

**Ordinance No. 2023-06****AN ORDINANCE TO ESTABLISH DOMESTIC FOWL IN THE CITY OF VINCENT, IOWA.**

**BE IT ENACTED**, by the City Council of the City of Vincent, Iowa;

**SECTION 1.** The Code of Ordinances of the City of Vincent, Iowa, is amended by adding new Chapter 58 entitled "Domestic Fowl":

**CHAPTER 58****DOMESTIC FOWL**

56.01 Domestic Fowl  
 56.02 Permit Required  
 56.03 Enclosures  
 56.04 Odor & Noise Impacts  
 56.05 Feed & Water

56.06 Waste Storage & Removal  
 56.07 Fowl at Large  
 56.08 Nuisances  
 56.09 Fines

**56.01 DOMESTIC FOWL:** The only domesticated fowl allowed in the City of Vincent are Roosters, Chickens, Geese and Ducks.

**56.02 PERMIT REQUIRED:** No person shall raise, harbor, or keep roosters, chickens, geese, or ducks, without a valid permit obtained from the City Clerk. The permit may be revoked for violation of these ordinances.

**56.03 ENCLOSURES:**

1. All enclosures need council approval and a building permit must be submitted.
2. All birds must always be kept in an enclosed or fenced area.
3. Enclosures must be kept clean, odor-free, neat, and sanitary at all times.
4. Enclosures must provide adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade and must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds, and predators, including cats and dogs.
5. Birds must be secured within a pen or coop during non-daylight hours.
6. Coops and pens shall be well maintained.
7. All enclosed pens shall consist of sturdy fencing.
8. The coop or the fenced pen area shall have a minimum of three-square feet of floor area for each large bird and shall have a minimum of 1.5 feet of space for each bantam fowl.
9. The coop or the fenced pen area shall not exceed 150 square feet, excluding a run.
10. The coop or fenced pen area shall be a minimum of 40 feet from any adjacent property lines.

**56.04 ODOR and NOISE IMPACTS:** Odors from birds, manure and or other bird-related substances shall not be perceptible beyond the boundaries of the permitted property. Noise from the birds shall not be loud enough beyond the property boundaries to be loud enough to disturb persons of reasonable sensitivity.

**56.05 FEED and WATER:** Birds shall always be provided with access to feed and clean water. The feed and water shall be unavailable to rodents, wild birds, and predators. The bird owner shall take necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators and potential infestation of insects and parasites. Birds found to be infested with insects and parasites that may result in unhealthy conditions to human habitation may be removed by city employees or law enforcement.

**56.06 WASTE STORAGE and REMOVAL:** All stored manure shall be covered by a fully enclosed structure with a roof or lid over the entire structure. No more than 3 cubic feet of manure shall be stored on the property. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be kept free from trash and accumulated droppings.

**56.07 FOWL AT LARGE:** The bird owner shall not allow fowl to roam off the permitted property. A bird that is "at-large" is subject to those ordinances regulating animals at-large as with any other animal. Any dog, cat, or other domesticated animal which bites, injures or kills a bird off the permitted property shall not be considered, for that reason alone, a dangerous, vicious, or killer animal pursuant to the City's ordinances and such an event, standing alone, shall not trigger the enforcement provisions of the City's animal control ordinances. To the extent there is any conflict between this ordinance and any other ordinance relating to animal control, dangerous, vicious, or killer animals, this ordinance shall take precedence and control over the conflicting ordinance or provision.

**56.08 NUISANCES:** A violation of the terms of this chapter which constitutes a health hazard, or interferes with the use or enjoyment of the neighboring property, is considered a nuisance, and may be abated under the general provisions of the City Ordinances.

**56.09 FINES:** The fines for violations are as follows:  
If cleanup of an area is deemed necessary by the city, the city reserves the right to employ a hazardous materials crew to remove the nuisance and charge the costs of such crew to the owner.

**SECTION 2 SEVERABILITY CLAUSE**

If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

**SECTION 3 EFFECTIVE DATE**

This ordinance shall be in effect from and after its final passage, approval and publication as provided by law. Passed and approved by the Council the 9<sup>th</sup> day of October 2023.

First Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Second Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

Third Reading: \_\_\_\_\_

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mayor

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

I certify that the foregoing was published as Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ on the \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

\_\_\_\_\_  
City Clerk

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# City of Vincent, Iowa

## Application for Domestic Fowl Permit

Owner: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_ Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_

Limited to Roosters, Chickens, Ducks & Geese only.

By signing this application, the applicant attests to having read and agrees to adhere to the requirements of the Urban Chicken Ordinance of Vincent, IA. The applicant understands and agrees to not allow their animals to become a nuisance or burden on the community. Failure to comply with the provisions of this or related ordinances may result in fees and possible revocation in accordance with the law.

Number of Birds Expected to be in Enclosure \_\_\_\_\_

Sign here \_\_\_\_\_

Permit Approved

Permit Denied