

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-04

**CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE
OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN**

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE CITY OF
LATHRUP VILLAGE CODE OF ORDINANCES AT
CHAPTER 10. ANIMALS, BY AMENDING ARTICLE IV. CHICKENS,
SECTION 10-131. NUMBER LIMITS, AND
SECTION 10-132. STRUCTURE AS FOLLOWS:**

THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE ORDAINS:

PART I. TITLE.

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Chicken Ordinance Amendment”.

PART II. ORDINANCE AMENDMENT.

That Chapter 10. Animals, Article IV. Chickens, Section 10-131. Number limits and Section 10-132. Structure of the City of Lathrup Village Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows in its entirety:

Sec. 10-131. Number limits.

A person residing in R-1 or R-3 residential zoned district property, in a single-family detached structure who keeps hen chickens shall comply with all of the following requirements:

1. Keep no more than ~~three~~ six (6) hen chickens at any time.
2. Roosters or male chickens and any other type of fowl or poultry are prohibited.

Sec. 10-132. – Structure.

(a) Chickens shall be maintained in a fully enclosed structure or a fenced enclosure and shall be kept in the enclosed structure or fenced enclosure at all times. Fenced enclosures are subject to all fence provisions of Section 5.1 of the Lathrup Village Zoning Code with the exception that the material used may be chicken wire. An enclosed structure shall be constructed of permanent materials and shall be properly maintained in accordance with the property maintenance code adopted by the city in Section 14-152 of the Lathrup Village Code, as amended.

(b) Chicken “coop” will be considered an accessory structure and must meet all requirements of Lathrup Village Zoning Ordinance Sec. 3.7, except that the structure need not be on a concrete foundation slab. Prior to construction an approved Accessory Structure Permit must be on file with the Building and Code Enforcement Department. Permit Application shall include any structural or plat drawings or other information required by the

department. The department shall issue a permit where the application is in compliance with all requirements, regulations and ordinances of the city.

(c) The accessory use, coop and pen shall be designed to provide safe and healthy living conditions for chickens while minimizing adverse impacts on other residents and the neighborhood. The coop and pen shall meet the following additional requirements:

(1) The coop and pen shall be setback a minimum of ten feet from all property lines of adjacent property and be located a minimum of 30 feet from the nearest wall of any adjacent dwelling. No enclosed structure shall be located within any side or rear yard setback area. An enclosed structure or fenced enclosure shall not be located closer than ten feet to any residential structure on an adjacent parcel.

(2) The coop and pen shall be a maximum of six feet in height and shall not exceed a total of ~~80~~ 140 square feet.

(3) The use of corrugated metal/fiberglass, sheet metal, plastic tarps, scrap lumber or similar materials is prohibited. The coop and pen must be completely enclosed with a top and/or cover.

(4) The coop and pen shall have a rat wall or similar block foundation to prevent burrowing animals from gaining access.

(d) All structures and enclosures for the keeping of chickens shall be constructed and maintained so as to prevent rats, mice, or other rodents or vermin from being harbored underneath or within the walls of the structure or enclosure in compliance with Section 10-6 and 10-7 of the Lathrup Village Code.

(e) All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens likely to attract rats, mice, or other rodents or vermin shall be secured and protected in sealed containers.

PART III. REPEALER.

This ordinance repeals any ordinances in conflict thereof.

PART IV. SEVERABILITY.

If any section, subsection, clause, phrase, or portion of this article is for any reason held invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such portion shall be deemed a separate and distinct provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions.

PART V. SAVINGS.

All proceedings pending and all rights and liabilities existing, acquired, or incurred at the time this ordinance takes effect are saved and may be consummated according to the law in force where they commenced.

PART VI. EFFECTIVE DATE.

This Ordinance shall be published in the manner required by law and shall become effective ten (10) days after the date of its publication. A copy of the ordinance shall also be made available for public use and inspection in the office of the City Clerk.

MADE, PASSED AND ADOPTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL, CITY OF LATHRUP VILLAGE, OAKLAND COUNTY, MICHIGAN THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2025.

Alisa Emanuel, City Clerk
Date of Introduction: July 21, 2025
Date of Adoption: _____, 2025
Date of Publication of _____
Notice of Adoption: _____, 2025

CERTIFICATE OF ADOPTION

I hereby certify that the foregoing is a true and complete copy of the ordinance passed at a meeting of the City of Lathrup Village held on the ____ day of _____, 2025.

Alisa Emanuel, City Clerk