

**SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE**

**ORDINANCE #2026-04**

The above ordinance, summary terms of which are included herein, was introduced and passed upon first reading at a meeting of the governing body of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, on February 9, 2026. It will be further considered for final passage, after public hearing thereon, at a meeting of the Governing Body to be held on March 9, 2026, at 7:00 p.m. at the Baird Community Center, 5 Mead Street, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor Meeting Room, South Orange, NJ. This meeting will be conducted in a hybrid format, with virtual access available via the Zoom Audio/Video System. For instructions on how to access the meeting via the Zoom Audio/Video System, please monitor the Village's website at [www.southorange.org](http://www.southorange.org), or please contact or visit the Village Clerk's Office either by telephone at (973) 378-7715, ext. 1, by email at [clerksoffice@southorange.org](mailto:clerksoffice@southorange.org) or by visiting at 76 South Orange Avenue, 3<sup>rd</sup> Floor, South Orange, NJ. During the week prior to and up to and including the date of such meeting, copies of the full ordinance will be available at no cost and during regular business hours at the Clerk's Office for the members of the general public who shall request the same. The Village Council may adjourn the public hearing of this Ordinance to a date after March 9, 2026, without any further notice. The following ordinance was introduced:

**TITLE: AN ORDINANCE OF SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE AMENDING AND RESTATING CHAPTER 68 "ANIMALS" TO PROVIDE FOR THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS; AMENDING CHAPTER 143 "FEES" BY AMENDING SECTION 4- ANIMALS FOR THE LICENSING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS WITHIN SOUTH ORANGE VILLAGE**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Village Council of South Orange Village, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

**SECTION 1** Chapter 68 is hereby amended by restating Sections 32 through 35 in their entirety and adding Section 36 as follows:

- 68-32. Permitted Purpose for the Raising of Backyard Chickens
- 68-33 Application for License to Maintain Backyard Chickens; Fees
- 68-34 Housing of Backyard Chickens; Restrictions and Limitations
- 68-35 Violations and Penalties
- 68-36 End of License

**SECTION 2.** Chapter 143, Section 4 "Animals" is hereby amended and restated in its entirety as follows:

**143-4 Animals**

<b>Description</b>	<b>Code Section</b>	<b>Fee</b>
Backyard Chicken Initial and Renewal Application Fee	§ <u>68-33B</u>	\$30

Spayed/neutered cat/dog — Annual fee	§ <u>68-5A</u>	\$17
Nonspayed/nonneutered cat/dog — Annual fee	§ <u>68-5A</u>	\$20
Late registration of dog/cat/chicken license renewal fee	§ <u>68-5A and C</u>	\$20
Vicious/potentially dangerous dogs — Annual fee	§ <u>68-5C</u>	\$700
Animal Facilities:		
Kennels with 10 or fewer dogs — Annual fee	§ <u>68-14</u>	\$10
Kennels with more than 10 dogs — Annual fee	§ <u>68-14</u>	\$25
Pet shop with 10 or fewer dogs— Annual fee	§ <u>68-14</u>	\$10
Pet shop with more than 10 dogs – Annual fee		\$25
Shelter — Annual fee	§ <u>68-14</u>	\$0
Pound – Annual Fee		\$0

**SECTION 3** If any section, sub-section, paragraph, sentence or any other part of this ordinance is adjudged unconstitutional or invalid, such judgment shall not affect, impair or invalidate the remainder of this ordinance.

**SECTION 4** All ordinances and resolutions, or parts of ordinances and resolutions inconsistent herewith shall be and are hereby repealed as to such inconsistencies.

**SECTION 5** This ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication as required by law.

**SECTION 6** On passage this ordinance shall be codified.

Introduced: February 9, 2026

ATTEST:

Ojetti E. Davis, Village Clerk  
 South Orange Village