

## **ORDINANCE NO. \_2026-01**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE VILLAGE OF STAPLEHURST, NEBRASKA, ADDING SECTION 2-308 TO CHAPTER 2, ARTICLE 3 OF THE VILLAGE CODE PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF ROOSTERS WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS; PROVIDING FOR PENALTIES; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

WHEREAS, the Village of Staplehurst has authority to regulate animals within the corporate limits pursuant to Neb. Rev. Stat. § 17-547; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds that the keeping of roosters within the village limits creates noise disturbances and nuisance conditions detrimental to the peace, health, and welfare of the residents of the village; and

WHEREAS, the Board of Trustees finds it necessary and proper, in the interest of the peace and welfare of the village, to prohibit the keeping of roosters within the corporate limits;

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Chairman and Board of Trustees of the Village of Staplehurst, Nebraska:

Section 1. Chapter 2, Article 3 of the Village Code is hereby amended by adding Section 2-308 to read as follows:

### **SECTION 2-308: ROOSTERS PROHIBITED**

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor, own, or maintain any rooster within the corporate limits of the Village of Staplehurst. Any rooster found within the corporate limits in violation of this section shall be subject to impoundment and disposition in the manner prescribed for animals running at large.

Section 2. Any person violating any provision of this ordinance shall, upon conviction, be subject to the penalty set forth in Section 2-601 of the Village Code, being a fine of not more than \$500.00 for each offense. Each 24-hour period during which a violation continues shall constitute a separate offense.

Section 3. If any section, subsection, sentence, clause, or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this ordinance.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval, and publication as required by law.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 28th day of July, 2026.

(original signed in office)

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Connie Wilken, Chairperson

ATTEST:

(original signed in office)

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Bobbi McVey Blath, Village Clerk

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