

VILLAGE OF GIFFORD  
ORDINANCE NO. 445

An Ordinance Deleting and Replacing Ordinance No. 75 Pertaining to the Keeping of  
Animals and Livestock

Adopted by the  
President and Board of Trustees  
of the  
Village of Gifford  
This 6th day February, 2025

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Authority of the President and  
Board of Trustees of the Village  
Of Gifford, Champaign County,  
Illinois, this 6th day of  
February, 2025.

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WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 75 is an “Ordinance Pertaining to the Keeping of Animals and Poultry in Village of Gifford, Illinois” passed and adopted on March 4, 1965

WHEREAS, it is in the best interests of the Village of Gifford that Ordinance No. 75 deleted in its entirety and replaced to reflect certain changes including the keeping and raising of poultry,

NOW THEREFORE, be it ordained by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Gifford, Champaign County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1:** That Ordinance No. 75 is deleted in its entirety:

**SECTION 2.** That the following Ordinance Pertaining to the Keeping of Animals and Poultry in the Village of Gifford, Illinois is hereby adopted in its place:

AN ORDINANCE PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND POULTRY IN THE VILLAGE OF GIFFORD, ILLINOIS.

**Section I: SWINE**

It shall be unlawful to keep or have any live swine or hogs anywhere in the Village.

**Section II: GOATS**

It shall be unlawful to keep or have any goats anywhere in the Village.

**Section III: SHEEP**

It shall be unlawful to keep or have any sheep anywhere in the Village.

**Section IV: POULTRY, CHICKENS**

A. No person shall maintain a coup without first obtaining a license from the Village. The cost of acquiring a license is a one-time payment fee of \$50.00. Licenses shall be issued when all the conditions outlined in this section are met:

1. The Village may deny a license to any person who:
  - i. owes money to the Village.
2. If the license is found to be in violation or cruelty to animals is found, the license will be immediately and permanently revoked.
3. As a condition to the insurance of a license, the licensee shall agree to authorize any duly authorized representative of the

Village to enter upon the premises licensed hereunder to inspect the coop and the run to determine whether the provisions of this section have been pr are in compliance with this section.

4. Only one coop license will be issued per zoning lot. A zoning lot consisting of multiple platted lots shall be considered one lot.
5. Coop licenses are non-transferrable.
6. Hens, coops, and runs not maintained according to this section shall be deemed a public nuisance.
7. The number of hens allowed shall be a maximum of six (6) hens per dwelling unit.
8. Roosters are prohibited within the Village.
9. Licenses will only be granted to persons who reside on parcels with single-family and two-family dwellings.
10. Care for hens shall include the following provisions:
11. No hen shall be permitted to run at large. Hens shall be kept in a designated coop or run. Hens may be allowed to exercise with supervision in a rear yard enclosed within a 6 foot (6') or higher fence.
12. If the coop and the run are not within a fenced yard, hens must be kept within the coop and run at all times.
13. Feed must be stored in a fully enclosed, rodent-proof container.
14. Housing for hens must satisfy the following requirements:
  - a. The chicken coop and run shall be located in the rear yard of the residential unit. The coop and run are allowed in the rear yard but not the side yard or front yard. On corner lots, the rear yard must be enclosed with a 6 foot (6') or higher fence.
  - b. The chicken coop and run shall be located at least 5 feet (5') from the property line and at least twenty feet (20') from any neighboring dwelling unit and is prohibited from being located on an easement.

- c. The coop must be built to provide ventilation, shade, protection from precipitation, protection from cold weather, and to be secure from predators, wild birds, and other rodents.
  - d. The enclosed run must be attached to the coop or must surround the coop. The sides of the run must be made of fencing or wire mesh that discourages predators.
  - d. The run must be enclosed on all sides, including the top or roof plane.
  - f. The coop shall provide a minimum of four (4) square feet of floor area per hen. The run shall provide a minimum of eight (8) square feet of floor area per hen. Coops over one hundred and twenty (120) square feet will require a building permit.
15. The coop and run shall be kept in a clean, dry, and sanitary condition at all times. Manure, uneaten and discarded feed, feathers, and other waste must be removed from the zoning lot regularly and at a minimum rate of once per week.
16. Odors from hens, manure, or related substances shall not be detectable from adjacent property lines.

#### Section V: STRAYS

It shall be unlawful to permit any dogs, horses, ponies, mules, burros, jackasses, cattle or cows to run at large in the Village.

#### Section VI: CATTLE, COWS

It shall be unlawful to keep or have any cattle or cows of the male or female specie anywhere in the Village within one hundred feet of any residence other than the residence of the person so keeping or having such animals.

#### Section VII: HORSES, PONIES, BURROS, MULES, JACKASSES

It shall be unlawful to keep or have any horses, ponies, burros, mules, or jackasses anywhere in the Village within one hundred feet of any residence other than the residence of the person so keeping or having such animals.

### Section VIII: ANIMAL YARDS

Every person shall maintain an animal yard or place in a clean and sightly and sanitary condition, and shall regularly clean and remove all refuse, debris, feces or manure, which shall be kept in covered containers until disposed of.

### Section IX: NOISE

It shall be unlawful to harbor or keep any animal which disturbs the peace by loud noises at any time of the day or night.

### Section X: NUISANCES

The keeping of swine, goats, sheep, poultry or chickens anywhere in the Village is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited. Permitting any dogs, horses, ponies, mules, burros, jackasses, cattle or cows to run at large is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited. The keeping of cattle or cows of the male or female specie anywhere in the Village within one hundred feet of any residence other than the residence of the person so keeping or having such animals is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited. The keeping of horses, ponies, burros, mules or jackasses anywhere in the Village within one hundred feet of any residence other than the residence of the person so keeping or having such animals is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited. The maintenance of animal yards, places, buildings or sheds in an unclean, unsanitary or unsightly condition is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited. The keeping of any animals which disturb the peace by loud noises at any time of the day or night is hereby declared to be a nuisance and is prohibited.

### Section XI: PENALTY

Whoever violates any of the provisions of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be punished by a fine of not less than \$5.00 nor more than \$200.00

**SECTION 3:** THAT the Village Clerk is hereby directed to record with the Recorder and to file with the County Clerk a certified copy of this Ordinance,.

YEAS: \_\_\_\_\_

NAYS: \_\_\_\_\_

ABSENT: \_\_\_\_\_

PASSED and APPROVED on this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2025.

SIGNED on this \_\_\_\_ day of February, 2025.

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President

ATTEST:

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Village Clerk