



LOCAL LAW 5 OF 2013

REAR YARD AND SIDE YARD CHICKEN RULES AND REGULATIONS VILLAGE OF TRUMANSBURG

Be it enacted by the Board of Trustees of the Village of Trumansburg as follows:

SECTION I. PURPOSE & INTENT.

It is the purpose and intent of this local law to provide for rules and regulations for residents of the Village of Trumansburg (the "Village") to apply for and obtain permits to keep chickens on their properties within the Village.

SECTION II. RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR RESIDENTS OF THE VILLAGE OF TRUMANSBURG TO APPLY FOR AND OBTAIN PERMITS TO KEEP CHICKENS ON THEIR PROPERTIES WITHIN THE VILLAGE

The Village hereby provides for the following rules and regulations for residents of the Village to apply for and obtain permits to keep chickens on their properties within the Village:

Definitions

- Hen: Female chicken
- Coop: Enclosed, raised structure designed to shelter chickens from predators and the weather
- Run: Enclosed area for chickens to roam and eat. Must be fenced and covered to contain chickens and protect them from predators

Chickens Hens Allowed by permit only

The Number of permits allowed in the Village shall be limited to 15 for the first 12 months following this local law becoming effective. Thereafter, upon Board of Trustees approval, the maximum number of permits may be increased up to a total of 25.

There shall be a limitation of one permit per property. Permits shall be issued to only single family residences on owner-occupied properties.

Permits shall be effective for a period of 12 months (unless terminated prior thereto), and must be renewed annually in accordance with all existing rules and regulations then in effect.

Applications for permits shall be submitted to and issued by the Village Zoning Officer.

Permits may be revoked by the Village Zoning Officer and/or Code Enforcement Officer in accordance with (i) their respective authority and (ii) the Violations and Enforcement provisions provided for below.

Application fee shall be \$40

Renewal fee shall be \$25

Unless extended by formal resolution of the Board of Trustees every 5 years following the effective date of this local law, the provisions of this local law shall cease to be effective at the end of each 5 year period, whereupon in any such case all of the then existing permits shall be terminated and notification of such termination shall be provided to each permit holder.

Poultry allowed

Chicken hens only are allowed.

No roosters or any other poultry are permitted.

Maximum of 6 Chickens hens permitted per each permit holder.

No commercial use

Chicken hens and/or Chicken hen eggs shall be for personal use only, and shall not be offered for sale (including the Trumansburg Farmers Market).

Coop and Run requirements and restrictions

Chicken hens are required to have an enclosed Coop that is locked every night.

- Minimum enclosed Coop size area: 4 sq. ft./hen

Chicken hens must have access to a Run.

- Run must be fenced and covered
- Minimum enclosed Run size area: 10 sq. ft./hen

Coops and Runs must be in the rear yard or side yard of the property on which such structures are to be located, and no closer than 10 feet to property lines.

Coops and Runs must be maintained properly such as not to be a nuisance to neighboring properties.

Coops and Runs must be constructed and maintained to prevent harboring of rodents and pests.

Feed storage must be constructed and maintained to prevent access by rodents and pests.

Coops and Runs must be well maintained and cleared of waste, and must also be carefully managed to minimize odor, and not attract rodents and pests.

Required training and support for permit holders

Anyone applying for a permit is required to complete 2 hours of training. Upon completion of training, a certificate shall be issued, which certificate must be presented with any permit application.

Resources provided by the Trumansburg Farmer's Market

The required training program shall be developed, administered and conducted by a committee composed of participants of the Trumansburg Farmers Market and/or one or more alternative entities or individuals designated and approved by the Village Zoning Officer and Code Enforcement Officer.

Training includes:

- Written overview and informational video
- Coop, Run and yard design guidelines
- Demonstration of best practices
- Introduction to local resources for ongoing support and best practices (Cooperative Extension, other permit holders, Farmers Market vendors)

Coop and Run location and maintenance

A diagram of the property upon which a Coop and Run are to be located, including measurements, must be submitted with application.

Coops and Runs shall be located only in the back yard or side yard of the property involved and no closer than (i) 10' from any back or side property boundaries and (ii) 40' to residential structures on adjoining properties.

Violations and Enforcement

The Zoning Officer and/or Code Enforcement Officer can revoke a permit at any time as indicated above.

Period of time to correct violation

- Health or sanitation issue: 5 days unless deemed serious, in which case immediately
- All other violations: 30 days

All dead, diseased or severely ill Chicken hens shall be properly disposed of immediately.

Cruel treatment of Chicken hens is prohibited and must cease immediately. A violation can result in a revocation of a permit and no permits being issued in the future.

Coop, Run and fencing deemed to be in poor condition by Zoning Officer and/or Code Enforcement Officer must be remedied immediately.

Chicken hen feces/manure not properly taken care of is considered a health hazard and must be remedied immediately.

Objectionable odor in area must be remedied immediately.

Chicken hens may not run loose outside of permitted area.

Abandoned Chicken hens will cause permit to be revoked and no permit to be issued in the future.

If predators become a problem and are not remedied as required, permit shall be revoked.

Penalties for uncorrected violations within proper time frame

Revocation of Chicken hen permit

In addition to the revocation of permits and other remedies provided for herein, fines as determined by Zoning Officer and/or Code Enforcement Officer, as applicable, may additionally be imposed, each such fine to be in the amount of \$50.00 per violation.

Continued (3 or more) violations by one permit holder shall result in the imposition of any and all penalties provided for herein, and additionally a ban on future permit applications.

SECTION III. SUPERSEDING EFFECT.

All ordinances, local laws, resolutions, rules, regulations and other enactments of the Village of Trumansburg in conflict with the provisions of this local law are hereby superseded to the extent necessary to give this local law full force and effect.

SECTION IV. VALIDITY.

The invalidity of any provision of this local law shall not affect the validity of any other provision of this local law that can be given effect without such invalid provision.

SECTION V. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This local law shall be effective upon its filing in the office of the Secretary of State.