

**BILL NO. 2206**

**ORDINANCE NO. 2206**

**AN ORDINANCE TO MODIFY THE REGULATIONS REGARDING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN THE CITY OF LADUE IN CHAPTER 18 OF THE LADUE CODE OF ORDINANCES TO ADD PROVISIONS FOR EXISTING CHICKEN STRUCTURES AND ENCLOSURES**

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance 2188, creating regulations for the keeping of chickens in the City of Ladue, was passed in June of 2018; and

**WHEREAS**, the City has determined that residents may have made structural changes to their properties in order to accommodate chickens prior to the enactment of Ordinance 2188; and

**WHEREAS**, some structures built for keeping chickens prior to Ordinance 2188 do not conform to all requirements of the new regulations, regarding certain details such as size and location of chicken shelter or enclosure; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like all residents that keep chickens to obtain a permit in order to ensure that they are complying with the requirements for keeping chickens such as maximum number of chickens, prohibition of roosters, and containment of chickens on the permitted property; and

**WHEREAS**, requiring existing chicken structures or enclosures to come into compliance with all of the requirements of Ordinance 2188 may deter certain chicken owners from applying for a permit for the keeping of chickens; and

**WHEREAS**, the City would like to amend Chapter 18 to allow residents with existing chicken structures or enclosures to continue keeping chickens in the existing structure or enclosure as long as the existing structure or enclosure is in a safe, well-maintained condition and the property otherwise comes into compliance with all other requirements of Chapter 18, Article IV; and

**WHEREAS**, this bill has been made available for public inspection prior to its consideration by the City Council and read by title two times in open meeting prior to passage.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF LADUE, ST. LOUIS COUNTY, MISSOURI, AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** The following Section 18.50 shall be added to Chapter 18 after the Section 18.49, entitled Specific Prohibitions:

Sec. 18-50. Existing Chicken Shelter or Enclosure

(a) A chicken shelter or enclosure which was lawful before the passage or amendment of the ordinance from which this section is derived, but is not in conformity with the provisions of this Article may continue to be used for the keeping of chickens, provided the shelter and enclosure is well-maintained and in a safe condition.

(b) Property must comply with all other requirements for obtaining a Permit for the Keeping of Chickens, including, but not limited to, the number of chickens on the property, the prohibition of roosters, and the containment of chickens on the subject property.

(c) No existing chicken shelter or enclosure that does not comply with all of the requirements of this Article shall be expanded, changed, enlarged, or altered in any way which increases its noncompliance.

(d) If any existing chicken shelter or enclosure is destroyed by any means, the replacement chicken shelter or enclosure must be in conformity with the provisions of this Article.

**Section 2.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after its passage and approval by the Mayor.

**PASSED THIS 20TH DAY OF AUGUST 2018.**

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President, City Council

**APPROVED AND ADOPTED THIS 20TH DAY OF AUGUST 2018.**

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Nancy Spewak, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Laura Rider, City Clerk