



SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE

No. 72 of 2009

(Authorizing the Keeping of Chickens in Residential Districts)

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 8.08.010, 8.08.060 AND 8.08.080, AND ENACTING SECTION 8.08.065, *SALT LAKE CITY CODE*, TO AUTHORIZE THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

WHEREAS, it is proposed that Sections 8.08.010, 8.08.060, and 8.08.080 of the Salt Lake City Code be amended and that Section 8.08.065 of the Salt Lake City Code be enacted to authorize the keeping of chickens in residential districts, subject to certain requirements, as set forth below;

WHEREAS, the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, finds the keeping of chickens in residential districts should be authorized, and that adoption of this Ordinance reasonably furthers the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Salt Lake City.

NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

SECTION 1. **Amending Section 8.08.010.** That Section 8.08.010 of the *Salt Lake City Code*, shall be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

8.08.010: DOMESTIC FOWL AND LIVESTOCK; PERMIT REQUIRED:

A. Except as provided in Subsection B of this section, it is unlawful for any person to keep within the city any chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, pigeons or other similar domestic fowl, or more than two (2) rabbits, or other similar animals, without first making application for and obtaining a permit from the office of animal services to do so. The fee for such permit shall be five dollars (\$5.00) per animal, but shall not exceed forty dollars (\$40.00) per year.

B. Notwithstanding Subsection A of this section, chickens may be kept in any area zoned as a residential district under Chapter 21A.24 of this code or its successor, subject to the requirements of Section 8.08.065 of this chapter.

C. It is unlawful for any person to keep within the city any sheep, goats, cows, calves, pigs, horses, jacks, jennies, or other similar animals, without first making application for and obtaining a permit from the office of animal services to do so. The fee for such permit shall be forty dollars (\$40.00) each year. Such permits shall not be issued for any area of the city except areas zoned as agricultural districts under Section 21A.32.050 of this code; or its successor section.

SECTION 2. **Amending Section 8.08.060.** That Section 8.08.060 of the *Salt Lake City Code*, shall be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

8.08.060: HOUSING AND FEEDING OF ANIMALS; LOCATION RESTRICTIONS:

It is unlawful to house, keep, run or feed any of the above mentioned animals within fifty feet (50') of any structure used for human habitation except as provided in Section 8.08.065 of this chapter.

SECTION 3. **Enacting Section 8.08.065.** That Section 8.08.065 of the *Salt Lake City Code* shall be, and hereby is, enacted to authorize the keeping of chickens in residential districts, subject to certain requirements, as follows:

8.08.065: KEEPING CHICKENS:

A. Subject to the requirements of this section and any other applicable provision of this chapter, fifteen (15) hen chickens (and no roosters) may be kept on a lot or parcel of land in a residential district for the sole purpose of producing eggs. The principal use on the lot or parcel shall be a one-family dwelling, a two-family dwelling, or a multi-family dwelling. Notwithstanding the foregoing, a person who complies with the requirements of Section 8.08.030 of this title may keep chickens as provided in such section.

B. Chickens shall be confined within a secure outdoor enclosed area.

1. The enclosed area shall include a covered, ventilated, and predator-resistant chicken coop.

a. The coop shall have a minimum floor area of at least two (2) square feet per chicken.

b. If chickens are not allowed to roam within an enclosed area outside the coop, the coop shall have a minimum floor area of six (6) square feet per chicken.

2. The coop shall be located in a rear yard at least twenty-five (25) feet from any dwelling located on an adjacent lot.

a. The coop and enclosed area shall be maintained in a neat and sanitary condition and shall be maintained as provided in Section 8.08.070 of this chapter.

b. No chicken shall be permitted to roam outside the coop or enclosed area.

3. Chicken feed shall be stored and dispensed in rodent-proof and predator-proof containers.

C. Chickens shall not be kept on a residential lot or parcel unless the person keeping chickens first obtains a permit as provided in Section 8.08.010 of this chapter.

1. The permittee shall acknowledge the rules set forth in this section and shall, as a condition of permit issuance, agree in writing to comply with such rules.

2. The permit shall be good for one (1) year and may be renewed annually.

D. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any chicken in a residential district in a manner contrary to the provisions of this section.

SECTION 4. **Amending Section 8.08.080.** That Section 8.08.080 of the *Salt Lake City Code*, shall be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

8.08.080: TRESPASS BY FOWL OR DOMESTIC ANIMALS:

It is unlawful for the owner or any person in charge of domestic fowl, such as turkeys, ducks, geese, chickens or other similar domestic fowls, or domestic animals such as dogs or cats, to permit such fowls or domestic animals to trespass upon the premises of another. It is unlawful for any person to house, keep, run or feed any such fowls within fifty feet (50') of any house used for human habitation except as provided in Section 8.08.065 of this chapter.

SECTION 5. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its first publication.

Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this 1st day of December, 2009.

Bill No. 72 of 2009.

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