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**ORDINANCE NO. 1371**

**AN ORDINANCE BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS, ADDING REGULATIONS GOVERNING CHICKENS KEPT WITHIN THE CITY, BEGINNING AT SECTION 2-110(f) OF CITY CODE CHAPTER II.**

WHEREAS, the Governing Body of the City finds that residents desire to raise chickens within the City limits;

WHEREAS, chickens (no roosters) may be raised and maintained within the City limits under the rules and standards codified at Chapter II, Article 1 beginning at Section 2-110(f) in the Code of the City of Columbus, Kansas.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE GOVERNING BODY OF THE CITY OF COLUMBUS, KANSAS.

SECTION 1: That Chapter II, Section 2-110(f) shall be established and amends Code 1999 as follows:

1-110(f). Chickens may be kept when maintained by owners in a safe and sanitary manner.

A. The maximum total number of permitted fowl allowed to be owned or kept on an individual lot is one (1) animal (fowl) per five hundred (500) square feet of lot size, rounded down, but in no event shall the total number of permitted fowl on any lot exceed six (6).

B. Roosters are not allowed.

C. Any person who owns chickens shall provide a coop or other similar shelter and adequate laying boxes, and roosts for the chickens. Such shelter shall be screened or walled in a manner that allows the chickens to be reasonably protected from predators.

D. The coop shall be a minimum of three square feet in size per chicken if the birds have a fenced outdoor run, or 10 square feet per chicken if the birds do not have a fenced outdoor run.

E. A minimum of one square foot of laying box space shall be provided per three (3) chickens. Each laying box will contain adequate clean bedding material such as hay or other similar soft material.

F. One 8" or larger roost is required per chicken. ~~Ducks do not require roosts.~~

G. No coop shall be located closer than five (5) feet from any neighboring property line.

H. A coop shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition to prevent the unreasonable accumulation of waste or any other noxious substances, noxious odors or the presence of vermin.

I. Compliance. A designated City official shall have the right to inspect any chicken coop for the purpose of ensuring compliance with this ordinance between 8 a.m. and 5 p.m. once annually upon prior notice to the owner of the apiary property, and more often upon complaint without prior notice. Compliance with this ordinance shall not be a defense to a proceeding alleging that a given colony constitutes a nuisance, but such compliance may be offered as evidence of the owner of the chickens who has made efforts to abate any proven nuisance.

SECTION 2: All ordinances, resolutions or policies or parts thereof in conflict herewith are hereby expressly repealed insofar as they conflict herewith.

SECTION 3: This ordinance shall take effect and be in force from and after passage and publication in the official city newspaper.

PASSED and APPROVED by the Columbus City Council this \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2016.

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Dexter Opela  
Mayor

ATTEST:

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Cherri Chancellor  
City Clerk

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