



ORDINANCE # 239
AN ORDINANCE TO UPDATE THE VILLAGE ZONING ORDINANCE FOR SECTION
7.08 KEEPING OF ANIMALS

Definitions

Domesticated Animals. Animals taken care of in their day-to-day needs by humans.

Pets. A domesticated animal kept solely for companionship, recreation, and pleasure, regardless of the use of the property where the animal resides. Any animal may be considered a pet, provided that it meets this definition, and it is not listed as “Livestock” or an “Exotic or Wild Animal.” Examples include, but are not limited to: dogs, cats, birds, aquatic animals, rabbits, small rodents, and similar animals which do not present an unusual risk to persons or property.

Livestock. A domesticated animal raised for slaughter or kept for the purposes of contributing to an agricultural use through labor, breeding, or the production of milk, eggs, manure, wool, or other animal-based products. The following animals shall be considered livestock in all instances: cattle, horses, pigs, sheep, goats, and chickens.

Exotic or Wild Animals. Any animal not commonly (in Michigan) domesticated, raised for slaughter, or used for agricultural purposes, especially animals that pose a clear and present danger to humans. The following animals shall be considered exotic or wild animals in all instances: big cats, venomous snakes, birds of prey, primates, deer, racoons, and opossums.

All domesticated animals must be kept in safe and sanitary conditions appropriate to their species and in compliance with all County, State, and Federal standards.

Permitted Animals:

Pets. Up to four (4) pets may be kept in any dwelling unit. Animals under six months in age shall not be counted towards the limit. Landlords, homeowners associations, or similar entities may regulate the number of pets per dwelling unit, but shall not permit more than four (4) total pets (over six months in age) per dwelling unit. On non-residential property, pets may only reside permanently in approved kennels and retail operations that sell pets. The Zoning Administrator shall have the jurisdiction to determine that an animal is considered a pet under this ordinance, based on the definition in Subsection A. Appeals of the decision of the Zoning Administrator shall be to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Livestock. Livestock shall be prohibited on all lots within the Village. The Zoning Administrator shall have the jurisdiction to determine that an animal is considered livestock under this ordinance, based on the definition in Subsection A. Appeals of the decision of the Zoning Administrator shall be to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

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Exotic or Wild Animal. The keeping of exotic or wild animals shall be prohibited on all lots within the Village. The Zoning Administrator shall have the jurisdiction to determine that an animal is considered exotic or wild under this ordinance, based on the definition in Subsection A. Appeals of the decision of the Zoning Administrator shall be to the Zoning Board of Appeals.

Right to Farm Exemption: Properties that meet the State of Michigan’s Generally Accepted Agriculture and Management Practices (GAAMPs), and are thus protected by the Michigan Right to Farm Act (Public Act 93 of 1981), shall be exempt from the provisions of Section 7.08.C.

This Ordinance shall take effect 21 days after its adoption and publication as prescribed by law. The foregoing ordinance was duly adopted at a regular meeting of the Council of the Village of Quincy at which a quorum was present on October 20, 2020.

Tricia Rzepka, Village Clerk

