

**BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON ORDINANCE NO. 1036**

**ADDING ARTICLE VII, CHICKENS, TO CHAPTER 48, ANIMALS, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**

**BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barrington, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that Article VII of Chapter 48, Animals, in the Code of the Borough of Barrington, is added as follows:

**ARTICLE I.                    ARTICLE VII. SECTION 48-21.                    Chickens permitted; Pilot Program**

This ordinance is a pilot program for the keeping of "Backyard Chickens". Keeping of "Backyard Chickens" shall be permitted in the Borough of Barrington subject to the rules and regulations as specified in this ordinance. This ordinance applies to hens only as roosters are strictly prohibited. This ordinance shall expire as of June 30, 2016, unless permanently adopted by the Governing Body of the Borough of Barrington.

**ARTICLE II.                    ARTICLE VII. SECTION 48-22.                    Location; number restricted.**

No chickens shall be kept within twenty (20) feet of any structure owned by another and used for human habitation, occupation or assembly, provided that in no case shall any person or persons be permitted to keep more than four (4) chickens. No chickens shall be permitted to run or stray within twenty (20) feet of such structure.

**ARTICLE III.                    ARTICLE VII. SECTION 48-23.                    License required; fee; expiration.**

No person shall keep chickens on their property without having first obtained a license from the license issuing authority. The annual fee shall be in the amount of \$10.00, and shall expire on December 31 of each year. Licenses shall be renewed annually.

**ARTICLE IV.                    ARTICLE VII. SECTION 48-24.                    Requirements for coops.**

The following regulations and conditions for the keeping and housing of chickens shall be complied with:

- A.        The coop shall be dry and well ventilated, with windows so placed, if possible, as to admit sunlight.
- B.        The coop shall be well whitewashed or painted therein.

C. The coop shall be cleaned at least once a week between November 1 and May 1, twice a week between May 1 and November 1 and, if necessary, to be cleaned more often and to be disinfected.

D. Perches shall be removable and kept clean.

E. Chicken nests shall be removable, cleaned, aired and sunned at frequent intervals.

F. Drinking fountains in the area where the coop is located shall be cleaned and supplied at all times with clean water.

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

H. Coops shall be inspected annually by the issuing authority or upon receipt of a complaint. Property owner shall grant access for the coops to be inspected.

**ARTICLE V. ARTICLE VII. SECTION 48-25. Revocation of license.**

If the above conditions and regulations are not complied with the license shall be revoked, provided that nothing herein shall apply to the chicken coops in regular licensed markets or stores for the sale, slaughter and plucking of poultry.

**ARTICLE VI. ARTICLE VII. SECTION 48-26. Revocation due to environmental changes.**

Whenever, in the opinion of the Health Official, the environment in an area has changed since granting the license to keep and maintain chickens therein to such an extent that the maintenance thereof may constitute a nuisance, such license may be revoked by the Health Official.

**ARTICLE VII. ARTICLE VII. SECTION 48-27. Procedure for revocation or suspension hearing.**

The Health Official is hereby empowered to suspend or revoke the license held by any person who violates any of the provisions of this Article. No license shall be suspended or revoked until after a hearing. A notice of five (5) days, in writing, stating the time and place of such hearing, shall be served upon the licensee.

**ARTICLE VIII. ARTICLE VII. SECTION 48-28. Time of Ordinance, termination.**

The provisions of this Article, unless renewed by the Borough Council of the Borough of Barrington, shall expire and become inoperative at 12:01 am on July 1, 2016.

**ARTICLE IX.**

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

**ARTICLE X.**

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

**THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON**

**Introduced: April 14, 2015**

**Adopted: May 12, 2015**

BY: Robert Klaus  
ROBERT KLAUS, MAYOR

Attest: Terry Shannon  
Terry Shannon, Municipal Clerk