

VILLAGE OF STANFORD



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**ADOPTED BY THE VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
OF THE VILLAGE OF STANFORD**



THIS 16TH DAY OF MARCH 2023

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BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE
OF STANFORD:

SECTION 1: §91.01 of the Village of Code of the Village of Stanford is hereby
amended by inserting in correct alphabetical order the following additional words and
definitions:

COOP: A structure that is designed to house hens which is
enclosed on all sides with a roof, door and windows.

HEN: The female of the species Gallus gallus domesticus.

ROOSTER: The male of the species Gallus gallus domesticus.

RUN: An outdoor area that is enclosed on all vertical sides by
fencing.

SECTION 2: Chapter 91 of the Village Code of the Village of Stanford is hereby
amended by adding Section 91.15, which is as follows:

§91.15 LICENSE FOR BACKYARD HENS

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to possess a hen on a tract of land
within the Village limits of the Village of Stanford unless such person
has been issued a license pursuant to the provisions of this Section.
- (2) The following requirements shall be satisfied by an applicant as
prerequisite to the consideration of the issuance of a license.
 - (a) No license may be issued to allow more than 6
hens on any one contiguous tract of property within the Village
limits.
 - (b) No license shall be issued to allow roosters on any property within
the Village limits.
 - (c) Licenses may only be granted to persons who reside on parcels
with a single-family dwelling, and which parcel is zoned in the R-
1 Residential District.
 - (d) No license shall be issued to any individual unless the location of
the chicken coop for which the license is sought is at least five (5)
feet from all property lines and at least seventy-five (75) feet from
any neighboring dwelling.
 - (e) A chicken coop must be located in the rear of the residential
structure. Chicken coops are not allowed in the side or front yards.
 - (f) The chicken coop for which a license is sought must be built to

provide ventilation, shade, protection from precipitation, protection from cold weather and to be secure from predators, wild birds and rodents. Openings in windows and doors must be covered by wire, mesh or screens to deter predators. Access doors must be sized and placed for ease of cleaning.

- (g) A run, if any, 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 discourage predators. The run must be enclosed on all sides including the top or roof plane. The run must provide access to the chicken coop by means of a doorway or hatch.
 - (h) The chicken coop for which a license is sought shall provide a minimum of four (4) square feet of floor area per hen. The run shall provide a minimum of eight (8) square feet of floor area per hen.
- (3) The following provisions shall apply to the care of hens in any location for which a license has been issued pursuant to the provisions of this Section:
- (a) Hens shall be kept in a designated coop or run unless the owner of the property for which the permit is sought is physically present, and in such instance hens may be allowed to run at large within the confines of the fenced backyard of the permitted property. No hens shall run at large outside of any fenced area within the Village.
 - (b) Hens must be kept in chicken coops and feed must be stored in a fully enclosed rodent proof container.
 - (c) The run, if any, shall be kept in clean, dry and sanitary condition at all times. Manure, uneaten and discarded feed, feathers and other waste must be removed at a minimum of once per week.
 - (d) Odors from hens, manure or related substances shall not be detectable from property lines.
 - (e) Manure must be stored and disposed of. Manure may be composted. All manure not composted must be removed from the property at a minimum of once per week.
 - (f) Any hens that are found to be not enclosed in a chicken coop, attached run or in a properly fenced in back yard with the owner physically present, shall be deemed to be running at large. Any hens found to be running at large shall be deemed to be abandoned, and the owner thereof shall be deemed to have forfeited all rights to, interest in and ownership of said hens.
- (4) The following provisions shall apply to licenses issued pursuant to this Section:
- (a) The applicant shall pay an annual fee of \$ 25.00 for a license to be issued. Licenses shall be issued by the Village Clerk or Building Inspector.
 - (b) If at any time a licensee is found to be in violation of the standards

outlined in this Section, the Chief of Police or such other individual or entity designated by the Village Board of the Village of Stanford may bring charges for the revocation of the license issued pursuant to this Section. A hearing shall be held before the Village President at which hearing the licensee shall be given notice and an opportunity to be heard. After such hearing, the Village President shall determine whether the license issued pursuant to this Section shall be revoked. In addition to and not in lieu thereof an ordinance violation citation may issue for violation of any provision of this Section.

- (c) Licenses issued pursuant to this Section are nontransferable.
- (d) No license shall be issued until the chicken coop and attached run, if any, has been inspected by the Building Inspector and the Building Inspector has determined that the structure fully complies with the requirements set forth in the ordinance.
- (e) A license application must be signed by both the legal record owner of the property and by the occupant of the property.
- (f) The Village may deny or revoke a license of an applicant who owes money to the Village.
- (g) Hens, coops and runs not maintained in accordance with the provisions of this Section shall be deemed a public nuisance and subject to the penalty provisions of §10.99.

SECTION 4: If any section or part of this Ordinance is held invalid, it shall not affect the validity of the remainder of this Ordinance.

SECTION 5: This Ordinance shall take effect 10 days after publication thereof as provided by law.

SECTION 6: Ordinance No. 06-03 of the Village of Stanford, as amended by this Ordinance, shall remain in full force and effect and all previous amendments to Ordinance No. 06-03 shall remain in force and effect except as modified by this Ordinance.

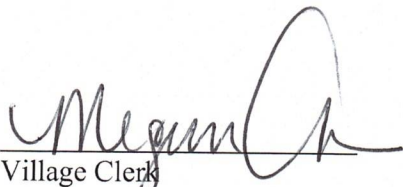
PASSED in due form on a roll call vote by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stanford at a duly held meeting on the 10th day of March, 2023.

APPROVED:



President of the Board of Trustees of the
Village of Stanford

ATTEST:


Village Clerk

AYES:	<u>5</u>
NAYS:	<u>0</u>
ABSENT:	<u>1</u>

STATE OF ILLINOIS)
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COUNTY OF MCLEAN)
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VILLAGE OF STANFORD)

I, Megan Phillips, Village Clerk of the Village of Stanford, Illinois, do hereby certify that, as such officer, I am the Clerk of the Board of Trustees of said Village, the keeper and custodian of the books papers, records, reports, resolutions, ordinances and minutes of the meetings of the Board of Trustees of said Village; and that the instrument attached hereto is a full, true and correct copy of the original ordinance adopted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Stanford at a regular meeting thereof on the 16th day of March, 2023, attended by a quorum of the members of said Board, and approved by the Acting President on the 16th day of March, 2023, as said ordinance appears on file in my office and as the same is recorded in the book of ordinances of said Village.

IN TESTIMONY WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and the official seal of said Village of Stanford this 16th day of March 2023.



VILLAGE CLERK OF THE VILLAGE OF STANFORD

