

NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING
ZONING BOARD OF APPEALS
VILLAGE OF TOWER LAKES

A PUBLIC HEARING WILL BE HELD by the Tower Lakes Zoning Board of Appeals (“ZBA”) on July 22, 2021 at 7:00 p.m. at the Village of Tower Lakes Village Hall, 400 N. Route 59, Tower Lakes, Illinois, 60010.

In accordance with 5 ILCS 120/7(e)(2) of the Open Meetings Act, as amended by Public Act 101-0640, the Chair of the Village of Tower Lakes ZBA has determined that in-person attendance by the public at meetings of the Village of Tower Lakes ZBA may not be practical or prudent for some members of the ZBA and/or for some members of the public because of the COVID-19 pandemic. While this ZBA meeting will be physically held at the Village of Tower Lakes Village Hall, members of the public are invited to attend this web-assisted public meeting virtually. To access this ZBA Meeting, the login instructions for said meeting are as follows:

Join by phone: +1-408-418-9388; Access code: 182 815 8199

Public comments at this ZBA Meeting will be accepted by email at john.e.schmidt@me.com or by leaving a voicemail for ZBA Chair John Schmidt at (847) 644-7386. Public comments received by 5:30 p.m. on Thursday, July 22, 2021 will be read at the meeting under “Public Comments.”

The ZBA will consider the following petition: Bradford and Christine Merkle, 415 Oxford Road.

Property located at 415 Oxford Road, Tower Lakes, Illinois legally described as: Lots 20 and 21 in Block 19 in Tower Lakes Estates, Unit No. 1, being a Subdivision of part of the South Half of the Northwest Quarter and of the South Half of Section 2, Township 43 North, Range 9 East of the Third Principal Meridian according to the Plat thereof recorded August 10, 1926, as Document 284320 in Book “Q” of Plats, Pages 20 and 21 in Lake County, Illinois.

Bradford and Christine Merkle currently keep chickens and desire to continue to keep chickens on the subject property which is located in the A-2 Residential Zoning District; such keeping of chickens is prohibited within the residential zoning district in which the subject property is located as stated in Code Sections 10-4A-2 and 8-3-10. Code Section 10-4A-2 does not permit backyard chickens in A-2 Districts and Code Section 8-3-10 states that backyard chickens are only permitted in A-3, A-4 and F Zoning Districts, but only if such lot has a minimum of two (2) acres; the subject property has a lot area of approximately .2868 acres. Code Section 10-6-8(B) prohibits chicken coops and runs except when in compliance with Section 8-3-10. Bradford and Christine Merkle are requesting that the subject property be granted a use variance to allow them to continue to keep chickens and their existing coop on the subject property.

