

Ordinance 2021-19
An Ordinance Amending Chapter 75 Regulating Animals in the Borough of Lindenwold

WHEREAS, the Municipal Governing Body of the Borough of Lindenwold wishes to take steps consistent with the State of New Jersey programs to promote going green, saving money and sustaining the quality of life in the long term, and

WHEREAS, there has been a growing request to adopt one of these initiatives by allowing backyard chickens.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the municipal governing body of the Borough of Lindenwold, as follows:

§ 75-17 Certain Animals prohibited

No person or entity shall keep any goats, sheep, horses, pigs, swine, cattle, poultry or fowl of any kind in the Borough of Lindenwold with the exception of backyard chickens as defined under Article V

Article V Backyard Chickens

§ 75-26 Eligibility; Restrictions; Coops and Runs

A. Residents of single-family homes which meet the criteria set forth in this section shall be eligible to keep backyard chickens

B. There shall be a limit of six hens per residence. Roosters are prohibited.

C. The coop and run, located in the backyard, shall not exceed 100 square feet and shall be located no closer than 20 feet from the windows and/or doors of the habitable portion of the neighboring residential dwelling. Garages, attached or otherwise, and accessory buildings shall not be considered a “residential dwelling” for purposes of calculating the required distance. Hens may temporarily “free range” outside of the coop in a suitably contained area provided that an adult, age 18 or older, is present the entire time. A predator-proof run must be attached to the coop and must also be 20 feet from the habitable portion of the neighboring residential dwelling.

D. Chickens, chicken coops and enclosed chicken runs are permitted only in the rear yard of any eligible property as defined in Chapter 365-16 R-1, R-1A, R-2.

§ 75-27 Requirements for Coops; slaughter of chickens; waste

Participant shall comply with the following regulations and conditions for keeping and housing of hens:

A. The coop shall be suitable in size to house the number of hens subject to this program(which is no more than 6)

B. The coop shall be dry and well ventilated with windows to admit sunlight.

C. The coop must be kept clean.

D. The coop and enclosed run must be made predator-proof.

E. Clean water must be provided, and food must be kept tightly closed in a metal container away from the coop and run at night.

F. The yard in the area where the coop is located shall be clean and free from odors.

G. There shall be no slaughter of chickens in the Borough of Lindenwold

H. Waste will be handled by the participant to prevent offensive odors or disposed in an environmentally friendly manner.

I. There shall be no selling of eggs.

§ 75-28 **Enforcement.**

Code enforcement personnel, Camden County Health Department personnel, animal control officers any police officer of the Borough of Lindenwold, and any designee thereof are hereby given full power and authority to enforce this article and investigate any complaints

§ 75-29 **Violations and penalties.**

Any person, firm or corporation violating any of the provisions of this article shall, upon conviction thereof, be subject to the penalties as set forth in Chapter 1, § 1-1, of this Code.

INTRODUCED: October 13, 2021

ADOPTED: November 10, 2021

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