



TOWN OF

DARRINGTON

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ORDINANCE NO. 701

AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUCIL OF THE TOWN OF DARRINGTON, WASHINGTON AMENDING CHAPTER 6.04 DARRINGTON MUNICIPAL CODE, LIVESTOCK.

SECTION 6.04.020 – DEFINITIONS, TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

1. 6.040.020 definition of livestock to be expanded to include “domestic bees used for pollination or honey production.”

SECTION 6.04.060 – LIVESTOCK, TO BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:

A) Chickens may be kept with the following limitations:

- 1) No more than 6 hens on lots up to 15,000 square feet. Lots above 15,000 square feet can have 1 more hen per each 2500 square feet above the 15,000 square foot minimum.
- 2) Chickens shall be raised as pets, or for egg laying, and for their meat.
- 3) Roosters are prohibited.
- 4) Fighting chicken are prohibited.
- 5) Chickens shall be housed in a proper building, pen or enclosure. Such building, pen or enclosure shall be twenty (20) feet from adjacent occupied buildings, and a minimum of five (5) feet from the lot line. Such buildings shall be well maintained.
- 6) Chickens shall not be allowed to range freely and shall be kept on the property where housed.
- 7) Feed, if kept outdoors, must be kept in metal containers that are rodent resistant.
- 8) Any building, pen or enclosure which houses chickens shall be kept clean, healthful and free from unsanitary conditions and disagreeable odors.
- 9) All manure and other refuse must be kept in secure, tightly sealed containers and disposed of at least once a week in a manner approved by the animal control officer.

B) Bees may be kept with the following limitations:

- 1) There is a 2 hive limit, one swarm per hive.
- 2) Bees shall be used for pollination or honey production.
- 3) Hives shall be located twenty (20) feet from front of lot (corner lots have two fronts), and ten (10) feet from sides and back of lot.

- 4) All colonies must be registered with the director of the department of agriculture of the state of Washington as provided in RCW 15.60.021. (<http://agr.wa.gov/PlantsInsects/Apiary/>)

SEVERABILITY. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance should be held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such invalidity or unconstitutionality shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of any other section, sentence, clause or phrase of this ordinance.

EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance shall take effect five days after publication by summary.

PASSED by the Town Council and APPROVED by the Mayor this 8th day of April, 2015.

TOWN OF DARRINGTON

BY: 

Dan Rankin, Mayor

APPROVED AS TO FORM:

BY: Thomas H Graafstra, Town Attorney

ATTEST:

By: 

~~Sonya Blacker, Town Clerk~~

Deputy Clerk