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MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 6-ANIMALS

Chapter 6.03-Backyard Chickens

6.03.010 Purpose: Residents of the City may be allowed to keep chickens, subject to the requirements of this Chapter.

6.03.020. Number of Chickens Licensed

A. Up to three (3) hens are allowed on properties at least ~~5,000~~ 7,000 square feet in size.

B. Up to five (5) hens are allowed on properties at least 10,000 square feet in size.

C. No roosters are allowed within the City.

D. Chicks up to 12 weeks old are allowed indoors and are not subject to the limitations of (A) and (B) above.

6.03.030. Location Requirements

A. Chickens are only allowed on property that is occupied by a detached single-family dwelling.

B. Chickens are only allowed on property that is the principal residence of the owner of the chickens.

C. Chickens and chicken enclosures are not to be located in any area between the primary dwelling and the front property line.

D. Chicken enclosures must be at least ten (10) feet from the property line and at least twenty-five (25) feet from any abutting dwelling unit.

Exhibit A

6.03.040. Ongoing Conditions of License

A. Chicken Enclosures

1. Chickens must be kept within a secure enclosure at night. During daylight hours, chickens must be kept within a secure enclosure unless under direct supervision within a fenced yard.
2. Allowing chickens to enter adjoining properties is prohibited.
3. Enclosures must be kept clean, dry, in good repair and not cause an odor that is unreasonably offensive or annoying to residents within the immediate vicinity.
4. Enclosures must be designed to prevent the entry of rodents and predators and must effectively contain and protect the chickens.
5. Enclosures must be designed so that they are not a breeding place or likely breeding place for rodents, flies or other pests.

B. Chickens must be kept for personal, non-commercial use only. No person may sell eggs or engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

6.03.050 Procedure for Obtaining a Chicken License

A. In a residential zone, a resident who wants to raise chickens per the requirements of this Chapter must ~~obtain a~~ apply for a license, ~~and~~ demonstrate compliance with the above criteria, and pay a processing fee. The City will issue a license after determining compliance with ~~this Chapter 6.03.020 and 6.03.030.~~

B. Tenants and renters of property are permitted to keep chickens only with the written permission of the property owner ~~and~~ included with the license ~~request~~ application.

~~C. Within 14 days following the approval of a license application, the City will provide written notice by first class mail to all property owners immediately abutting the license holder's property. The notice must contain the name and address of the license holder's contact information for persons to seek information or file complaints.~~

C. Licenses issued under this chapter are issued to a specified individual for the keeping of chickens on specified property where the individual resides, are non-transferable, and are valid for a period of five (5) years. Licenses may be renewed for successive five (5) year terms.

D. Neighbor Notice Requirements

1. The City will provide written notice within fourteen (14) calendar days of issuance of a license by first class mail to all property owners and known residents immediately abutting the license holder's property.

2. Contents of Neighborhood Notice

a. Name and address of the license holder.

b. A copy of this chapter.

c. Contact information for City enforcement of this chapter and the process for filing complaints.

d. The current dollar amounts for penalties for violations of this chapter.

~~**6.03.060 Penalties:** Violations of this section are classified as a Class C violation punishable by up to a two hundred fifty dollar (\$250) fine.~~

The provisions of this chapter are in addition to and not in lieu of any other requirements imposed under any other code provision, City ordinance, law or regulation having application in the City. If a conflict occurs with another code provision or regulation, the most restrictive provision or regulation shall apply.

A. Violation of this Chapter constitutes a Class C violation, except that keeping of chickens without a license is a Class A violation.

B. Each violation of a separate provision of this Chapter shall constitute a separate violation, and each day that a violation of this chapter is committed or permitted to continue constitutes a separate violation.

C. In addition to any other remedy provided by law, a person that commits more than two violations of this Chapter within any six-month period may have his or her license revoked for up to one year. During the period in which a license is revoked under this subsection, no other resident of a dwelling in which a person whose license has been revoked resides may be licensed to keep chickens under this chapter.

6.03.070 Rules

The City Manager is authorized to adopt rules to implement this chapter.

Chapter 6.04 Dogs (existing)

Title 16 Sherwood Zoning and Development Code
Chapter 16.12 - RESIDENTIAL LAND USE DISTRICTS

	VLDR	LDR	MDRL	MDRH	HDR
COMMERCIAL					
• Raising of Animals other than Household Pets ⁵	C	C	C	C	C
CIVIC					
• Public Recreational Facilities ⁶	P	P	P	P	P

⁵ [Except for a limited number of chickens as licensed under Title 6-Animals, Chapter 6.03. Chickens.](#)

⁶ Includes, but is not limited to parks, playfields, sports and racquet courts, but excludes golf courses.