

**PALMER LAKE, COLORADO**

**ORDINANCE NO. 16-2020**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 7.09 REGULATING  
DOMESTICATED POULTRY & FOWL (CHICKENS & DUCKS) AS PETS**

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees of the Town of Palmer Lake, Colorado, pursuant to Colorado statute and the Palmer Lake Municipal Code, is vested with the authority of administering the affairs of the Town of Palmer Lake, Colorado; and

**WHEREAS**, previously the Board of Trustees adopted regulations regarding domesticated poultry and fowl (chickens and ducks) as pets within the Town; and

**WHEREAS**, the Board of Trustees desires to amend such regulations to address the number of allowed pets, requirements for space for each pet and licensing requirements.

**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN BOARD OF  
TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE AS FOLLOWS:**

1. Chapter 7.09 of the Town Code is amended by deleting Section 7.09.100. Licensing Required; Section 7.09.125 License Fees; and Subsection 7.09.130(2); in their entirety.
2. Chapter 7.09 of the Town Code is amended by amending Section 7.09.110 by striking the strikethrough language and adding the underlined language as indicated below to read in its entirety as follows:

**7.09.110 Maximum Number of Birds (Chickens & Ducks):**

A) The total number of birds on any property within any residential district, regardless of the number of residences located on the property, shall not exceed six (6) female chickens (hens) and/or female Ducks of any age at any time. the number of female chickens and/or female ducks able to be properly maintained on a property with a minimum of a 3 square feet area per chicken or duck for a coop and 8 square feet per chick or duck for an outside run.

3. Chapter 7.09 of the Town Code is amended by amending Section 7.09.120 by striking the strikethrough language and adding the underlined language as indicated below to read in its entirety as follows:

7.09.120 Chicken Coop and Run Requirements:

Any person keeping chickens within the Town shall install and maintain a Chicken Coop (meaning an enclosed facility for housing female chickens) and Run (meaning an enclosed and secured facility within which chicken hens are able to move around outside of a Chicken Coop) in accordance with the following requirements:

- (1) The Chicken Coop shall be a minimum size of 3 square feet per chicken and a chicken Run of 8 square feet per chicken and located so it has the least amount of impact to adjacent dwellings and properties at a location at least six (6) feet from all property lines and fifteen (15) feet from any residential structure on adjacent properties, provided that no setback shall be required from adjacent Town-owned properties or street rights-of-way. All Chicken Coops
- (2) ~~No The footprint of any~~ Chicken Coop shall ~~not exceed a 120 square feet,~~ the maximum height of ~~shall be no greater than~~ eight (8) feet.
- (3) Chicken Coops and Runs shall be enclosed with wire or other material to contain the chickens and prevent wildlife or domestic animal intrusion.
- (4) Chicken feed shall be kept secure from rodents and other wildlife, Sspillage and leftover feed must be removed daily to prevent rodent propagation and odors, with particular attention given to not attract bears.
- (5) Chicken Coops and Runs shall be kept clean to prevent odors.
- (6) Any fencing surrounding a Chicken Coop shall be buried at least one foot below grade to prevent predator intrusion.

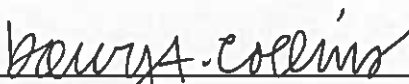
4. Severability. If any article, section, paragraph, sentence, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is held to be unconstitutional or invalid for any reason such decision shall not affect the validity or constitutionality of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The Board of Trustees hereby declares that it would have passed this ordinance and each part or parts thereof irrespective of the fact that any one part or parts be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

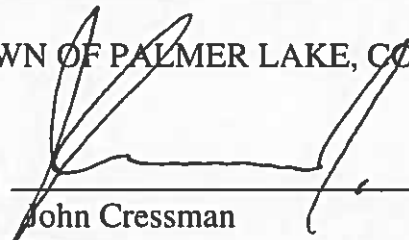
5. Repeal. Existing ordinances or parts of ordinances covering the same matters embraced in this ordinance are hereby repealed and all ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed except that this repeal shall not affect or prevent the prosecution or punishment of any person for any act done or committed in violation of any ordinance hereby repealed prior to the effective date of this ordinance.

**INTRODUCED, PASSED AND ADOPTED AT A REGULAR MEETING OF THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE TOWN OF PALMER LAKE ON THIS 12<sup>TH</sup> DAY OF NOVEMBER, 2020.**

ATTEST:

TOWN OF PALMER LAKE, COLORADO

  
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Dawn A. Collins  
Town Administrator / Clerk

BY:   
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John Cressman  
Mayor