

ORDINANCE NO. 2020 - 14
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COMMON COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LAKE STATION, INDIANA,
AMENDING SECTION 6-25 OF THE MUNICIPAL CODE OF THE CITY OF LAKE STATION, TO
ALLOW CHICKENS ON PARCELS CONSISTING OF LESS THAN FIVE (5) ACRES

WHEREAS, Section 6 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lake Station, Indiana, sets forth certain regulations governing animals within the geographical boundaries of the City of Lake Station, Indiana ("City"); and

WHEREAS, Section 6-25 of the Municipal Code currently allows individuals with minimum of five (5) contiguous acres of land in the City; and

WHEREAS, The Common Council of the City now desires to amend Section 6-25 of the Lake Station Municipal Code in order to establish new regulations in order to permit Individuals owning less than five (5) contiguous acres of land to harbor chickens Within the City.

NOW, THEREFORE, LET IT BE ORDAINED by the Common Council of the City of Lake Station, Lake County, Indiana, as follows:

That Section 6-25 of the Municipal Code of the City of Lake Station be amended as follows:

Section 6-25(a)(1)(e) read as follows:

e. Roosters, geese, turkeys, ducks, or other fowl except racing or homing pigeons;

That a Section 6-25(f) be added to read as follows:

(f) Chickens shall be allowed to be kept in the City of Lake Station, Indiana, on parcels of land consisting of less than five (5) acres in strict accordance with all of the following requirements:

1. A chicken is a *gallus gallus domesticus*, a domestic bird typically kept on a farm. This definition does not include other fowl, such as, but not limited to, peacocks, turkeys or waterfowl.
2. No roosters (male chickens) shall be kept under the provisions of this section.
3. There shall be no more than five (5) chickens on any parcels of land less than five (5) acres in size.
4. Chickens must be kept completely and securely enclosed and under the control of the owner and on the owner's property at all times.
5. A chicken coop, an enclosed structure for harboring chickens that provides shelter from the elements, shall be provided. The chicken coop must provide adequate sun, shade and ventilation and must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds and predators, including cats and dogs and must provide at least ten (10) square feet of space per chicken kept therein. No chicken coop shall exceed seventy-five (75) total square feet in size. No chicken coop shall be

more than ten (10) feet in height. The chicken coop shall be situated a minimum of ten feet from all property lines. For corner lots, the chicken coop shall be situated as near as possible to the middle of the lot. The city's Building Commissioner shall have final approval of the construction and location of chicken coops on all lots.

6. Chickens shall be provided with access to feed and clean water at all times.

7. All feed for said chickens shall be stored in containers so as to protect against intrusion by rodents and vermin.

8. The chicken coop shall be maintained in a sanitary condition and in compliance with applicable health regulations of the State of Indiana, Lake County, and the City.

9. Chickens and chicken coops shall be confined to the back yard of the property.

10. Any chickens kept in accordance with the provisions of this section shall be for non-commercial, personal use only and may not be slaughtered on the property.

11. Any violations of this Section shall be subject to applicable penalties set forth in Section 1-9 of the City of Lake Station, Indiana, Municipal Code.

12. A yearly permit fee shall be ten dollars (\$10.00) and paid to the Clerk-Treasurer's office. Coop permits shall be issued only when:

a. Chicken owner provides proof of \$100,000.00 liability insurance coverage;


b. A proper inspection sheet signed by the Building Commissioner is submitted;

13. Chicken coop permits expire on December 31 of every year and shall be renewed annually.

14. Coop tags shall be issued with permits, tags are to be displayed prominently on the chicken coop.

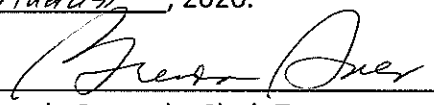
PASSED AND ADOPTED, effective immediately, by the Common Council of the City of Lake Station, Indiana, this 13th day of AUGUST, 2020.

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William Carroll, Mayor

ATTEST: 
Brenda Samuels, Clerk-Treasurer

Presented by me to the Mayor of the City of Lake Station, Indiana, on the 13th day of AUGUST, 2020.


Brenda Samuels, Clerk-Treasurer

Approved, signed and returned by me to the Common Council of the City of Lake Station, Indiana, this 13th day of AUGUST, 2020.


William Carroll, Mayor