

ORDINANCE #02-10

AN ORDINANCE ENACTING SECTION 90.09 OF THE CODIFIED ORDINANCES OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, OHIO PERTAINING TO THE LIMITATIONS ON KEEPING ANIMALS, FOWLS, AND BEES WITHIN THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD CORPORATION.

WHEREAS, the purpose of this chapter is to protect the public health, safety, and welfare by establishing the limitations of keeping animals on all premises throughout the Village.

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE VILLAGE OF ROCKFORD, STATE OF OHIO:

Section One: That Section 90.09 of Chapter 90 of the Codified Ordinances of the Village of Rockford, Ohio be enacted to read as follows:

PASSED THIS 20TH DAY OF APRIL, 2010

Section 90.09 Limitation on Keeping Animals, Fowl and Bees

- A) Cows, horse, sheep, pigs, (including pot belly) or goats shall not be kept on lots having an area less than two acres. All larger lots or parcels shall be exempt from these limitations.
- B) Chickens and fowl shall not be kept on lots having less than one acre. All larger lots or parcels shall be exempt from these limitations. The total number of chickens and fowl, or any combination thereof, shall not exceed one for each 500 square feet of property over one acre. No roosters over the age of six months, which neighbors can hear, shall be kept. The number of young (under the age of six months) chickens or fowl allowed on the property at one time shall not exceed three times the allowable number of chickens or fowl over the age of six months.
- C) Colonies of bees cannot be kept on lots having less than one acre. The total number of colonies for each 1,000 square feet of lot over one acre.
- D) Animal runs or barns, chicken, fowl, and colonies of bees shall be restricted as follows:
 - 1. Animal runs or barns – no closer than 150 feet from the front property line nor closer than 100 feet from any neighboring dwelling.

2. Chicken and fowl – no closer than 100 feet from the front property line nor closer than 100 feet from any neighboring dwelling.
3. Colonies of bees – no closer than 100 feet from the front property line nor closer than 100 feet from any neighboring dwelling.