

AMENDING OF CHAPTER 4 OF THE CODE OF ORDINANCES ENTITLED
“ANIMALS AND FOWL”

SECTION 1. The Code of Ordinances of the City of Providence is amended as follows:

Article I. In General.

Sec. 4-4. Keeping fowl.

~~No owner or occupant of any dwelling house shall keep or permit to be kept, any live fowl, geese, ducks or pigeons in any dwelling house or in the cellar of any such house, nor shall any such fowl or pigeons be kept within the city limits.~~

Art. III. Control of Dogs and Other Animals

Sec. 4-37.3. Maximum chicken hens allowed.

The owner of any dwelling may keep or permit to be kept on the lot containing the dwelling, one (1) hen per eight hundred (800) square feet of total lot area, with a maximum of six (6) on any lot, provided that:

(a) no person shall keep any rooster;

(b) all chicken hens must be provided with both a hen house (coop) and a fenced outdoor enclosure, subject to the following provisions:

(i) the hen house must be covered, predator resistant, and well-ventilated;

(ii) the hen house must provide a minimum of two (2) square feet per chicken;

(iii) the hen house must be kept clean, dry, and sanitary at all times; manure must be composted in enclosed bins;

(iv) the hen house must be located upon a permeable surface that prevents waste run-off;

(v) the hen house must be located at least twenty (20) feet from any dwelling;

(vi) the fenced outdoor enclosure must adequately contain the chicken hens;

(vii) the fenced outdoor enclosure must be kept clean and sanitary at all times; manure must be composted in enclosed bins;

(viii) the hen house must provide the chicken hens with adequate protection from the elements and inclement weather and provide for the chicken hens good health and prevent any unnecessary or unjustified suffering; and

(ix) the owner of the hen(s) must be a resident of said dwelling.

(c) no hen house (coop) shall be built onto any shared fence;

(d) no chicken hens may be kept or raised within the dwelling.

(e) all chicken hens must be fed subject to the requirements of section 12-118, and feed must be stored securely;

(f) no chicken hen may be slaughtered except subject to the requirements of section 10-104 et seq. and of the zoning ordinance;

(g) all chicken hens are subject to the nuisance provisions set forth in section 4-47, subsections (b) and (c); and

(h) all chicken hens must be confined between the hours of 9:00 PM and 8:00 AM.

As used herein, "lot" shall mean one or more parcels of land which are contiguous and are under the same ownership according to the tax assessor's records and which are zoned residential or are residential as a legal non-conforming use pursuant to the zoning ordinance.

SECTION 2. These amendments shall take effect upon passage.