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Section of 618	Description
.01 & .02	Reserved
.03 - .06	Reserved
0.07	Barking or howling dogs
.08 - .11	Reserved
0.12	Hunting prohibited
0.13	Nuisance conditions prohibited
0.14	Impounding and redemption
0.15	Certain animals prohibited
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.17 & .18	Reserved
0.19	Dangerous, wild and undomesticated animals or pets prohibited
0.20	Reserved
0.21	Beekeeping

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Neighboring Jurisdictions Code Reference	
Centerville	Beavercreek
Oakwood	Xenia
Springboro	Kettering
Fairborn	

**Centerville**

Section of 618	Description
0.01	Dogs and other animals running at large
0.02	Abandoning animals
0.03	Killing or injuring animals
0.04	Poisoning animals
0.05	Cruelty to animals; cruelty to companion animals
0.06	Coloring rabbits and baby poultry; sale or display of poultry
0.07	Barking or howling dogs
0.08	Registration of dogs required
0.09	Hindering capture of unregistered dogs
0.095	Dogs required to wear tags
0.10	Unlawful tags
0.11	Rabies; restrictions; vaccination
0.12	Hunting (repealed)
0.13	Nuisance conditions prohibited
0.14	Reporting escapes (repealed)
0.15	Keeping or maintaining wild animals
0.16	Restrictions on dog ownership for certain convicted felons
0.17	Outdoor feeding prohibited
0.18	Sexual conduct with an animal

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**Oakwood**

Section of 505	Description
0.01	Dogs at large
0.02	Keeping of poultry and fowl
0.03	Poultry and fowl at large
0.04	Abandoning animals
0.05	Killing or injuring animals
0.06	Poisoning animals, endanger children by poison
0.07	Cruelty to animals generally
0.071	Cruelty to companion animals
0.08	Nuisance conditions prohibited
0.09	Barking or howling dogs
0.10	Hunting prohibited
0.11	Animal bites; quarantine and reporting
0.12	Dog owner, keeper liable for damage to public property
0.121	Nuisance, dangerous and vicious dogs
0.13	Bird sanctuary created
0.14	Coloring rabbits or baby poultry
0.15	Trapping of fur-bearing animals

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**Springboro**

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0.01	Dogs and other animals running at large
0.02	Abandoning animals
0.03	Killing or injuring animals
0.04	Poisoning animals
0.05	Cruelty to animals generally
0.051	Cruelty to companion animals
0.06	Coloring rabbits and baby poultry; sale or display of poultry
0.07	Barking or howling dogs
0.08	Registration of dogs required
0.09	Hindering capture of unlicensed dogs
0.10	Unlawful tags
0.11	Rabies quarantine
0.12	Hunting prohibited
0.13	Nuisance conditions prohibited
0.14	Impounding and disposition; records
0.15	Proximity of animals to human habitations
0.16	Wild birds
0.17	Report of escape of exotic or dangerous animal
0.18	Assaulting police dog or horse or an assistance dog

**DANGEROUS ANIMALS (part of Section 618)**

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0.52	Prohibition
0.53	Exceptions; permit and registration requirements
0.54	Exemptions
0.55	Notice of keeping dangerous animals
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0.57	Permit required
0.58	Issuance of permit
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0.62	Term and renewal of permits
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0.65	Commercial establishments
0.66	Appeals; fees
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**Fairborn**

Section of 505	Description
0.01	Dogs and other animals running at large
0.02	Impounding and disposition; records
0.03	Annual registration of dogs; tags required
0.04	Abandoning animals
0.05	Killing or injuring animals
0.06	Poisoning animals
0.07	Cruelty to animals generally
0.071	Cruelty to companion animals
0.08	Nuisance conditions prohibited
0.09	Barking or howling dogs
0.11	Hunting prohibited
0.12	Coloring rabbits or baby poultry; sale or display of poultry
0.13	Report of escape of exotic or dangerous animal
0.14	Dangerous and vicious dogs
0.15	Animal defecation
0.16	Kennel location
0.17	Keeping wild or exotic animals
0.99	Penalty
<b>1128.06</b>	<b>Keeping of animals</b>

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Beavercreek	
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Section of 91	Description
0.01	Cruelty to animals; cruelty to companion animals
0.02	Animals at large
0.03	Offensive odors and substances
0.04	Poisonous substances
0.05	Harboring of bees; bee removal
0.06	Birds
0.07	Hunting and trapping prohibited
0.08	Prohibiting animal nuisances

DOG CONTROL (part of Section 91)	
Section of 91	Description
0.20	Dogs running at large
0.21	Barking or howling dogs
0.22	Vicious dogs
0.23	Unsanitary conditions, odors and nuisance prohibited
0.24	Dog kennel requirements and restrictions
0.25	Rabies control

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**Xenia**

Section of 618	Description
0.01	Reserved
0.02	Running at Large; Dangerous and Vicious Dogs
0.10	Animal Bites; Reports and Quarantine
0.11	Hunting Prohibited
0.12	Nuisance Conditions Prohibited
0.15	Wild, Untamed, Dangerous or Vicious Animals
0.16	Health Risk Animals
0.17	Marketing Wild or Exotic Animals
0.18	Livestock Prohibited
0.19	Owner Liable for Damages to Public Property

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**Kettering**

Section of 618	Description
0.01	Definitions
0.02	Control of Dogs
0.03	Animals Running at Large
0.04	Abandoning Animals
0.05	Killing or Injuring Animals
0.06	Poisoning Animals
0.07	Cruelty to Animals
0.08	Coloring Rabbits and Baby Poultry; Sale or Display of Poultry
0.09	Nuisance Conditions Prohibited
0.10	Registration of Dogs; Tags to be Worn
0.11	Hindering Capture of Unlicensed Dogs
0.12	Rabies Immunization and Quarantine
0.13	Hunting and Trapping
0.14	Wild or Exotic Animals
0.15	Disposition of Animals; Animal Control Officer
0.16	Management of Cat Population

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Code Section Type (based on Bellbrook's sections)	Municipalities that address the section	Municipalities that do not address/partially address the section	Comparison
Barking or howling dogs	Centerville, Oakwood, Springboro, Fairborn, Beaver creek, Xenia and Kettering via Nuisance Conditions section		Appears in line with the comparison municipalities
Hunting prohibited	Oakwood, Springboro, Fairborn, Beaver creek (and trapping), Xenia, Kettering	Centerville repealed	Appears in line with the comparison municipalities
Nuisance conditions prohibited	Centerville, Oakwood, Springboro, Fairborn, Beaver creek (Prohibiting animal nuisances), Xenia, Kettering		Appears in line with the comparison municipalities
Impounding and redemption	Springboro, Fairborn	Beaver creek and Centerville partially address elsewhere Oakwood addresses elsewhere Kettering addresses elsewhere Xenia does not address	Appears in line with the comparison municipalities
Certain animals prohibited	All address in some form throughout their codified ordinances		Appears limited based on how the comparison municipalities address this section type
Dead animals		Centerville, Oakwood, Springboro, Fairborn, Beaver creek, Xenia, Kettering do not address	Appears comprehensive based on how the comparison municipalities address this section type
Dangerous, wild and undomesticated animals or pets prohibited	Xenia, Fairborn, Kettering, Springboro, Centerville	Beaver creek and Oakwood partially address	Appears in line with the comparison municipalities
Beekeeping		Beaver creek partially addresses Centerville, Oakwood, Springboro, Fairborn, Xenia, Kettering do not address	Appears comprehensive based on how the comparison municipalities address this section type

**Notes**

Other municipalities appear to have more expansive dog regulations, especially relating to dog bites, dangerous dogs, and tags/registration. They also have sections that address animal cruelty and treatment (e.g., abandoning or poisoning animals). Some also have more expansive definitions contained within their animal code.

**Backyard Poultry**

Municipality	Allowed? Yes/No
Bellbrook	No
Centerville	Yes, with restrictions
Oakwood	No
Springboro	Yes, with restrictions
Fairborn	No
Beavercreek	No
Xenia	Yes, with restrictions
Kettering	No

Common restrictions
No roosters
All animals and appurtenances therein kept in the backyard of the property
No free-range/at-large animals (must have a fence or other enclosure)
Accessory structures pertaining to the animals' enclosure/habitat are a certain distance from adjacent properties

Centerville
Allows a combined total of six chickens or rabbits kept for residents living in agricultural zones or low-density residential zones
Permits chickens and rabbits to be kept for food production
Permit \$10
Must have fence or contain chickens in a run
No roosters; must be removed within five months of hatching
Direction for size of coop construction and kept clean
Permits slaughtering of animals for food; remains must be discarded properly

Springboro
No person shall keep a pig, horse, cow, goat, three or more dogs at least three months of age or any other animal, fowl or poultry in pen, yard, lot or other enclosure situated within 100 feet of an inhabited dwelling house, other than the house of the owner of such animal, fowl or poultry.

Xenia
Property owners are permitted to raise and keep livestock on all properties of five acres or
For properties that are less than five acres, the keeping of six chickens, rabbits, or other small livestock as approved by the City Planner, is permitted provided that:
The principal use of the lot is a single-family dwelling
No person shall keep any rooster
The livestock shall be provided with a covered enclosure and must be kept in the covered enclosure or a fenced enclosure at all times
No enclosure shall be located closer than 25 feet to any residential structure on an adjacent lot

## Definition Updates

- Livestock under ORC Section 5739.01 (MM) Sales tax definitions.
  - "Livestock" means farm animals commonly raised for food, food production, or other agricultural purposes, including, but not limited to, cattle, sheep, goats, swine, poultry, and captive deer. "Livestock" does not include invertebrates, amphibians, reptiles, domestic pets, animals for use in laboratories or for exhibition, or other animals not commonly raised for food or food production.
- Livestock Structure under ORC ORC Section 5739.01 (NN) Sales tax definitions.
  - "Livestock structure" means a building or structure used exclusively for the housing, raising, feeding, or sheltering of livestock, and includes feed storage or handling structures and structures for livestock waste handling.

Source(s): <https://codes.ohio.gov/ohio-revised-code/section-5739.01>

Franklin County Ohio – 115 – Regulation of Agriculture

**SECTION 115 – REGULATION OF AGRICULTURE**

**115.08 - REGULATION OF CHICKENS, DUCKS AND RABBITS**

**115.082– Purpose and Intent**

- a) Pursuant to Ohio Revised Code Section 303.21, SECTION 115.08 – REGULATION OF CHICKENS, DUCKS AND RABBITS applies to lots that meet all of the following:
  - 1) Lot meets the criteria outlined in SECTION 110.011(b).
  - 2) Lot is located in a residential zoning district as identified in SECTION 2.00 –THE RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS and SECTION 3.00 – THE PLANNED RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS.
  - 3) Lot is used primarily for one- or two-family dwelling purposes.
- b) The purpose of this section is to establish certain requirements for the keeping of chickens, ducks and rabbits on lots smaller than 5 acres, which are intended to prevent nuisances to occupants of nearby properties and prevent unsanitary or unsafe conditions.
- c) The following findings are hereby made in relation to chickens, ducks and rabbits:
  - 1) Keeping chickens, ducks and rabbits provides access to fresh, healthful food products.
  - 2) Keeping chickens, ducks and rabbits is a productive and sustainable use of land.
  - 3) Chickens, ducks and rabbits can be kept on lots smaller than 5 acres without causing a nuisance if appropriate practices and limits are observed.

**115.084 - Establishment and Applicability** – No person shall engage in the keeping of chickens, ducks or rabbits without a certificate of zoning compliance that specifically identifies such use in compliance with the requirements of SECTION 115.08 – REGULATION OF CHICKENS, DUCKS AND RABBITS.

**115.086- Types and Number of Animals**

- a) **Prohibited poultry** – No person shall keep any roosters, geese, peafowl, or turkeys on lots smaller than 5 acres.
- b) **Allowed densities for keeping any combination of chickens, ducks, and rabbits** – When both poultry and rabbits are kept on a parcel smaller than 5 acres, the method for determining the allowed numbers of animals shall be as follows: each one (1) chicken, duck or rabbit shall count as one (1) point. It shall be unlawful to keep more animals than the point system below allows:
  - 1) Smaller than 0.5 acres – 4 points maximum
  - 2) 0.5 acres to less than 1.0 acres – 8 points maximum
  - 3) 1.0 acres to less than 2.5 acres – 16 points maximum
  - 4) 2.5 acres to 5.0 acres – 24 points maximum

**115.088 - Development Standards**

- a) **Yards and Location on Lot** – Any sheltering structure and outdoor areas used for keeping chickens, ducks or rabbits shall comply with the following yard and setback requirements:
  - 1) Be located on a property containing a principal structure.
  - 2) Be located in a side or rear yard.

- 3) Be located at least 10 feet from any property line.
- b) **Sheltering Structures and Outdoor Areas** – All chickens, ducks and rabbits shall be kept in a sheltering structure or fenced outdoor area at all times.
  - 1) All chickens, ducks and rabbits shall be provided with a covered, predator-proof sheltering structure, which shall be kept in sound and usable conditions. Sheltering structures shall be thoroughly ventilated, designed to be easily accessed and cleaned, and of sufficient size to permit free movement of the animals.
  - 2) If the total area of sheltering structure does not exceed 65 square feet or if the sheltering structure does not otherwise meet the definition of a building, the structure shall not be considered an accessory building.
  - 3) There shall be no more than one (1) sheltering structure 65 square feet or smaller in size.
  - 4) If the sheltering structure exceeds 65 square feet and meets the definition of a building such structure shall be considered an accessory building and must comply with the requirements of SECTION 512 – ACCESSORY BUILDINGS and the setback requirements of Section 115.088(a).
  - 5) Any outdoor areas accessible to chickens, ducks, or rabbits shall be adequately fenced or otherwise bounded to contain the animals on the property.
- c) **Screening** – Properties smaller than 1 acre must screen sheltering structures and outdoor areas used by chickens, ducks, or rabbits, from adjacent properties and from the public right-of-way. Fences used for screening shall be 6 feet in height, 100% opaque, and made of wood or other similar opaque fencing material that complies with SECTION 501.024 – Fence Materials.
- d) **Feed Storage** – All feed shall be stored in rodent-proof containers.
- e) **Manure** – Manure from chickens, ducks and rabbits must be disposed of in one of the following manners:
  - 1) Household trash collection
    - a. Manure must be bagged, placed in a waterproof container and disposed of with household trash.
  - 2) Composted and applied onsite
    - a. Manure must be kept in a rodent-proof container designed to limit odors.
    - b. Containers must be located in a side or rear yard a minimum of 10 feet from property lines.
    - c. Finished compost may be applied onsite.
  - 3) Directly applied onsite
    - a. Manure applied directly onsite must be done in such a way as to prevent nuisance and polluted stormwater runoff.

#### **115.0810 – Animal Products and Processing**

- a) **Sale of Animal Products** – The sale of animal products including but not limited to meat, eggs, and fur shall be prohibited unless in conformance with Section 110.011(b).
- b) **Slaughtering and Butchering** - Chickens, ducks and rabbits may be slaughtered and butchered onsite only inside an accessory structure or otherwise out of public view. All waste must be bagged and disposed of with household trash to prevent nuisance and health hazards.

**115.0812 – Certificate of Zoning Compliance Required**

- a) **Information required** –Applicants seeking to engage in keeping chickens, ducks or rabbits must apply for and receive a certificate of zoning compliance. If the applicant is someone other than the property owner, the application must include a notarized statement of support, signed by the property owner. In addition to the requirements of SECTION 705.022 – Application for Certificates, the following information must be included on the site plan or in accompanying documentation:
- 1) A description of the type and number of animals to be kept
  - 2) Coop or shelter type
  - 3) Location of coop or shelter with all setbacks from property lines indicated. If using a portable coop or shelter, indicate the yard area in which the coop or shelter will be kept.
  - 4) Location and manner of containment of outdoor areas with all setbacks from property lines indicated. If using a portable containment system, indicate the yard area in which the system will be kept.
  - 5) Feed storage container location and type
  - 6) Location, method, and schedule of manure storage and disposal
  - 7) Any other relevant information related to keeping the animals, if requested by the Administrative Officer
- b) **Operation** – The person or persons that keep the chickens, ducks or rabbits shall be the person or persons who own or otherwise have the present right of possession of the parcel upon which coops or shelters are situated.
- c) **Conditions** - Notwithstanding compliance with the various requirements of this section, chickens, ducks and rabbits shall not be kept in such a manner or of such disposition as to cause any unhealthy condition, interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of human or animal life of others or interfere with the normal use and enjoyment of any public property or property of others. Chickens, ducks and rabbits shall be kept only in conditions that limit odors and noise and the attraction of insects and rodents so as not to cause a nuisance to occupants of nearby buildings or properties and not to cause health hazards. It is the responsibility of the person keeping chickens, ducks or rabbits to be aware of and abide by all applicable local, state or federal requirements including but not limited to the Ohio Department of Agriculture's Ohio Livestock Care Standards and private deed or covenant restrictions.



**SECTION 720 – DEFINITIONS**

**Sheltering Structure** - a structure, not necessarily attached to the ground, with a top and sides that provides shelter and protection for small animals or birds.

**Adult Rabbit** – any of several soft-furred, long-eared, mammals of the family Leporidae having a divided upper lip and long hind legs. “Adult” refers to the capability to produce offspring.

**Rodent-proof container** – a container which, by design, will prevent rodents or other animals from accessing its contents.

**Predator-proof sheltering structure** – a structure, not necessarily attached to the ground, with a top and sides that provides shelter and protection for small animals or birds and which, by design, will prevent predator or other animals from gaining access.

Brewster Ohio - 90.141 - Chickens and Rabbits

## § 90.141 CHICKENS AND RABBITS.

(A) The owning, keeping, harboring, or permitting of certain farm animals and an excessive number of chickens and rabbits within the village shall be prohibited.

(B) Definitions:

**OWN, KEEP, HARBOR OR PERMIT.** Includes having legal title, custody or control over a prohibited farm animal.

**PERSON.** Includes a natural person, association, partnership, organization or corporation or other similar legal entity.

(C) In addition to other animals prohibited by other sections of this chapter the following farm animals shall be prohibited: cows, sheep, ducks, geese, llamas, goats, donkeys, horses, hogs, swine, and buffaloes. Also prohibited are an excessive number of chickens and rabbits as limited by the following section.

(D) No person shall own, keep, harbor, or permit more than six live chickens and live rabbits within the village and no roosters shall be allowed.

(1) A person is allowed to keep, harbor or permit six or less live chickens or rabbits if the animals are:

(a) At all times when outdoors kept securely enclosed in a yard or pen that is cleaned to prevent the accumulation of animal waste;

(b) At all times when outdoors kept at least 50 feet away from any neighboring residence;

(c) At all times when outdoors kept at least 20 feet away from any property line; and

(d) Strictly for personal or household use, rather than for any commercial use.

(e) Any structures or fencing associated with the keeping of the above animals may not be situated in a front or side yard in a residential area.

(2) All feed must be stored in a rodent proof container and animals must not be fed in a manner likely to attract rodents, such as dispersing the feed on the ground.

(3) No person shall slaughter any animals within the village.

(E) No person shall keep any chicken or rabbit without first having obtained a permit from the Village Administrator. This permit may be revoked at any time by the Village Administrator.

(1) The permitting process will be as follows:

(a) Any person desiring to have chickens or rabbits shall contact the Village Administrator prior to obtaining any chicken or rabbit. Persons that currently have chickens or rabbits shall contact the Village Administrator and will be given six months to abide by the restrictions placed on the ownership of six chickens or rabbits.

(b) Regulations shall be developed by the Village Administrator to administer this section. The regulations and amendments thereto established under this section shall be reduced to writing, filed with the Clerk of Council and maintained in the office of the Village Administrator. The Village Administrator may grant an exemption pursuant to the exemption provisions contained in § 90.14(E) of the codified ordinances of the village.

(c) No permit shall be granted unless all the regulations established by Village Administrator and the conditions of this section are complied with by the applicant.

(2) The permit application shall be accompanied by the payment of a fee of \$25 to cover the processing of the application.

(F) *Penalty.*

(1) Whoever violates this section is guilty of a minor misdemeanor. Every day a violation occurs shall be a separate offense. In the event a person is convicted more than one time in a two-year period the degree of offense for the second conviction shall be a misdemeanor of the fourth degree.

(2) A violation of this section is deemed to constitute a nuisance and shall be subject to abatement procedures under the Ohio Revised Code and/or pursuant to the ordinances of the village.

(Ord. 65-2017, passed 10-16-2017)

## Backyard Poultry Health Concerns

- The Centers for Disease Control and Prevention acknowledges that raising poultry (birds like chickens, ducks, geese, guinea fowl, and turkeys) has become more popular in urban and suburban areas
- Owners should keep in mind that, like all animals, backyard poultry bird species can carry germs that can cause diseases harmful to humans, especially young children, older adults, and individuals with weakened immune systems
  - Diseases that backyard poultry can spread include avian influenza (Bird flu), Campylobacter infection, E. coli infection, Histoplasmosis, and Salmonella infection
    - Diseases can spread to people through contact with the birds, their droppings, or their environment
- While people interested in keeping backyard poultry should research best practices to keep their animals and themselves healthy, some tips include:
  - Wash hands after interaction with poultry, including handling eggs, food/water containers, and other equipment used for poultry
  - Provide routine veterinary care for poultry
    - Monitor the health of the animals for any sign of distress or illness
  - Avoid close contact (such as hugging or kissing)
  - Keep poultry and equipment outside
  - Implement proper biosecurity measures
  - Always properly prepare and cook poultry products
  - Keep coops, shelters, and habitats clean
  - Prevent poultry bites and scratches
    - While they do not have teeth, bills and beaks can cause injury
  - Consult professionals and industry experts for further information and advice

Source: <https://www.cdc.gov/healthy-pets/about/backyard-poultry.html>

## Links

- <https://www.daytondailynews.com/news/beavercreek-residents-want-city-to-allow-backyard-chickens/5SUUD6VPPFCRRPESV7DCHXZG4E/>
- <https://www.ketteringoh.org/question/can-chickens-kettering/#/city/answers/city-ordinances/can-chickens-kettering>
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