

## ORDINANCE REGARDING THE PENNING OF CHICKENS, GUINEA HENS AND OTHER FOWL

**WHEREAS** the Town of Woodstock finds that chickens, guinea hens and other fowl currently roam freely around town;

**WHEREAS** free roaming fowl are problematic in that they can cause traffic, health, safety, and welfare issues;

**WHEREAS** RSA 31:39, I(b) allows towns to make bylaws for the prevention of the going at large of horses and other domestic animals in any public place in town;

NOW THEREFORE the Town of Woodstock hereby ordains as follows:

1. All chickens, guinea hens and other fowl kept by any person or entity in town must be contained so that they are not at large on any public place in town, including any public right of way or on any other person's private property.

2. Violations of this ordinance shall result in a civil penalty in the amounts of \$25.00 for the first offense, \$50.00 for the second offense, \$75.00 for the third offense, and \$100.00 for the fourth and all subsequent offenses.

Adopted at Town Meeting March 14, 2017 Judy Welch, Town Clerk