

ORDINANCE NO. 324

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF REPUBLICAN CITY, NE,
PERTAINING TO THE KEEPING, OWNING, AND HARBORING OF
CHICKENS; WAIVING ANY FURTHER NOTICE OR READINGS;
REPEALING ANY CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; AND DECLARING AN
EFFECTIVE DATE.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CHAIRMAN AND BOARD OF TRUSTEES FOR THE VILLAGE OF REPUBLICAN CITY, NEBRASKA:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to allow, keep, own, harbor, or maintain poultry, chickens, turkeys, geese or any other fowls within corporate limits, except for backyard chickens as set forth below.

Section 2. The keeping of backyard chickens (*Gallus gallus domesticus*) may be permitted within corporate limits under the following conditions:

- (a) No more than four (4) laying hens shall be allowed per address/property. No roosters, broilers, or other fowl shall be permitted at any time or under any circumstance.
- (b) Chickens shall be kept in a secure, enclosed pen in the backyard of the property, sitting at least ten (10) feet away from any property line.
- (c) The enclosure must be large enough to accommodate free movement of each chicken kept therein and shall be maintained in a clean condition, free of accumulated refuse, manure, and debris.
- (d) Breeding of chickens is strictly prohibited within the corporate limits.
- (e) All prospective property owners wishing to keep, own, or harbor chickens must obtain a permit from the Village Clerk on an annual basis. A permit must be obtained and approved prior to keeping, owning, or harboring chickens in the corporate limits and renewed each year prior to March 31st. The permit fee shall be set by separate resolution, as needed.
- (f) Any keeper, owner, or harborer of chickens shall be monetarily liable to the person(s) injured should his/her chickens escape required enclosure and cause damage to another's property or persons.

Section 3. Any person(s) in violation of any provision of this section shall forfeit their current chicken permit and shall not be eligible to obtain a permit in the future. In addition, the Village may seize chickens directly from the property on which they are kept or found without any

further notice to the keeper, owner, or harborer. The keeper, owner, or harborer of the chicken(s) in violation of this provision may be assessed costs for boarding, care, and disposal of said animals should the same be seized due to noncompliance herein.

Section 4. Any conflicting provisions in the Republican City Village Code or other ordinances are hereby repealed.

Section 5. Any further notice or readings are hereby waived and this ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication, according to law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this _____ day of _____ 2025.

APPROVED:

Kristopher Eddy, Chairman

ATTEST:

Andrea Davis, Village Clerk