

The Village Board of the Village of Spring Valley, Pierce and St. Croix County, Wisconsin, does hereby ordain as follows:

Section 6-13(e) Keeping of Chickens

- (a) Within the Village limits, female chickens (hens) are allowed on lots with single family dwellings.
- (b) Roosters are not allowed within the Village limits.
- (c) Each dwelling shall have a maximum number of up to five (5) hens.
- (d) There will be no slaughtering of chickens within the Village limits.
- (e) Raising or keeping of hens for fighting and the fighting of hens and other fowl is not allowed as per Wisconsin Statute 951.08
- (f) All food must be kept in airtight containers that are out of reach of wild animals.
- (g) Hens must be provided with a building structure that houses them. Set back is 10' on owner's property and no coop shall be located closer than 25 feet to any residential structure on an adjacent lot. Coops must be located in the rear yard of the property or non-address side yard on corner lots.
- (h) The chickens must be provided with an outdoor enclosed fenced structure in which to run around.
- (i) Chickens must be properly cared for.
 - (1) Food must be provided daily and must be proper for chickens in accordance with §951.13. (1), Wis. Stats.
 - (2) Clean water must be provided at all times and changed daily in accordance with §951.13. (2), Wis. Stats.
- (j) APPLICATION PROCESS. Applications will be fully completed and submitted to the Village Clerk's office and must include the following:
 - (1) Site Plan showing the desired location for the coop on a scaled drawing of the lot. The drawing shall include dwelling units on properties within 100 feet of the proposed coop location and shall be approved by the Village clerk.
 - (2) All properties on which chickens are kept must be properly registered as a livestock premises with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection. A copy of the proof of registration of the premises must accompany the application.
 - (4) If property is not owner-occupied, applicant must have written approval from Landlord/Owner of property
 - (5) Application fee.
- (k) Licenses and fees
 - (1) Licenses are for a 1-year term beginning January 1st of each year.
 - (2) License fee is required annually and will not be prorated for any portion of a year. The fee will be set by Village Board and reviewed periodically.
 - (3) Licenses not renewed by February 28th will be assessed a late fee. The late fee will be set by Village Board.

(4) License must be obtained prior to having chickens on the premises.

(l) Renewal Process: All licenses must be renewed on an annual basis and are due by February 28th of each year. License renewals will be submitted to the Village Clerk's office and include the following:

(1) Current proof of premises registration with the Wisconsin Department of Agriculture, Trade and Consumer Protection.

(2) Annual fee.

(m) Penalties.

(1) General complaints. This includes noise complaints and nuisance complaints and other.

(a) A warning will be given to the permit holder that if similar complaints continue, a fee will be assessed as well as the potential loss of a license.

(b) If violation found, warning given as a 10-day written notice to correct violation or subject to citation under the terms of ordinance violations and penalties under Municipal Code 6-25(d).

(2) Animal cruelty violations. These consist of but are not limited to inadequate food or water, dirty coop, improper temperature conditions for the birds, sick or unhealthy birds, and improper size coop.

(a) First offense: A warning would be given with the order to fix the problem within a week (7 days) or to provide proof of a start to fix the problem.

(b) Second offense: The license of the permit holder will be revoked indefinitely and either prosecution under Wisconsin State Law or a fine of \$500.

(3) Complaints on cleanliness, number of chickens, care of chickens shall be reported to Village Clerk or local Police Department.

Adopted at a duly called and noticed meeting of the Village Board of the Village of Spring Valley, Pierce and St. Croix County, Wisconsin the 6th day of July, 2022.

Marsha Brunkhorst

Marsha Brunkhorst, President

Luann Emerson

Luann Emerson, Clerk

Voted for 6

Voted against 0

Absent 1

