
**VILLAGE OF SUGAR GROVE
BOARD REPORT**

TO: VILLAGE PRESIDENT & BOARD OF TRUSTEES
FROM: WALTER MAGDZIARZ, COMMUNITY DEVELOPMENT DIRECTOR
SUBJECT: DISCUSSION: RESIDENTIAL CHICKEN PILOT PROGRAM
AGENDA: JANUARY 4, 2022 VILLAGE BOARD MEETING
DATE: DECEMBER 30, 2021

ISSUE

Shall the Village Board discuss making permanent the Village's residential chicken pilot program.

DISCUSSION

In 2017, the Village Board established a residential chicken pilot program in response to a request from a resident to permit chickens in residential areas. The Zoning Ordinance and the Village Code (Section 5, Animal Control) were amended accordingly.

The residential chicken program has a number of requirements, including:

- A residential chicken keeping permit
- A building permit for the coop and pen area
- Only hens may be kept
- There is a limit of four hens
- A protected coop and enclosed pen area
- Coop and pen must satisfy accessory structure setback requirements
- A coop maintenance and waste management plan are required with applications
- Breeding, hatching and slaughter are prohibited activities
- Annual inspections are performed

The pilot program was limited to eight (8) permits. We recently issued the eighth permit.

Village staff is of the opinion the pilot program worked and the fears and concerns that were expressed at the start failed to materialize. It has been our experience residents who desire to keep chickens are all too happy to comply with the regulations. Staff has received zero complaints concerning any permitted chicken coop. Village staff recommends making the residential chicken permit program permanent.

COSTS

There is no cost to discuss the matter.

RECOMMENDATION

The Village Board provide input and direction to Village staff. If the Village Board concurs Village staff will prepare an ordinance amending the Village Code to remove the limitation on the number of permits.