



Legislation Details (With Text)

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**Title:** Maintaining Chickens - For the purpose of modifying the application and approval procedures for maintaining chickens; providing notice requirements; and generally relating to maintaining chickens.  
**Sponsors:** Gavin Buckley, Elly Tierney  
**Indexes:** Housing and Human Welfare Committee  
**Code sections:**  
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Date	Ver.	Action By	Action	Result
7/12/2021	1	City Council	adopt on second reader	Pass
7/12/2021	1	City Council	adopt on third reader	Pass
6/21/2021	1	Housing and Human Welfare Committee	recommend favorably	Pass
6/14/2021	1	City Council	declare the public hearing closed	
5/24/2021	1	City Council	adopt on first reader	Pass
5/24/2021	1	City Council	refer to Annapolis Education Commission	

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**CITY COUNCIL OF THE  
City of Annapolis**

**Ordinance 16-21**

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

**Referred to  
Housing and Human Welfare Committee**

**AN ORDINANCE** concerning

**Maintaining Chickens**

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

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

8.04.010

**SECTION I: 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:

**Title 8 - ANIMALS**

**Chapter 8.04 - ANIMAL CONTROL**

**Section 8.04.010 - Maintaining animals.**

A. No person shall keep or maintain any mule, cow, calf, cattle, sheep, swine, ROOSTER, 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 Planning and Zoning backyard chicken registry and approval form. Prior to keeping any chickens, said form shall be submitted to the Department of Planning and Zoning along with accompanying fees and approved inspection. PRIOR TO MAINTAINING CHICKENS, A PERSON SHALL:

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

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.

**SECTION II: 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:**

UPPERCASE indicates matter added to existing law.  
~~Strikethrough~~ indicates matter stricken from existing law.  
Underlining indicates amendments.