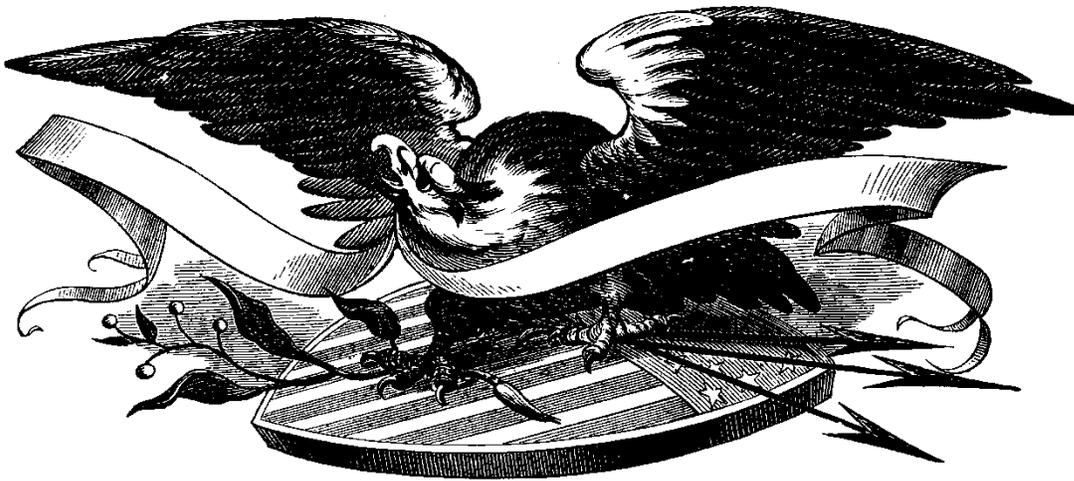


THE  
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MAROA



**ORDINANCE NO. 06/23/2014-3**

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CITY OF MAROA, MACON COUNTY, ILLINOIS SPECIFICALLY  
AMENDING CHAPTER 3, ARTICLE 2 BY THE ADDITION OF SECTION 3-2-11,  
CHICKENS AND RABBITS**

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ADOPTED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL  
OF THE CITY OF MAROA  
THIS 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2014.

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**WHEREAS** the City of Maroa has determined that it is in the interest of the public safety to modify its Ordinances dealing with animals.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maroa, Macon County, Illinois, as follows:

**SECTION 1.** The Revised Code is amended as follows with language being added to the Code, if any, shown underlined, language being removed from the Code, if any, being stricken through and/or being repealed by reference to a chapter, article or section and language remaining unchanged in the Code, if any, being neither underlined nor stricken through and language contained in brackets [ ], if any, being explanatory notes, which may effect the interpretation of the language of the Code, but language in brackets, itself, not being added to the Code:

**3-2-11 CHICKEN AND RABBIT HUSBANDRY**

Notwithstanding any other Section of this Code, it shall be lawful for a natural person to raise chickens and rabbits on premises used as their primary residence under the following conditions:

- A. A permit to raise chickens and/or rabbits shall be issued by the City of Maroa before any animal husbandry activities are undertaken and must be obtained an annual basis. The permit fee shall be One Dollar (\$1.00 per year). There may be a maximum of one permit holder for a primary residence. The permit holder shall take notice that a permit may be revoked or the City may refuse to issue a permit should any activity associated with raising chickens or rabbits not be in compliance with this Section or other laws or regulations of the State of Illinois.
- B. Failure to comply with any provision of this Section or any applicable Section of the Revised Code of the City of Maroa shall result in a fine of Seventy Five Dollars (\$75.00) per day.
- C. Chickens and rabbits may not be raised for sale or for any commercial purposes. All eggs, meat, offspring and byproducts, must be consumed/used by the family members living at the primary residence or may be given away or disposed of in accordance with the laws and regulations of the City of Maroa and State of Illinois.

- D. Accumulations of waste and byproducts are not allowed. Waste and byproducts must be regularly disposed of or utilized in a permitted manner to avoid creating a nuisance.
- E. Excessive odor, noise or inhumane treatment of animals are hereby declared nuisances under this Code and subject to the fine as specified in Paragraph B of this Section.
- F. Inhumane treatment includes, but is not limited to the following:
  - a. Failing to provide a sufficient quantity of good quality, wholesome food and water;
  - b. Failing to provide adequate shelter and protection from the weather; A shelter must have four sides, a roof, floor, and bedding. The shelter shall be placed to provide shade from the sun and protection from the weather.
  - c. Failing to provide veterinary care when needed to prevent suffering;
  - d. Failing to provide other humane care and treatment.
- G. Limitation of the number of animals kept.
  - a. Chickens.
    - i. Persons keeping chickens for egg production may keep a maximum of 8 hens. Absolutely no male animals. (Cocks or roosters)
    - ii. Persons keeping chickens for meat production may have fowl of either or both sexes. All cockerels must be slaughtered/harvested before reaching 12 weeks of age. A maximum of 12 fowl may be kept at any one time.
    - iii. A person combining egg and meat production may at no time have more than 18 birds of any age.
  - b. Rabbits.
    - i. No more than 2 breeding age bucks and 5 breeding age does may be kept at any one time. Breeding age is defined as rabbits 6 months of age and older.
    - ii. Rabbits not used as breeding stock shall be slaughtered/harvested before they reach the age of 4 months.
- H. No pen, hutch, coop or other structure used in animal husbandry shall be located less than 30 feet from the boundary line of an adjoining property owner or no less than 50 feet from an adjoining residence or business which ever distance is greater.
- I. All chickens and rabbits must be kept in enclosures that allow at least 4 square feet of indoor space per adult animal.
- J. No chicken or rabbit shall be allowed to run at large within the City of Maroa.
- K. This ordinance shall not supersede any prohibition of any type of animal husbandry in any subdivision covenant.
- L. Permits under this Section shall not be issued to residents of multiunit (more than 2 units) apartment buildings.

**SECTION 1.** Chapter 3 is amended as shown above.

**SECTION 2.** In all other respects, the Chapter 3 shall remain in full force and effect.

**SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication in pamphlet form as provided by the law.

**PRESENTED, PASSED AND APPROVED,** by the Mayor and City Council of the City of Maroa, Illinois, on the 23rd DAY OF JUNE, 2014.

<b>NAME</b>	<b>AYE</b>	<b>NAY</b>	<b>ABSTAIN</b>	<b>ABSENT</b>
Alderman Vincent Sims	<b>X</b>			
Alderman Tom Stoutenborough	<b>X</b>			
Alderman Wayne Kissinger		<b>X</b>		
Alderman Frederick Peart	<b>X</b>			
Alderman James Ryan Wilkey	<b>X</b>			
Mayor Ted Agee				

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TED AGEE, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DIANE EDWARDS, CITY CLERK

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STATE OF ILLINOIS        )  
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COUNTY OF MACON        )        S.S.

**CERTIFICATE**

I, Diane Edwards, certify that I am the duly elected and acting City Clerk of the City of Maroa, Macon County, Illinois.

I further certify that on June 23, 2014 the Corporate Authorities of such Municipality passed and approved **ORDINANCE NO. 06/23/2014-3** entitled:

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which provided by its terms that it should be published in pamphlet form.

The pamphlet form of **ORDINANCE NO. 06/23/2014-3** including the Ordinance and a cover sheet thereof, was prepared, and a copy of such Ordinance was posted in the City Hall, commencing on June 23, 2014, and continuing for at least ten days thereafter. Copies of such Ordinance were also available for public inspection upon request in the office of the City Clerk.

DATED at Maroa, Illinois, this 23rd day of June 2014.

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Diane Edwards  
City Clerk

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