

TRAVERSE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES

ORDINANCE AMENDMENT NO. 845

Effective date: September 18, 2009

TITLE: KEEPING CHICKENS

THE CITY OF TRAVERSE CITY ORDAINS:

That Section 610.01, Prohibited Animals, of the Traverse City Code of Ordinances, be amended to read in its entirety as follows:

610.01 PROHIBITED ANIMALS.

- (a) Annoying Animals. No person shall harbor or keep any animal or bird which causes annoyance or disturbance in a neighborhood, by making sounds common to its species or otherwise, or which endangers the safety of any person or property.
- (b) Fowl; Bees. No person shall keep, harbor, raise or hatch domestic fowl, pigeons or bees in the City.
- (c) Livestock. Except as otherwise provided in this section, no person shall keep within the City any cattle, cow, horse, sheep, swine, goat, mule, donkey, pony or other livestock.
- (d) Exceptions. Notwithstanding the prohibitions of this section,
 - (1) Animals may be kept in a municipal zoo,
 - (2) Chickens may be kept according to the following conditions:
 - (A) A maximum of four (4) hens may be kept per parcel. Roosters are prohibited.
 - (B) Slaughtering chickens outdoors is prohibited.
 - (C) Chickens shall be provided, and remain within, a fully enclosed shelter with an optional covered fenced enclosure in the rear yard.
 - (D) Enclosures shall be located at least twenty-five (25) feet from any dwelling on a neighboring parcel.
 - (E) No chicken shall be kept on parcels with more than one dwelling.
 - (3) Livestock may be kept with the advanced written permission of the City Manager which shall be given if the following are demonstrated:
 - (A) The animals are kept securely and humanely;
 - (B) The animals are not kept within 100 feet of any residence;
 - (C) All laws and ordinances regarding sanitation of the premises or buildings where the animals are kept are complied with;
 - (D) There is no adverse effect upon adjoining public or private property;
 - (E) The animals are not kept for more than thirty days within a twelve-month period; and
 - (F) It is otherwise legal to keep such animals.
- (e) Penalty. A person who violates this section is responsible for a municipal civil infraction.

The effective date of this Ordinance is the eighteenth day of September, 2009.

I hereby certify the above ordinance amendment was introduced on August 17, 2009, at a regular meeting of the City Commission and was enacted on September 8, 2009, at a regular meeting of the City Commission by a vote of Yes: 7 No: 0 at the Commission Chambers, Governmental Center, 400 Boardman Avenue, Traverse City, Michigan.

Michael Estes, Mayor

Debra A. Curtiss, City Clerk

I hereby certify that a notice of adoption of the above ordinance was published in the Traverse City Record Eagle, a daily newspaper published in Traverse City, Michigan, on September 16, 2009.

Debra A. Curtiss, City Clerk