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Mr. Buerman,

I know we have been talking about updating our Chicken Ordinance to reflect the changing needs of our residents. With egg prices at an all time high, local interest in backyard chicken keeping has skyrocketed.

In order to improve our ordinance, I propose the following chicken ordinance based on lot size:

- Allow up to 6 chickens (hens) on a standard village lot size of ¼ acre or less, with no roosters allowed.
- Allow up to 10 chickens (hens) on a double village lot of approximately ½ acre, and allow up to ONE rooster for flock protection purposes.
- Allow up to 12 chickens (hens) on a large village lot of approximately an acre, and allow up to ONE rooster for flock protection purposes.
- Allow up to 10 chickens PER ACRE for larger village lots, with no rooster restrictions.

Chicken licenses are to be reviewed each year by council, and may be revoked if a problem arises with neighbors, noise, blight, odor etc.

Please contact me with any questions you may have.

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RESOLUTION _____

June _____, 2025



BASED ON MICHIGAN HOUSE BILL 4049 (2025) TO AMEND THE 1981 PA 93 OR "RIGHT TO FARM ACT"

A section of the bill reads, "It is hereby declared that the rearing of egg-laying hens is a permitted use of property under zoning ordinance and is not subject to a special land use approval or any other approval under this act if both of the following requirements are met: (a) The property is at least $\frac{1}{4}$ acre in size, and (b) The number of hens does not exceed 5 hens for every $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of property, or a total of 25 hens, whichever is less."

THEREFORE IT IS RESOLVED, The Village of Pinckney, wishing to update its Poultry Ordinance, will follow the above recommendation, with the right of any Village resident to raise egg laying hens , without special permit, with the following conditions: (a) The property is at least $\frac{1}{4}$ acre in size , and (b) The number of hens does not exceed 5 hens for every $\frac{1}{4}$ acre of property, or a total of 25 hens, whichever is less.

FURTHER, If you own a minimum of one half acre, you may include one Rooster, for flock protection purposes, with a Village Rooster Permit. The annual Rooster permit will require the applicant to acquire written permission from each neighbor whose property touches the property in which the rooster is to be housed, and an annual fee of \$25. The rooster permit may be revoked if the village receives any substantiated complaints of odor, property damage, excessive noise, or unfit poultry housing.

ADOPTED THIS _____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Signed:

Jeff Buerman, Village President

Andrea McCall, Village Clerk