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2 SALT LAKE CITY ORDINANCE

3 No. ____ of 2009

4
5 (Authorizing the Keeping of Chickens in Residential Districts)

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7 AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTIONS 8.08.010, 8.08.060 AND 8.08.080, AND
8 ENACTING SECTION 8.08.065, *SALT LAKE CITY CODE*, TO AUTHORIZE THE KEEPING
9 OF CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS SUBJECT TO CERTAIN REQUIREMENTS.

10 WHEREAS, it is proposed that Sections 8.08.010, 8.08.060, and 8.08.080 of the Salt
11 Lake City Code be amended and that Section 8.08.065 of the Salt Lake City Code be enacted to
12 authorize the keeping of chickens in residential districts, subject to certain requirements, as set
13 forth below;

14 WHEREAS, the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah, finds the keeping of chickens in
15 residential districts should be authorized, and that adoption of this Ordinance reasonably furthers
16 the health, safety, and general welfare of the citizens of Salt Lake City.

17 NOW, THEREFORE, be it ordained by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah:

18 SECTION 1. **Amending Section 8.08.010.** That Section 8.08.010 of the *Salt Lake City*
19 *Code*, shall be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

20 8.08.010: DOMESTIC FOWL AND LIVESTOCK; PERMIT REQUIRED:

21 A. **Except as provided in Subsection B of this section,** ~~It~~ is unlawful for any person to
22 keep within the city any chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, pigeons or other similar domestic fowl,
23 or more than two (2) rabbits, or other similar animals, without first making application for and
24 obtaining a permit from the office of animal services to do so. The fee for such permit shall be
25 five dollars (\$5.00) per animal, but shall not exceed forty dollars (\$40.00) per year.

26 B. Notwithstanding Subsection A of this section, chickens may be kept in any area zoned
27 as a residential district under Chapter 21A.24 of this code or its successor, subject to the
28 requirements of Section 8.08.065 of this chapter.

29 BC. It is unlawful for any person to keep within the city any sheep, goats, cows, calves,
30 pigs, horses, jacks, jennies, or other similar animals, without first making application for and
31 obtaining a permit from the office of animal services to do so. The fee for such permit shall be
32 forty dollars (\$40.00) each year. Such permits shall not be issued for any area of the city except
33 areas zoned as agricultural districts under Section 21A.32.050 of this code, or its successor
34 section.

35 SECTION 2. Amending Section 8.08.060. That Section 8.08.060 of the *Salt Lake City*
36 *Code*, shall be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

37 8.08.060: HOUSING AND FEEDING OF ANIMALS; LOCATION RESTRICTIONS:

38 It is unlawful to house, keep, run or feed any of the above mentioned animals within fifty
39 feet (50') of any structure used for human habitation except as provided in Section 8.08.065 of
40 this chapter.

41 SECTION 3. Enacting Section 8.08.065. That Section 8.08.065 of the *Salt Lake City*
42 *Code* shall be, and hereby is, enacted to authorize the keeping of chickens in residential districts,
43 subject to certain requirements, as follows:

44 8.08.065: KEEPING CHICKENS:

45 A. Subject to the requirements of this section and any other applicable provision of this
46 chapter, chickens (and no roosters), in the amount set forth below, may be kept on a lot or parcel
47 of land in a residential district for the sole purpose of producing eggs.

48 1. The number of hen chickens which may be kept shall be limited based on the
49 size of the lot or parcel as follows:

50 a. ten thousand (10,000) square feet (approximately .23 acres) or larger: up
51 to twelve (12)

52 b. nine thousand (9,000) square feet (approximately .21 acres): up to ten
53 (10)

54 c. eight thousand (8,000) square feet (approximately .18 acres): up to eight
55 (8)

56 d. seven thousand (7,000) square feet (approximately .16 acres): up to six
57 (6)

58 e. at least five thousand (5,000) square feet (approximately .11 acres): up
59 to four (4)

60 2. The principal use on the lot or parcel shall be a one-family dwelling.

61 B. Chickens shall be confined within a secure outdoor enclosed area.

62 1. The enclosed area shall include a covered, ventilated, and predator-resistant
63 chicken coop.

64 a. The coop shall have a minimum floor area of at least two (2) square feet
65 per chicken.

66 b. If chickens are not allowed to roam within an enclosed area outside the
67 coop, the coop shall have a minimum floor area of six (6) square feet per chicken.

68 2. The coop shall be located in a rear yard at least twenty-five (25) feet from any
69 dwelling located on the property and fifty (50) feet from any dwelling located on adjacent
70 property.

71 a. The coop and enclosed area shall be maintained in a neat and sanitary
72 condition and shall be maintained as provided in Section 8.08.070 of this chapter.

73 b. No chicken shall be permitted to roam outside the coop or enclosed
74 area.

75 3. Chicken feed shall be stored and dispensed in rodent-proof and predator-proof
76 containers.

77 C. Chickens shall not be kept on a residential lot or parcel unless the person keeping
78 chickens first obtains a permit as provided in Section 8.08.010 of this chapter.

79 1. The permittee shall acknowledge the rules set forth in this section and shall, as
80 a condition of permit issuance, agree in writing to comply with such rules.

81 2. The permit shall be good for one (1) year and may be renewed annually.

82 D. It shall be unlawful for any person to keep any chicken in a residential district in a
83 manner contrary to the provisions of this section.

84 SECTION 4. **Amending Section 8.08.080.** That Section 8.08.080 of the *Salt Lake City*
85 *Code*, shall be, and hereby is, amended to read as follows:

86 8.08.080: TRESPASS BY FOWL OR DOMESTIC ANIMALS:

87 It is unlawful for the owner or any person in charge of domestic fowl, such as turkeys,
88 ducks, geese, chickens or other similar domestic fowls, or domestic animals such as dogs or cats,
89 to permit such fowls or domestic animals to trespass upon the premises of another. It is unlawful

90 for any person to house, keep, run or feed any such fowls within fifty feet (50') of any house used
91 for human habitation except as provided in Section 8.08.065 of this chapter.

92 SECTION 5. **Effective Date.** This Ordinance shall become effective on the date of its
93 first publication.

94 Passed by the City Council of Salt Lake City, Utah this ___ day of _____,
95 2009.

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98 CHAIRPERSON
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100 ATTEST:
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103 CITY RECORDER
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105 Transmitted to Mayor on _____.

106 Mayor's Action: _____ Approved. _____ Vetoed.
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