where a permit is required.

145-8 Restrictions on keeping of chickens.

- A. The keeping of six (6) chicken hens shall be permitted in residential districts.
- B. A minimum lot size either owned, leased or rented of one Quarter acre shall be Required in residential zoning districts.
- C. No person shall keep any rooster.
- D. The chickens shall be provided with both an enclosed hen house and a fenced Outdoor enclosure.
- E. The chickens must be kept in the hen house or fenced outdoor enclosure at all Times and shall not be allowed to run free.
- F. The hen house shall be covered, well-ventilated structure providing a minimum of Three (3) square feet per chicken.
- G. The outdoor enclosure shall be adequately fenced to contain the chickens and to protect the chickens from predators.
- H. The hen house must be kept in a clean, dry, and sanitary condition at all times.
- I. The outdoor enclosure shall be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent the Accumulation of animal waste.

- J. The coop shall not be within thirty (30) feet of any Residential building on an adjacent Lot. And meet or exceed normal building setbacks.
- K. All coops and runs shall be screened from view at ground level from adjacent Lots by using fencing, landscaping, or a combination thereof. And also meet building setbacks.
- L. The owner of the property shall secure a permit from The Village Clerk for Keeping chickens where the fee for such permit shall be set by a resolution Of the Village Board.

#### 145-9 Additional Requirements

The following provisions shall apply to all residentially zoned properties that are keeping Chickens set forth in Chapter 145 Animals of the code of the Village of Forestville.

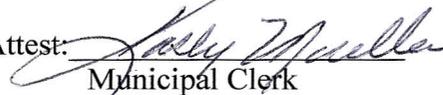
- A. Unlawful to allow chickens to run at large. It shall be unlawful for the owner or Owners of any chickens to allow the same to run at large upon any public or Private property without an approved coop and run in the Village of Forestville. Any chicken not contained within an approved coop or run shall be deemed “at large”.
- B. Sanitary Requirement for Housing Chickens:
  - 1. All chicken feces accumulated on private property shall be removed by using the approved sanitary method of double bagging and placed in The trash for collection unless composted as provided for below.
  - 2. Chicken feces on private property shall not be allowed to accumulate to The degree that it becomes a public health nuisance or hazard. In cases Where chicken feces does accumulate on private property, the Village Board or their designee may conduct an investigation, after which the Accumulation may be declared a public health hazard or nuisance, and The owner shall be ordered to remove and dispose of the accumulated Feces in an approved manner. The order to remove such accumulated Feces shall be given personally to the owner or shall be sent by mail And the owner shall be given a period of 48 hours from the date and Time of receipt of the order to clean the property and remove the Accumulated feces.
- C. Composting: It shall be unlawful for any person to spread or cause to be spread Or deposited upon any ground or premises within the Village of Forestville any Chicken manure. However, chicken manure may be composted on the property Where the chickens are housed and the composted material then applied to Gardens.

- D. Proper Storage of Feed: All feed, water, and other items associated with keeping Of chickens shall be protected in a way that prevents infestation by rats, mice, or Other rodents or vectors. Failure to keep all feed, water and other items Associated with the keeping of chickens in a clean and sanitary condition Constitutes a violation of this ordinance.
- E. Penalty for Violation of Provisions on Chickens: Any owner or owners of any Chicken or chickens kept within the limits of the Village of Forestville Violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall be fined, as established in Section 1-4 of the Code Ordinance. And loss of Permit. .

EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication as Required by law.

Dated: 03/05/12

Signed:   
Village President

Attest:   
Municipal Clerk