

BILL NO. 20-10

ORDINANCE NO. 428

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY LEETON REGARDING THE KEEPING OF HENS/PULLETS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE, THE BOARD OF ALDERMAN OF THE CITY OF LEETON, MISSOURI AS FOLLOWS:

Section One. PERMITS

Any property owner desiring to keep any hens/pullets must complete an application soliciting a permit to keep the same, wherein the applicant must identify the location (by address) and describe the housing/run (with dimensions), location of the housing/run within the property, the dimensions of the applicant's premises, and the distance of the housing/run from nearest dwelling not owned by the applicant. Upon review and approval by the City Clerk and the Chief of Police the City Clerk shall issue the solicited permit. Each permit shall be valid for one year from its issuance, unless sooner revoked by the Board of Aldermen, upon good cause. The charge for initial issuance shall be ten dollars (\$10.00), after which, a renewal permit may be issue upon the Chief of Police determination (upon reinspection of the premises and confirmation of compliance) that the premises are being maintained in a clean and sanitary condition; that the hens/pullets have not been subjected to suffering or cruelty; that the hens'/pullets' keeping does not constitute a detriment to the health, safety or peace of the community; that the maintenance of the holding structure is not in violation of applicable ordinance and that the renewal charge of ten dollars (\$10.00) has been paid.

By the acceptance of a permit under this City Code, the permittee consents to the inspection of premises under his/her control by the Chief of Police or his/her designee to insure continued compliance with the provisions of this article.

Should the Chief of Police or his/her designee charge that the permittee has failed to provide any chicken in his/her possession, care or control with proper and sufficient food, drink, shelter or protection or has subjected any such animal to needless suffering, unnecessary cruelty or abuse or has failed to maintain the premises in a clean and sanitary condition, the Chief of Police or his/her designee may summarily suspend such permit, pending resolution of the cited deficit and, should any permit have been summarily suspended for two or more violations within twelve consecutive months, that permit may be permanently revoked by the Board of Aldermen, after hearing, upon ten days' notice to the permittee.

Section Two. ENCLOSURES

1. Hens/pullets must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area during daylight hours and secured within a henhouse or chicken tractor during non-daylight hours.
2. Each hen/pullet shall be provided with a minimum of four (4) square feet per bird of exterior enclosed area and four (4) square feet of interior area, aggregating to eight (8) square feet for each hen/pullet.
3. Enclosures, interior or exterior, must be kept in a neat, clean, dry, odor-free and sanitary condition.
4. Henhouses, enclosures and pens must provide adequate ventilation, sun and shade and must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds and predators, including cats and dogs.
5. Henhouses and enclosures shall provide safe and healthy living conditions for the hens/pullets, while minimizing the adverse impacts to other residents of the City.
6. Henhouses, enclosures and runs may be located only to the rear of the dwelling or main structure.
7. Henhouses, enclosures and chicken runs may be located no closer than ten (10) feet to the applicant's property line and at least and fifty (50) feet from the nearest part of any residence or dwelling upon an adjacent, non-owned property by the applicant.

Section Three. RUNNING AT LARGE

No owner or any person responsible for any hen/pullet shall allow such hen/pullet to run at large or loose upon the streets or public places of the City. The City's officials are permitted to confiscate any hen/pullet, found upon any of the City's streets or public places, whereupon such official shall make reasonable efforts to discern the ownership of such hen/pullet; but if not reasonably feasible, to dispose of the same. Should any dog or cat kill or injure any hen/pullet running at large, that dog or cat shall not, for that reason alone, be deemed a dangerous or aggressive animal.

Section Four. MAXIMUM NUMBER OF HENS/PULLETS

1. The maximum number of hens/pullets allowed upon any area of common ownership shall not exceed twelve (12) at any one time, irrespective of how many dwelling units exist on such tract of common ownership.
2. Only female chickens (pullets or hens) are allowed, without restriction of their breed.

Section Five.

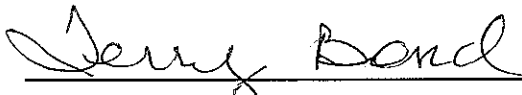
The provisions of this Ordinance shall become immediately effective upon its passage.

Read two times and passed this 20th day of October, 2020.



Taylor Ewell, Mayor

Attest:



Terry Bond, City Clerk