

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-3

**AN ORDINANCE REGULATING CERTAIN ANIMALS WITHIN THE
VILLAGE OF SECOR, WOODFORD COUNTY, ILLINOIS**

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of the Village of Secor have determined that it is for the best interest of said Village of Secor that the keeping of certain animals and birds be regulated, and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees of said Village wish to adopt an Ordinance to regulate the keeping of certain animals and birds;

THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Secor, Woodford County, Illinois:

Section 1. That it shall be unlawful to keep any horses, livestock, chickens, or birds of all kinds, for any other purpose than for personal use or for pets belonging to a family;

Section 2. That it shall be unlawful to expand the use of any property other than the same which is now maintained in connection with the keeping of horses and livestock;

Section 3. That birds which are commonly kept as pets may be maintained at any dwelling within the Village of Secor without penalty; HOWEVER: No birds of any kind shall be grown or produced for the sole purpose of sale or distribution to others.

Section 4. Domestic laying hens shall be allowed for the purpose of private egg production within the Village of Secor under the following conditions:

- a. No more than Four (4) chickens shall be kept on any property.
- b. No roosters shall be allowed.
- c. No chickens may be raised for the purpose of slaughter.
- d. Chickens shall not be caged but must run freely within an enclosure of suitable height and dimensions as to allow a humane condition to exist and to prevent their escape from such enclosure.
- e. A coop of suitable size and design shall be provided and maintained so as to offer shelter and nesting for the number of chickens kept. Such coop shall be located at least at least Ten (10) feet from any lot line; no less than Twenty (20) feet from any neighboring dwelling and shall not be located in a front yard.

f. The chickens, coop and enclosure shall be maintained in such a manner as to neither create nor allow a nuisance to exist.

g. Food and water shall be provided on a daily basis. Timely removal and appropriate disposal of manure from both the enclosure and the coop shall be required. Manure may be used as garden fertilizer but shall be turned into the soil at the time of application of the same.

Section 5. A one-time permit shall be required to maintain laying hens within the Village of Secor. Such permit shall continue in force so long as the holder fulfills the requirements of this Ordinance. Formal complaints from Village residents regarding a specific chicken yard shall be taken into consideration by the Board of Trustees. The Board of Trustees shall have the authority to deny or to rescind any permit.

By accepting such permit, the permit holder agrees to allow regular inspections of his or her chicken yard by Village Trustees, employees, or designees of the same.

Section 6. Any person, firm or corporation who is in violation of any part of the above ordinance shall upon conviction thereof be fined not less than \$25.00 nor more than \$500.00 for each offense.

Section 4. All Ordinances, or parts of Ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED This 14 day of May 2018

/s/ Lori Bagby

Lori Bagby, Village Clerk

Approved by me this 14 day of May

/s/ Robert Meginnes

Robert L. Meginnes
Board President