

ORDINANCE TO AUTHORIZE THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY OF RAPID CITY

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF RAPID CITY, SD AS FOLLOWS:

The Rapid City Municipal Code Section 6.08.020 is amended by adding a new subsection (C) and striking "chickens" from subsection (A)

6.08.020(C) Notwithstanding any other provision of this code, domestic chickens for the purpose of egg production may be kept in accordance with the provisions of this subsection.

1. Chickens may only be kept on a premises licensed by the City for the keeping of domestic chickens.

- a) An application for a domestic chicken license shall be made to the finance .,, the applicant or location to be licensed has been the subject of two or more nuisance violations that resulted in a conviction for violation of a nuisance provision of the Rapid City municipal code or state law.
- e) Upon a second conviction within a twelve month period for a violation of any provision of this section or any other nuisance provision of the Rapid City municipal code or state law, the domestic chicken license issued by the Finance Officer may be rendered null and void.
- f) Notwithstanding any other provision of this section, the domestic chicken license granted under this subsection is immediately null and void upon the licensee's conviction of any cruelty to animal charge.

2. Each licensee shall meet the following criteria:

- a) Chickens shall only be kept on property zoned for and actually used as a single family dwelling
- b) No more than six chickens may be kept on any licensed premises.
- c) Roosters are prohibited.
- d) Chickens shall be housed in a secure, predator proof and well ventilated roofed structure.
- e) The roofed structure shall be fully enclosed, wind proof, have one square foot of window to 15 square feet of floor space.
- f) Chicken enclosures and houses must be kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times and must be cleaned on a regular basis so as to prevent offensive odors.
- g) The fence around the yard enclosure shall be securely constructed with a mesh type material and shall have protective overhead netting to keep the chickens separated from other animals.
- h) Chickens shall have continuous access to feed and water.
- i) Chicken feed must be stored in a predator and rodent proof container.
- j) Chickens shall be maintained in a healthy condition.