
THE VILLAGE OF COAL CITY
GRUNDY & WILL COUNTIES, ILLINOIS

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**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 91 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO
AMEND THE REQUIREMENTS REGARDING KEEPING CHICKENS WITHIN THE
VILLAGE OF COAL CITY**

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WHEREAS, the Illinois Municipal Code provides that municipalities may pass and enforce all necessary police ordinances; prevent or suppress noises, disturbances, and trespasses; define and abate nuisances; regulate the use of the streets and other municipal property; and prevent and regulate all amusements and activities having a tendency to annoy or endanger persons or property on the sidewalks, streets, and other municipal property; and

WHEREAS, the corporate authorities of each municipality may pass all ordinances and make all rules and regulations proper or necessary, to carry into effect the powers granted to municipalities, with such fines or penalties as may be deemed proper; and

WHEREAS, pursuant to the Illinois Municipal Code, no fine or penalty, except civil penalties provided for failure to make returns or to pay any taxes levied by the municipality, shall exceed \$750 and no imprisonment for failure to pay any fine, penalty or cost shall exceed six months for one offense; and

WHEREAS, the health and safety of the residents requires that penalties for Village Code violations be sufficient to deter and reimburse the Village for enforcing said violations; and

WHEREAS, the regulations concerning the practice of keeping chickens is a health and safety issue and must be regulated accordingly.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Coal City, Grundy & Will Counties, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The recitals listed below shall replace the existing code provisions.

- A.** The text provided below shall replace the current Sections 91.37 & 91.38 in their entirety:

91-37 Animal yard restrictions; swine prohibited.

Other than those properties located within an agriculturally zoned property, no person shall cause or allow any stable or place where any animal is or may be kept to become unclean or unwholesome. It shall be unlawful to keep any live, including any hooved animals such as swine or pigs, in the Village. Those animals that qualify as fowl, must comply with the requirements contained herein.

91-38 Poultry yard requirements.

One must abide to the requirements within this section to keep fowl on residential property within Coal City. Any poultry yard may be no closer than 75 feet from any building used for residential property by anyone other than the one maintaining the subject poultry yard.

1. For the purpose of this section, "poultry yard" shall be an enclosed space within the rear yard restricting fowl from roaming throughout the entirety of the property, in which a chicken coop is maintained to house one or more live fowl; the term "fowl" includes only those animals herein listed – chickens, and domesticated geese.
2. Fowl must be kept within a small enclosure, also known as a chicken coop, constructed in a manner and maintained to be impenetrable by rats or rodents. Such an enclosure must provide a minimum of 4 square feet per chicken or hen, maintained at all times, and cannot exceed 8 feet in height.
3. Keeping chickens is lawful according to adherence to all of the provisions provided below.
 - a. Chickens, hens, coops and the designated poultry yard are restricted to a rear yard.


- b. A barrier surrounding the designated poultry yard to restrict chickens from fleeing elsewhere must be utilized. This barrier must consist of a hardware wire cloth consisting of galvanized or stainless steel or of a more durable material. Said barrier must be at least four feet in height.
 - c. There must be a minimum of 20 square feet per Chicken or Hen of open yard space within the fenced in poultry yard.
 - d. There shall be no roosters.
 - e. The total amount of chickens on the property may not exceed 5 chickens.
 - f. All chickens must be returned and placed in the coop by nightfall.
 - g. No slaughtering of chickens may occur on the property.
 - h. No breeding of chickens or hens may take place on the property.
 - i. All feed must be kept in tightly sealed containers except when feed is being placed for consumption by the chickens.
 - j. Chicken and hen coops and yards must be cleaned on a regular basis and must remain free from accumulated waste.
 - k. Deceased chickens or hens must be disposed in a sanitary manner.
 - l. Chicken and hen health must be maintained with proper water and feed as animal cruelty standards require.
4. Every poultry yard shall be adequately maintained so as to be impenetrable by rats or other rodents. The presence of any rats in any poultry yard shall be prima facie evidence that the yard is maintained in violation of the provisions of this section.

Section 2. Effective Date. After its passage, the amended provisions of Chapter 50, outlined herein, shall be effective and commence 10 days after this Ordinance is printed in book or pamphlet form and published by the authority of the corporate authorities.

SO ORDAINED this 27th day of July, 2022, at
Coal City, Grundy County, Illinois.

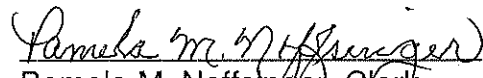
AYES: 6
NAYS: 0
ABSENT: 0
ABSTAIN: 0

VILLAGE OF COAL CITY



Terry Halliday, President

Attest:



Pamela M. Noffsinger, Clerk