

ORDINANCE NO. O-2020-07

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 4 ANIMALS, ARTICLE I. IN GENERAL,
SEC. 4-9. KEEPING SWINE, GOATS, CHICKENS OR DOMESTICATED DUCKS
AND SEC. 4-10. KEEPING FOWL OF THE
CODE OF THE CITY OF LAURINBURG**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAURINBURG:

1. Chapter 4, Animals, Sec. 4-9. Keeping Swine, Goats, Chickens or Domesticated Ducks of the City Code of the City of Laurinburg is hereby amended by deleting this section in its entirety and replacing with the following:

Sec. 4-9. Keeping swine, goats or domesticated ducks.

It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any pigs, hogs, goats or domesticated ducks within the corporate limits of the city.

2. Chapter 4, Animals, Sec. 4-10 Keeping Fowl of the City Code of the City of Laurinburg is hereby amended by deleting this section in its entirety and replacing with the following:

Sec. 4-10. Keeping chickens.

(a) *Permit required.* It shall be unlawful for any person to own, keep, or harbor any female chickens (hens) in the city without a permit. Roosters are expressly prohibited. A maximum of five (5) female chickens (hens) is allowed on single or two family residential property and school property for educational purposes.

(b) *Permitting process.* Prior to keeping or harboring any female chickens (hens), and prior to constructing any pen, coop or other enclosure for chickens (hens), the owner of the property on which hens will be kept shall submit an application to the city for a chicken permit. The city's planning and development department will review the application and containment plan to validate compliance with established city procedures. The application shall include a drawing showing the property lines, existing structures, location of the proposed coop, and the distance from the coop to the property line. An application fee set in the city's fee schedule shall be submitted with the application. Upon receipt of the application, the city's planning and development department will review the plans and conduct an inspection of the property to verify adequacy of the property to contain the intended chickens (hens) and to certify compliance with the city requirement as outlined in this chapter. It is unlawful to construct the chicken coop and to keep or harbor chickens (hens) on the property until approval and a permit are issued. Once the permit has been issued, a

copy shall be provided to the city's animal control officer for enforcement of the provisions of this chapter.

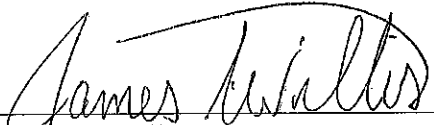
- (c) *Permit period.* The permit shall renew annually.
- (d) *Permit denial or revocation.* Should there be two (2) confirmed notices of violations of any of the provisions of this section be issued within a two year period, the permit shall be automatically revoked. Upon revocation, the property owner shall be prohibited from keeping or applying for a permit to keep chickens for a period of two (2) years. Following the two year period after revocation, the property owner may submit an application for a permit.

A chicken permit may be revoked:

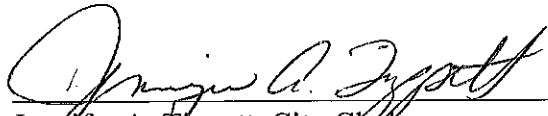
- (1) When the permit has been mistakenly issued without compliance with this chapter;
 - (2) When the applicant has submitted false information;
 - (3) When the health, safety or welfare of any person or property is menaced by the keep of the chickens, as determined by the animal control officer;
 - (4) When the chickens become a nuisance as determined by the animal control officer.
- (e) *Special requirements.*
 - (1) No residential lot shall have more than one (1) coop for keeping chickens (hens).
 - (2) Coops are allowed in the back yard of the residence, and shall be of such size to allow a minimum of three (3) square feet per chicken. An outside run no larger than eight (8) feet by eight (8) feet, connected to the coop is allowed.
 - (3) Coops and other enclosures where chickens (hens) are kept shall be located a minimum of 20 feet from the property line and must be constructed of materials suitable for exposure to moisture without deterioration, i.e., pressure treated lumber, vinyl siding, asphalt shingle or metal roofing, and galvanized or vinyl mesh fencing.
 - (4) Coops and other enclosures shall be discreetly located on the property, and screened so that the chickens (hens) contained within are not visible by line-of-sight from public roadways, other dwellings or commercial structures adjacent to the property.
 - (5) The coop and run, if constructed, must be kept clean, well ventilated, sanitary and free from objectionable odors. Refuse, droppings and food residue must be removed daily, double bagged and put in trash receptacle.
 - (6) The area around the coop must be kept clean and weed free to control rodents. All feed supplies must be kept in rodent-proof containers.
 - (7) Waste eggs or dead chickens (hens) must be disposed of promptly.
 - (8) Chickens (hens) must be fed and water on a daily basis.

- 10) Chickens (hens) must be kept contained in the coop or run at all times. Free roaming of chickens on or off the owner's property is strictly prohibited. No chicken shall run at-large.
- 11) Sale of eggs is not allowed as keeping of chickens (hens) is for personal use only.
- 12) No slaughtering of chickens will be allowed in areas that may be seen from public streets or adjacent properties.

This ordinance is in effect on and after July 21, 2020.



James T. Willis, Mayor



Jennifer A. Tippett, City Clerk