

**ORDINANCE NUMBER. 2023-01**  
**Ordinance Relating to Animal**  
**Amended June 2023**

**WHEREAS**, “NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE PRESIDENT AND THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE VILLAGE OF NORTH HENDERSON, MERCER COUNTY, ILLINOIS, AS FOLLOWS:”

**WHEREAS**, The keeping of female chickens, ducks, or geese, further referred to as “fowl” shall be permitted on residential property within the Village under the following conditions:

Section (1): Village Requirements:

- A. Property owners and tenants must be in good standing with the Village to have the privilege of keeping fowl within the village.
- B. Signed Application must be on file with the Village Office.
- C. Renters of residential property must obtain written permission from the landowner to keep fowl of any kind on rental property. Copy of said permission should be on file with the Village Office

Section (2) Number and Type:

- A. A maximum of 10 combined fowl shall be allowed for each residential property.
- B. No male fowl species shall be allowed within the Village.

Section (3) Enclosure Requirements:

- A. All fowl must be cooped at night to discourage the presence of wildlife within the property.
- B. All fowl shall be kept in an enclosed yard or coop in the rear of the property and shall not be allowed to roam free within the Village.
- C. Enclosures and yards must be constructed at least 4 feet high, at least 10 feet from the property line and 25 feet from Village properties and Churches.

- D. Coops and fowl yards must always be kept in a safe and sanitary condition, and must be cleaned on a regular basis to prevent offensive odors being reasonably detectable on adjacent properties.
- E. Waste from the cleaning of pens must be removed from the property and may not be dumped on Village property or Right of Ways.
- F. No outdoor slaughter of fowl is allowed.
- G. Food for fowl must be stored in a rodent proof container.
- H. No fowl may be kept on Village Right of Ways

Section (4) Fowl at Large

- A. The permittee shall not allow the fowl to run at large. If the fowl is off the permitted property and is killed or harmed, the Village is not liable and will not be involved in disputes involving the said fowl.

Section (5) Violation

- A. For any violation of this ordinance the violator shall be subject to a fine of at least \$50.00 and no more than \$100. For additional offenses, the privilege of keeping fowl on said property will be revoked and all fowl will be required to be promptly removed from property.

Section (6) IN EFFECT

- A. Effective date of this ordinance shall be 10 days after its adoption and will remain in full force after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Adopted this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2023 pursuant to roll call vote as follows:

	YEA	NAY	ABSENT	ABSTENTION
DIANE BROWN	_____	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>
ANGIE CHANDLEE	_____	_____	<u>✓</u>	_____
KARIN SIMKINS	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
CHRISTIAN SPAHR	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____
CHERYL STEVENS	<u>✓</u>	_____	_____	_____

ATTEST:

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Melody Hall Village Clerk

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Carol Rogers Village President

Published by posting on this 12<sup>th</sup> day of June 2023

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Melody Hall Village Clerk

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The Village of North Henderson