



City Of Scio, Oregon



ORDINANCE NO. 604

AN ORDINANCE CREATING THE SCIO DOMESTIC CHICKEN ORDINANCE

WHEREAS, the City desires to protect the health, safety and well-being of the citizens of Scio and that it is in the public interest to regulate domestic chickens in the City of Scio.

WHEREFORE, THE CITY OF SCIO DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. Title.

This Ordinance shall be known as the “Domestic Chicken Ordinance” of the City of Scio, Oregon.

Section 2. Purpose.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to regulate the keeping of domestic chickens in the City of Scio.

Section 3. Regulations.

The keeping of domestic chickens is allowed subject to the following limitations:

- A. Chickens shall only be kept upon property containing a detached single-family dwelling or duplex.
- B. Maximum Number. Six hens (no roosters) shall be permitted per household.
- C. Containment. Chickens shall either be in an enclosure or fenced area. Chicken enclosures shall not be located in any area between the dwelling and the front property line.
- D. Enclosures. An enclosure shall not be located closer than twenty feet to a neighboring dwelling and shall be kept clean, dry, free of noticeable odors, and in good repair.

Section 4. Exceptions.

Any citizen may seek exceptions to the Regulations contained herein by application to the City Council. The Council shall consider all relevant factors in ruling on such application, including the following factors:

- A. Size and location of the property where the exception is sought, as well as layout of the property and location where chickens would be kept;
- B. Comments, consents or other information from neighbors of the relevant property;
- C. Containment and enclosures planned or existing at the relevant property.

Section 5. Enforcement

Each violation of any provision of this Chapter constitutes a violation under the ordinances of the City of Scio, subject to a maximum penalty of a fine of up to two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each occurrence.

Section 8. Effective Date

This Ordinance shall become effective 30 days from the date passed by Council.

This Ordinance was passed on the 11th day of April 2016 by the City Council and executed by the Mayor this 15th day of April 2016.

Date: 4-15-16

By: Gary C. Weaver
Gary C. Weaver, Mayor

Date: 4-15-16

Attest: Virginia A. Allen
Virginia A. Allen, Interim City Manager

APPROVED AS TO FORM

Date: 5-10-16

By: John E. Kennedy
JOHN E. KENNEDY, City Attorney