

PC 22-03: Keeping Chickens as an Accessory Use

LOMBARD VILLAGE BOARD OF TRUSTEES
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Background

- ▶ **Village Code nuisance provisions (Section 90.04) currently prohibits the keeping of chickens and other farm animals**
- ▶ **2010: Environmental Concerns Committee reviewed chickens proposal; request ultimately denied by the Village Board**
- ▶ **2011-2021: Continued interest and inquiries pertaining to chickens**

Background

- ▶ **September, 2021:** Additional resident interest in keeping chickens
- ▶ **Fall 2021:** Staff conducted a review of DuPage municipalities and supplemental analysis
- ▶ **November 17, 2021:** Economic and Community Development Commission reviewed and offered a unanimous support
- ▶ **December 16, 2021:** Village Board directed staff to take the item to Plan Commission for requisite zoning public hearing and additional review
- ▶ **January 24, 2022:** Plan Commission unanimously recommended approval of proposed text amendments

Code Amendments

- ▶ **Nuisance Code (Chapter 90)**
 - ▶ Strike chicken prohibition
 - ▶ Set up nuisance regulations for items such as cleanliness
 - ▶ Sets the maximum number of permits to 50
- ▶ **Zoning Code (Chapter 155)**
 - ▶ Allow for chicken coops as an accessory structure
 - ▶ Define terms pertaining to chicken keeping
 - ▶ Set regulations for bulk requirements (location, height)
- ▶ **Building Code (Chapter 150)**
 - ▶ Establish a permit fee of \$50

Rules and Regulations

- ▶ **Allowed as an accessory structure on properties zoned R0, R1, or R2; and improved with a single-family home**
- ▶ **Minimum of 2, maximum of 6 chickens**
- ▶ **No roosters**
- ▶ **Located behind the rear exterior wall of the principal residence only, 10' setback from property lines**
- ▶ **Coops may be up to 150 square feet and up to 8' in height**
- ▶ **Chickens must be kept in the enclosure area**

Next Steps

Village Board consideration

- ▶ Three separate ordinances for amendments to the Zoning, Nuisance, and Building Code
- ▶ February 17, 2022: First Reading
- ▶ March 3, 2022: Second (Final) Reading

Should the petition be approved, residents can begin to apply for permits soon thereafter

How are permits obtained?

- ▶ Apply **online** at www.villageoflombard.org/onlinepermits
 - ▶ Select **Residential Building Permit**, next select **Z – Chickens**
- ▶ Submit required materials
 - ▶ Plat of survey noting coop location
 - ▶ Coop plans
 - ▶ Electric plans, if applicable
- ▶ Availability of Permits: limited to 50 residential lots
- ▶ Initial permit fee is \$50, yearly renewal is free

Ongoing Communications

- ▶ Regular engagement with interested parties
- ▶ Past opportunities to discuss at ECDC, Village Board and Plan Commission meetings
- ▶ Advance communication outreach
- ▶ Developing handout and on-line materials
- ▶ Will communicate final disposition of matter

Questions

