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WHEREAS, the Village of Chatham (“Village”), Sangamon County, State of Illinois, is a duly organized and existing Village created under the provisions of the laws of the State of Illinois, and is now operating under the provisions of the Illinois Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, the Illinois Animal Control Act allows municipalities to control and regulate dogs, cats, and other animals within the municipality (510 ILCS 5/24); and,

WHEREAS, the Illinois Animal Welfare Act limits foster homes to four (4) foster animals per home (225 ILCS 605/3.2); and,

WHEREAS, Section 90.03 of the Village Code prohibits the keeping of more than three dogs or three cats on one zoning lot; and,

WHEREAS, the Village wishes to amend its Code to allow for the keeping of foster animals in accordance with the Illinois Animal Welfare Act; and,

WHEREAS, the Village President and Board of Trustees of the Village believe it is in the best interest of the Village to amend its Code to allow for up to four dogs or four cats per zoning lot.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the President and Board of Trustees of the Village of Chatham, County of Sangamon, as follows:

Section 1. Recitals. The foregoing recitals shall be and are hereby incorporated into and made a part of this Resolution as if fully set forth in this Section 1.

Section 2. Amendment of Village Code. Section 90.03 of the Village Code is hereby amended as follows:

§ 90.03 KEEPING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS PROHIBITED.

(A) The keeping of livestock within the corporate limits of the village is prohibited, except in areas in the village zoned agricultural.

(B) The keeping of undomesticated animals within the village is prohibited.

(C) The keeping of more than ~~three~~ four dogs or ~~three~~ four cats on one zoning lot within the village is prohibited, provided that this subsection does not apply to a litter of pups or kittens less than five months of age.

(D) Except as specifically permitted by the Zoning Chapter of this Code, the keeping or harboring of any wild animal or fowl, poultry (including but not limited to chickens, ducks, geese, pheasants, peacocks, quail and turkeys, and whether kept for eggs, as pets or otherwise) rodents (except hamsters, guinea pigs, mice, and other rodents commonly kept as pets), and livestock (including but not limited to swine, sheep, cattle, ponies, goats, horses, asses and mules, and including such animals kept as pets) within the corporate limits of the village is prohibited and is hereby declared a nuisance.

Section 3. Severability. In the event a court of competent jurisdiction finds this ordinance or any provision hereof to be invalid or unenforceable as applied, such finding shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this ordinance and the application thereof to the greatest extent permitted by law.

Section 4. Repeal and Savings Clause. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed; provided, however, that nothing herein contained shall affect any rights, actions, or causes of action which shall have accrued to the Village of Chatham prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

Section 5. Effective Date. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage, approval and publication in pamphlet form as provided by law.

	AYE	NAY	ABSTAIN	ABSENT
KRISTEN CHIARO	✓			
ANDREW DETMERS	✓			
MEREDITH FERGUSON				✓
BRETT GERGER	✓			
MATT MAU	✓			
PAUL SCHERSCHEL	✓			

DAVE KIMSEY				
TOTAL	5	0	0	1

APPROVED by the President of the Village of Chatham, Illinois this 28 day of September, 2021.



 Dave Kimsey, Village President

Attest:


 Dan Holden, Village Clerk