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# Village of Roscommon

## VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

### ORDINANCE NO. 28

#### AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE VILLAGE LIMITS OF ROSCOMMON

The Village of Roscommon ordains:

##### **SECTION 1.**

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, maintain, care for, or raise any wild or farm animals including but not limited to horses, sheep, goats, cattle, pigs, mules, pigeons, ducks, geese, or turkeys within the Village limits of the Village of Roscommon.

##### **SECTION 2.**

Violations of this ordinance existing at the time of passage of the ordinance may continue until such time as complaint is made and the violation is shown to be a nuisance.

##### **SECTION 3.**

Rabbits may be kept within the Village limits under the following conditions:

- A. A permit to keep rabbits is obtained from the Village Council. The Council may establish a fee for such permit.
- B. Cages must be secured at all times.
- C. Rabbits shall be adequately housed, fenced, and maintained so as not to be or become a public or private nuisance.
- D. The cages shall be so constructed and maintained that odors, dust, noise, and drainage shall not constitute a nuisance or hazard to adjoining lots and uses.
- E. No more than four rabbits over the age of four months are allowed at any time.
- F. Rabbits may not be raised as a commercial enterprise.
- G. The owner must ensure that the rabbit feed will not attract other animals.

##### **SECTION 3.5**

Chickens may be kept in the Village limits under the following conditions:

- A. A maximum of six (6) chickens may be kept per parcel.
- B. Roosters are prohibited.
- C. Slaughtering chickens outdoors is prohibited.
- D. Chickens must be kept in and confined in a properly designed and constructed coop or a fenced and covered enclosure, which may be located only in the rear yard of the property.
- E. Each fenced and covered enclosure shall be designed with adequate yard space for each bird, and the coop and the fenced and covered enclosure combined shall not cover more

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than 50% of the rear yard. Enclosures must be clean and resistant to predators and rodents.

- F. Fencing used for the enclosure is exempt from fence material standards in the Zoning Ordinance.
- G. Enclosures shall be located at least 25 feet from any dwelling on a neighboring parcel.
- H. No chickens shall be kept on parcels with more than one dwelling.

## SECTION 4.

Any violation of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of, not to exceed One Hundred (\$100.00) Dollars, or ninety days in jail, or both.

These amendments shall become effective thirty days after publication.

Amended: October 14, 2019  
Published: October 23, 2019  
Effective: November 23, 2019

  
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Michael Miller, Village President

10-29-19  
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Date

  
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Frances Dawson, Village Clerk

10-29-19  
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## VILLAGE OF ROSCOMMON

### APPLICATION TO KEEP RABBITS/CHICKENS IN THE VILLAGE LIMITS

Applicant's Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Proposed Location Address of Rabbits/Chickens:

\_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different): \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone Number: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ I have read and will abide by the requirements of Village Ordinance No. 28.

\_\_\_\_\_ I have included a drawing of my property showing the location of the cages/coop.

*I certify that all the statements made in the application are true and correct to the best of my knowledge and belief.*

Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Print Name: \_\_\_\_\_

**Where to File:** This application should be sent to:

Village Clerk  
702 Lake St.  
P.O. Box 236  
Roscommon, MI 48653