



Legislation Text

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Maintaining Chickens - For the purpose of modifying the application and approval procedures for maintaining chickens; providing notice requirements; and generally relating to maintaining chickens.

**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.