

Alderman Littmann Amendment

O-8-15

Keeping or Maintaining Chickens Within the City of Annapolis

Amendment No. 1:

Page 2, line 14, insert:

SECTION III: AND BE IT ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that the Code of the City of Annapolis shall be amended to read as follows:

8.04.010 - Maintaining animals.

A. No person shall keep or maintain any mule, cow, calf, cattle, sheep, swine or poultry, with the exception of chickens, no roosters, within the City.

1. A maximum of five chickens are allowed on any one property.
2. All persons shall provide their chickens with a sturdy coop and an attached, secure enclosure set back at least five feet from the property line.
3. ~~All persons keeping chickens shall receive approval from all abutting owners of their intent to keep chickens using the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs backyard chicken registry and approval form. Prior to keeping any chickens, said form shall be submitted to the Department of Neighborhood and Environmental Programs along with accompanying fees and approved inspection.~~

(A) ALL PERSONS KEEPING CHICKENS SHALL SEEK APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF NEIGHBORHOOD AND ENVIRONMENTAL PROGRAMS TO BE INCLUDED IN THE DEPARTMENT'S BACKYARD CHICKEN REGISTRY BY FILING THE APPROPRIATE APPLICATION AND ACCOMPANYING FEES. AS PART OF THE APPLICATION PROCESS, APPLICANTS SHALL NOTIFY THEIR NEIGHBORS OF THEIR INTENT TO KEEP CHICKENS AS SPECIFIED IN THE APPLICATION;

(B) NEIGHBORS MEETING THE NOTIFICATION PROVISIONS SPECIFIED IN THE APPLICATION SHALL HAVE FIFTEEN (15) DAYS TO PROVIDE WRITTEN COMMENTS TO THE DEPARTMENT FROM THE DATE OF RECEIPT OF NOTICE;

(C) AT THE CLOSE OF THE NEIGHBOR COMMENT PERIOD, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL INCORPORATE ANY NEIGHBOR COMMENTS RECEIVED INTO THE DELIBERATIONS AND CONSIDERATION OF

THE APPLICATION IN MAKING THE DECISION ON THE APPLICATION; AND

(D) PRIOR TO INCLUDING APPLICANTS IN THE BACKYARD CHICKEN REGISTRY AFTER REACHING AN APPROVAL TO ALLOW APPLICANT TO KEEP CHICKENS, THE DEPARTMENT SHALL COMPLETE AN APPROVAL INSPECTION OF THE CHICKEN COOP.

B. No person shall keep or maintain any animal within the City for the purpose of human consumption, except where the animal is maintained for the purpose of consumption as part of a religious observance.

Amendment #2:

Page 2, Lines 15 through 17, amend as follows:

SECTION ~~III~~ IV: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL that this Ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

EXPLANATION

CAPITAL LETTERS indicate matter added to existing law.

~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.

Underlining indicates amendments