

ORDINANCE NO. 865

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING TROUTDALE MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 6 (ANIMALS)

THE TROUTDALE CITY COUNCIL FINDS AS FOLLOWS:

1. The City of Troutdale adopted Multnomah County Code standards for animal control in 1998 (Ordinance 666).
2. Current Multnomah County Code standards do not have standards that regulate the allowance of keeping chickens on residential property.
3. Establishing local standards to allow for keeping of chickens will close a loophole in animal control regulations and provide the City legal leverage to administer and enforce standards that ensure the abatement of nuisances and protect quality of life.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF TROUTDALE

Section 1. Title 6, Animals of the Troutdale Municipal Code is hereby amended as provided in Attachment A.

Section 2. Any existing keepers shall secure permits by July 1, 2021

YEAS: 5

NAYS: 1 Councilor White

ABSTAINED: 0



Casey Ryan, Mayor
Date: December 24, 2020



Sarah Skroch, City Recorder
Adopted: December 22, 2020

TITLE 6 – ANIMALS

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CHAPTER 6.08 – KEEPING OF CHICKENS

6.08.010 – Short Title.

TMC Chapter 6.08 may be cited as the Troutdale Chicken Code.

6.08.020 – Definitions.

In addition to the definitions set forth in TMC 1.04.010, for purposes of the Troutdale Chicken Code, the following definitions apply:

- A. “Chicken” means the common domestic fowl (Species: *gallus gallus domesticus*).
- B. “Coop” means a small enclosure for housing chickens.
- C. “Dawn” means a thirty (30) minute time period before sunrise on a particular day.
- D. “Detached Single-Family Dwelling” as defined by the Troutdale Development Code.
- E. “Dusk” means a thirty (30) minute time period after sunset on a particular day.
- F. “Dwelling Unit” as defined by the Troutdale Development Code
- G. “Rear Yard” as defined by the Troutdale Development Code.
- H. “Rooster” means a male chicken at least four (4) months old or older. This definition includes cockerels between four (4) to twelve (12) months old and capons regardless of age.
- I. “Run” means an enclosed area where chickens may feed or exercise.

6.08.030 – Keeping of Chickens.

- A. A person may keep six (6) or fewer chickens with a permit on any one lot or parcel. The person must reside in a dwelling on the same lot or parcel where the six (6) or fewer chickens are kept.
- B. Only chickens at least four (4) months old or older count towards the total of six.
- C. No person shall keep roosters.

6.08.040 – Enclosures.

- A. Chickens must be kept in an enclosed coop or run at all times, except for allowing up to two consecutive hours of open-air time per day that is monitored by the keeper. The coop and run shall be located in the rear yard of the lot or parcel. Variances to the rear yard siting provision may be considered by the Troutdale Planning Commission through a Type III Special Variance application and procedure as identified within the Troutdale Development Code.

- B. The coop shall be located at least fifteen (15) feet from dwelling units on a different lot or parcel and shall maintain property setback standards for residential accessory structures as defined in Chapter 5 of the Troutdale Development Code.
- C. The run shall be located at least three (3) feet off all property lines.
- D. Chickens must be kept in a covered, enclosed coop between the end of dusk to the start of dawn.
- E. The coop shall have at least four (4) square feet of floor space per grown chicken.
- F. The run shall have at least eight (8) square feet of space per grown chicken.
- G. The coop and run must be kept in good repair, capable of being maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free of vermin, and obnoxious smells and substances.
- H. The coop and run and chickens therein shall not violate chapters contained within Title 8 of this Code or disturb neighboring residents due to noise, odor, damage, or threats to public health.
- I. Chicken feed or any other supplement to support chicken health shall be stored in a sealed container that is not penetrable by rodents or other animals at all times and shall be moved into an indoor setting at night.

6.08.050 – Inspection.

The manager is authorized to make inspection of property to effectuate the purposes and public benefits of the Troutdale Municipal Code and enforce this Chapter. Authorization to inspect shall be pursuant to Section 8.28.080 of this Code, irrespective of whether a permit has been granted.

6.08.060 – Permit Requirements.

- A. No person shall keep chickens under the provisions of this article without first obtaining a permit to keep chickens on their lot or parcel, and paying the permit fee prescribed.
- B. The permit shall be valid for a two-year period with the permit period commencing on the first day of the month a permit is issued and ends on the first day of the same month two years later.
- C. The permit may be revoked by the manager for any violation of the provisions of this article.
- D. The permit fee shall be established by council resolution.
- E. The permit fee may be changed at any time by the city, and all permit fees required shall be payable in advance at the time of application or renewal.
- F. The permit fee is not refundable under any circumstance.
- G. Applications for a permit shall be made to the city on forms prescribed by the Manager. The application shall include a signed statement acknowledging the property owner’s knowledge and consent of the application if the applicant is not the property owner and a signed statement that the applicant will comply with the provisions of this Chapter. The manager shall issue a permit when application has been approved and payment of the required fee has been received. The permit shall be exhibited to a peace officer upon demand.

6.08.070 – Penalty.

Violation of any provision of this article may be subject to a fine or penalty in the maximum amount of \$1,000.