

ORDINANCE NO. 25-03

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF EAST MOLINE, ILLINOIS, AMENDING THE EAST MOLINE CITY CODE, TITLE 6, CHAPTER 4 HOUSING RELATING TO MAINTAINING LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

WHEREAS, the City of East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois (the "City"), is a duly organized and validly existing non-home rule municipality created in accordance with the Constitution of the State of Illinois of 1970 and the laws of the State; and,

WHEREAS, Title 6, Chapter 4 of the East Moline Code of Ordinances, Housing relating to maintaining livestock and poultry within the City limits, provides no person shall cause or allow any stable or place where any animal is or may be kept to become unclean, or unwholesome, and it shall be unlawful to keep any live swine or pigs in the city. It shall be unlawful to keep or raise any chickens, horses, cows, goats, sheep, rabbits or other fowl within fifty feet (50') of any premises in the City; and,

WHEREAS, the Corporate Authorities believe it to be in the best interests of the City to amend the animal codes.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and City Council of the City of East Moline, Rock Island County, Illinois, as follows:

Section 1. Title 6, Chapter 4, Animals, Section 6-4-7 Housing of the East Moline City Code is hereby amended; with the amendments having been presented to the City Council as part of City Staff's presentation to the Committee of the Whole meeting on December 16, 2024. Title 6, Chapter 4, is amended to read as follows:

Section 6-4-7. Title 6, Chapter 4, Animals, of the City Code of the City of East Moline is hereby amended by as follows:

No person shall cause or allow any stable, pen, coop or place where any animal is or may be kept to become unclean, emit foul odors, or unwholesome. Chickens must be well cared for, fed, and watered in a manner that does not attract vermin or contribute to the breeding of insects.

It shall be unlawful to keep or raise any exotic animals, exotic reptiles, swine or pigs, horses, cows, goats, sheep, roosters, breeding rabbits or other fowl within fifty feet (50') of any premises in the city limits of East Moline

Chickens shall be permitted with the written approval of the City. Landowners or tenants seeking to house or raise chickens must first apply and be approved by the city. Applicants shall meet the following criteria:

1. File an application seeking to house or raise chickens which includes a \$25 registration fee. Registration renewal is required annually.
2. The maximum number of animals shall not exceed 4.
3. Provide adequate housing, shelter, enclosure.
 - a. Shall be designed to provide safe and healthy living conditions for chickens with a minimum of four-square feet per bird.
 - b. Shall be properly secure on all sides, provide adequate ventilation, and access points to allow proper cleaning of the structure and feeding of the birds.
 - c. The housing, shelter, or enclosure shall be in the rear of the yard and adhere to the required setbacks.

Chickens, fowls, or their housing shall not be within fifty feet (50') of any adjoining structure or lot line.

No animal run, pen, shed or house hereafter erected, repaired or reconstructed shall be permitted within twenty-five feet (25') of a neighboring building or structure designed for or permitting human habitation.

d. The housing, shelter, or enclosure and surrounding area must be properly maintained. All trash and accumulated droppings shall be removed in a timely manner.

4. Predators, rodents, insects and parasites. The applicant shall take necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents and the potential infestation of insects and parasites. Chickens found to be infested with insects and parasites that may result in unhealthy conditions to human habitation shall be removed at the request of the City Official or his/her designee.

5. Odor and noise impact.

a. Odors from chickens, chicken manure or other chicken related substances shall not be perceptible beyond the boundaries of the permitted tract of land.

b. Chicken noises- 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.

6. Chickens at large.

a. No chickens or other fowls shall be permitted to be at-large.

b. Chickens shall not be permitted to roam off the applicant's property.

c. Chickens must be contained in the housing, shelter, or enclosure at all times.

7. Feed and water.

Chickens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times. The feed and water shall be unavailable to rodents, wild birds and predators.

8. Unlawful acts.

a. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep chickens in violation of any provision of this chapter or any other provision of the East Moline, Illinois Code of Ordinances.

b. It shall be unlawful for any owner, renter or leaseholder of property to allow chickens to be kept on the property in violation of the provisions of this article.

c. No person shall keep chickens inside a single-family dwelling unit, multifamily dwelling unit(s) or rental unit.

d. No person shall slaughter any chickens within the City of Silvis, Illinois.

e. No person shall keep a rooster.

f. No person shall keep chickens on a vacant or uninhabited tract of land.

g. Any person found in violation of the ordinance shall be subject to Chapter, General Penalty, and Fee Schedule.

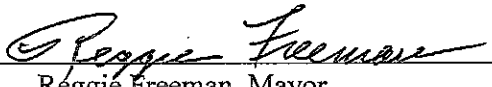
Current landowners or tenants legally conforming to 6-4-7: Housing, Ord. 04-15, 5-3-2004, prior to the amendments shall be grandfathered. The passing of this ordinance shall not exclude the annual housing registration with the City of East Moline.

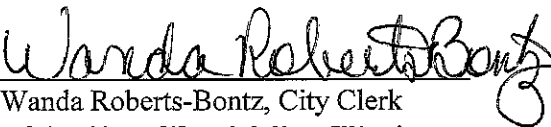
Section 2. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, phrase or portion of this Ordinance is for any reason held invalid or unconstitutional by any court of competent jurisdiction such portion shall be deemed a separate, distinct, and independent provision, and such holding shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions hereof.

Section 3. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Passed this 3rd day of February, 2025 by its Corporate Authorities.

Alderman	Ayes	Nayes	Absent/Abstain
Olivia Dorothy	X		
Jeff Deppe	X		
Nancy Mulcahey	X		
Adam Guthrie	X		
Rhea Oakes	X		
Lynn Segura	X		
J.R. Rico	X		


Reggie Freeman, Mayor
of the City of East Moline, Illinois

Attest: 
Wanda Roberts-Bontz, City Clerk
Of the City of East Moline, Illinois

