

91.041 ANIMALS AND FOWL

Section 1 – PERMIT REQUIRED. No chickens or turkeys or other fowl, or any hogs, cattle, or horses, shall be kept on any premises within the corporate limits of this municipality unless a special permit therefor is issued by an Agent of the City after an inspection of the premises and a finding of fact that no nuisance will be created thereby. Such permit shall not be renewed without a re-inspection.

Section 2 – CLEANLINESS REQUIRED. Every building, structure, pen, coop or yard wherein such fowl or animals are kept shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition, devoid from all rodents and vermin and free from objectionable odor at all times and the interior walls, ceilings, floor, partitions and appurtenances of all such structure shall be whitewashed or painted as the Agent of the City directs.

Section 3 – EXCEPTION. This ordinance shall not apply to temporary keeping of fowl for sale by persons engaged in the business of buying and selling such animals and fowl, provided the keeping thereof shall be done so as not to create a nuisance.

Section 4 – CHICKENS

A. DEFINITIONS. The term “chicken coop” means a temporary structure for housing chickens made of wood or other similar materials that provides shelter from the elements. The term “chicken run” means an enclosed outside yard for keeping chickens. The term “premises” means any platted lot or group of contiguous lots, parcels or tracts of land. Coop must be removed from the property if not housing chickens.

B. CHICKENS LIMITED. It is unlawful for any person to keep or harbor chickens on any premises without a permit. No permit should be issued for the keeping or harboring of more than six hen chickens on any premises. No permit shall be issued for the keeping of any rooster chicken on any premises.

C. PERMIT. No person shall maintain a chicken coop and run unless they have been granted a permit. The permit shall be subject to all terms and conditions of this chapter and any additional conditions deemed necessary by the Council to protect the public health, safety and welfare. The necessary permit applications will be available in the City Clerk’s office. Included with the completed application must be a scaled diagram that indicates the location of any chicken coop and run, the approximate size, and distance from adjoining structures and property lines. A fee of \$20.00 will be charged for each permit which shall expire on December 31st of each year of the permit.

