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2 **Maintaining Chickens** – For the purpose of modifying the application and approval procedures  
3 for maintaining chickens; providing notice requirements; and generally relating to maintaining  
4 chickens.

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6 **CITY COUNCIL OF THE**  
7 **City of Annapolis**

8 **Ordinance 16-21**

9 **Introduced by: Mayor Buckley**  
10 **Co-sponsored by: Alderwoman Tierney**

11 **Referred to**  
12 **Housing and Human Welfare Committee**  
13 **90 day Rule: \_\_\_\_\_**

14 **AN ORDINANCE** concerning

15 **Maintaining Chickens**

16 **FOR** the purpose of modifying the application and approval procedures for maintaining  
17 chickens; providing notice requirements; and generally relating to maintaining chickens.

18 **BY** repealing and reenacting with amendments the following portions of the Code of the City  
19 of Annapolis, 2021 Edition  
20 8.04.010

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

23 **Title 8 – ANIMALS**  
24 **Chapter 8.04 - ANIMAL CONTROL**

25 **Section 8.04.010 - Maintaining animals.**

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

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- 29 1. A maximum of five chickens are allowed on any one property.
  - 30 2. All persons shall provide their chickens with a sturdy coop and an attached, secure  
31 enclosure set back at least five feet from the property line.
  - 32 3. ~~All persons keeping chickens shall receive approval from all abutting owners of their  
33 intent to keep chickens using the Department of Planning and Zoning backyard chicken  
34 registry and approval form. Prior to keeping any chickens, said form shall be submitted~~
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1 to the Department of Planning and Zoning along with accompanying fees and approved  
2 inspection. PRIOR TO MAINTAINING CHICKENS, A PERSON SHALL:

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4 (A) PROVIDE NOTICE OF THE INTENT TO MAINTAIN CHICKENS TO ALL  
5 ABUTTING PROPERTIES IN ACCORDANCE WITH ALL DEPARTMENT OF  
6 PLANNING AND ZONING REQUIREMENTS;  
7 (B) COMPLETE THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND ZONING BACKYARD  
8 CHICKEN REGISTRY AND PROOF OF NOTICE FORM AND PAY THE  
9 CORRESPONDING PERMIT FEE; AND  
10 (C) RECEIVE APPROVAL FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF PLANNING AND  
11 ZONING.

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

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18 **SECTION II: AND BE IT FURTHER ESTABLISHED AND ORDAINED BY THE**  
19 **ANNAPOLIS CITY COUNCIL** that this ordinance shall take effect from the date of its passage.

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22 **Explanation:**

23 UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.

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

25 Underlining indicates amendments.  
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