

**VILLAGE OF GODFREY
APPLICATION FOR OWNERSHIP AND KEEPING OF CHICKENS**

OWNER'S INFORMATION

Owner's Name: _____ **Date:** _____

Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

Other Residents in Household		

Property Owner's	Rental Property:	YES	NO	
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Name: _____

Mailing Address: _____ **Phone:** _____

City: _____ **State:** _____ **Zip:** _____

Property Information: _____

Lot Size: _____

Parcel ID: _____

Homeowner's Association	YES	NO	Name of Association:
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Inspection by Zoning Administrator	Date:
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Inspection by Animal Control Officer:	Date:
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I, _____ have completed and submitted an application for Ownership and Keeping of Chickens License in the Village of Godfrey, Illinois and certified that the information given in this application is true of my knowledge.

Signature of Applicant:	Date
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Ownership and Keeping of Chickens License Fee paid:

ORDINANCE NO. 04-2018

AN ORDINANCE TO REGULATE THE OWNERSHIP, RAISING
AND KEEPING OF CHICKENS
WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF GODFREY, ILLINOIS

WHEREAS, the Village of Godfrey Board of Trustees has determined that it is appropriate to create an ordinance to regulate the ownership, raising and keeping of chickens within R-1 zoned residential districts in the Village of Godfrey; and,

WHEREAS, Article 1, Section 14.1, et seq. of the Village of Godfrey Code of Ordinances regulates the ownership and possession of animals within the Village of Godfrey; and,

WHEREAS, the Village of Godfrey Board of Trustees desires to Amend Article 1, Section 14.1, et. seq., as more specifically stated herein.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE VILLAGE OF GODFREY BOARD OF TRUSTEES, THAT THE FOLLOWING AMENDMENTS TO ARTICLE 1, SECTION 14.1, ET. SEQ., ARE PROPOSED:

SECTION ONE

Section 14-4. Animals in Village is amended as follows:

Current Language: Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall keep within the village any cattle, cows, horses, sheep, swine, goats, chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese or other livestock unless:

Amended Language: Except as otherwise provided in this chapter, no person shall keep within the village any cattle, cows, horses, sheep, swine, goats, more than five chickens with the limitation that chickens may be kept only pursuant to Section 14.16 of this Code, ducks, turkeys, geese or other livestock, unless:

SECTION TWO

Chapter 1 Section 14 of the Village Code of the Village of Godfrey shall be amended by adding a new Section 14.16 to provide as follows:

NEW SECTION:

"Sec 14.16" CHICKENS: The purpose of this Section 14.16 of the Godfrey Village Code is to create appropriate regulations for the ownership, maintenance and keeping of chickens within R-1 zoned residential areas in the Village of Godfrey. The purpose of this Section 14.16 is not to create regulations for the commercial sale or distribution of chickens or eggs, but to regulate the raising and keeping of chickens within residential

8. No person shall allow chickens to produce noise which is loud enough to disturb the peace of persons on surrounding properties.
9. The owner of chickens shall ensure that the chickens are cared for in a safe and humane manner at all times and, in the event of death, that they are disposed of in a manner that does not endanger the public health and safety.
10. The slaughtering of chickens is prohibited. Chickens that die may not be cleaned and consumed by anyone.
11. No chickens may be kept, maintained or raised to be used for the purpose of fighting.
12. All coops shall be thoroughly cleaned of all debris, refuse, and waste as often as necessary to affect a sanitary maintenance of the premise and to prevent odors from emanating from the facility. The presence of flies, fly larvae, other insects, pests or vermin or obnoxious odor within or about the chicken coop shall constitute a public nuisance and may cause the revocation of the permit issued under Section 14.16 (d).
13. The Village of Godfrey Animal Control Officers and the Village Planning and Zoning Officials or their designees, may inspect, at any time, the property, the permitted facilities and conditions where the chickens are kept to assure compliance with all Village Ordinances.
14. Chickens may not be kept in any habitable part of a dwelling including but not limited to garages, basements, cellars or any accessory building that is not a coop.
15. A chicken coop must measure at least 3 square feet per chicken inside the coop and have a minimum of 8 feet per chicken in the outside run. The structure, run, and fencing be kept in good repair. The fencing shall not exceed 6 feet in height. There shall be no peeling of paint, or untreated, rusted or rotted materials. The floors of the coop enclosure must be smooth and tight, and maintained as to prevent unsanitary conditions and the harboring of vermin underneath. The wire enclosure or fencing around the run may not exceed 6 feet in height and all gates or doors to the fence and coop structure shall be locked and secured with a latch.
16. A violation the provisions of this Section 14-16 (a) 1-15 shall constitute the maintaining of a Public Nuisance under the Godfrey Village Code, and, as such, may be prosecuted as a Public Nuisance by the Village of Godfrey.
17. This Ordinance does not invalidate any Homeowners Association Provision against the keeping of chickens within the jurisdiction of

Godfrey Clerk's Office. The permit fee shall be Twenty-Five Dollars (\$25.00) and shall be paid annually unless the permit has been revoked. There shall be no proration of the fee. The permit shall be issued for no more than five (5) chickens. The Village will only issue 20 permits per year. Permits will be on first come basis.

2. A permit, if not revoked, shall be valid until the next permitted period. Permitted periods run from January 1 through December 31 of each year. A new permit with its applicable fee shall be obtained prior to January 1 of every permit period. Anyone who fails to obtain required permit shall, in addition to the fines and penalties outlined in Section 14.16 (c), be required to pay a late fee of twenty five dollars (\$25.00) per month or any portion thereof for failure to timely obtain said permit. The late fee shall be in addition to the permit fee set forth in this section.

(e) Permit denial or revocation. If a permit is denied, no application for a new permit may be made for two years (2) from the date of denial. If a permit has been revoked the revocation shall be permanent and no new permit may be issued to the or individuals residing within the property to which the permit was issued.

(f) Applications:

All applications shall include but not be limited to the following information:

1. Name, Address, Phone Number of applicant and the name of all residents at the applicants address.
2. If the subject property is rented, the Name, Address, a letter of approval from the owner and Phone Number of owner of the property;
3. The size of the Property Lot and the Parcel Identification Number of the Property
4. A declaration that there is no Homeowner Association prohibition against the maintenance of chickens within the jurisdiction of the Homeowners Association.

SECTION THREE

If any part of this Ordinance is found to be unconstitutional, invalid or unenforceable by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or effectiveness of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance or any part thereof and said Ordinance shall be read as if said invalid provision was struck therefrom and the context thereof changed accordingly with the remainder of the Ordinance to be and remain in full force and effect.

SECTION FOUR

All ordinances or parts of other ordinances in conflict herewith shall be and hereby are repealed to the extent of any such conflict, provided that nothing herein shall