

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND ARTICLE IX, SECTION 908.1 – USES ACCESSORY TO DWELLINGS, ZONING ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY, GEORGIA, AS AMENDED, SPECIFICALLY TO ESTABLISH PROVISIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS; AND TO AMEND ARTICLE IX, SECTION 908.6 – ACCESSORY USE STANDARDS, SPECIFICALLY TO SET THE MINIMUM DISTANCE FROM PROPERTY LINE TO CHICKEN COOP; TO REPEAL CONFLICTING ORDINANCES; TO PROVIDE FOR SEVERABILITY; TO ESTABLISH AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.**

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PEACHTREE CITY, and it is hereby ordained by authority of the same, that:

**Section 1.** Article IX, Section 908.1, Uses Accessory to Dwellings be amended to add paragraph (q) which reads as follows:

*(908.1) Uses Accessory to Dwellings*

- (q) Notwithstanding any other provisions of this ordinance, coops and enclosed runs for female pullet or hens (*Gallus gallus domesticus*), also known as backyard chickens, subject to the following performance standards and criteria:
  - (a) No chicken shall be permitted on any zoning lot containing a dwelling other than a one-family residential dwelling as defined by this zoning ordinance.
  - (b) Roosters, ducks, geese, turkeys, peafowl, guineas, quail, and pheasants are not permitted.
  - (c) Chickens are maintained for personal pets and/or for egg production, but not for meat productivity or breeding. Sale of eggs, chicks, and chicken meat is prohibited.
  - (d) The minimum lot size for keeping backyard chickens is 20,000 square feet.
  - (e) The maximum number of chickens permitted per lot size shall be as follows:
    - i. Lot size 20,000 square feet to 42,999 square feet = 8 chickens
    - ii. Lot size 43,000 square feet or larger = 10 chickens per acre, or fraction thereof, up to a maximum of 30
  - (f) Chickens shall be kept within an enclosed coop (a covered house or structure that provides chickens with shelter from

weather and with a roosting area protected from predators) or run (fenced or wired area).

- i. Coops and runs shall be located in the rear yard only.
  - ii. Coops shall be located at least 20 feet from any property line and shall not exceed eight feet in height above the existing ground at its eave line or 12 feet above the existing ground at the highest point of its roof.
  - iii. Coops shall have a roof and a minimum of four square feet in area per chicken over the age of four months.
  - iv. Runs shall be a minimum area of ten square feet per chicken over the age of four months.
  - v. Fencing and wiring shall comply with the city's fencing regulations.
  - vi. Property owners who elect to keep backyard chickens consent to inspections of their property upon complaint to the Code Enforcement Department as related to backyard chickens.
- (g) Backyard chickens, coops, and runs must be kept in sanitary conditions and shall not be a public nuisance as define by the state and within Chapter 51 of the Peachtree City Code of Ordinances.

**Section 2.** Article IX, Section 908.6, Accessory Use Standards be amended to add paragraph (h) which reads as follows:

- (h) Structures intended to be used as coops for chickens shall be located at least 20 feet from any property line.

**Section 3.** All ordinances or parts thereof which conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are, to the extent of such conflict and except as hereinafter provided, hereby repealed.

**Section 4.** Should any provision of this ordinance be declared invalid by a Court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of this ordinance as a whole or any provision thereof other than the provisions

specifically declared to be invalid. The City Council declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each subsection, sentence, clause and phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared invalid.

**Section 5.** This ordinance shall be in full force and effect upon its official adoption by the City Council.

This 21 day of November 20.



Kim Learnard, Mayor



Laura Johnson, Post 1



Suzanne Brown, Post 2



Clinton Holland, Post 3



Frank Destadio, Post 4

Attest:



Yasmin Julio, City Clerk