

**ORDINANCE NO. 4945**

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS WITHIN THE  
CITY OF LINDSBORG

Be it Ordained by the Governing Body of the City of Lindsborg

Section 1. Chapter 8, Article VII, Section 8-285 is amended to read as follows:

**Sec. 8-285. Same--For keeping domestic fowl.**

- (a) *Distance.* It is unlawful to keep any kind of domestic fowl, except chickens kept in accordance with Section 8-286, closer than 200 feet to the dwelling house of another or permit the same wherever located to remain unclean to the annoyance of any resident of the City.
- (b) *Duty to maintain clean, sanitary condition.* The same shall be kept and confined in pens suitable for the purpose, and it shall be the duty of all owners or keepers of domestic fowl to maintain the place where such fowl are kept in a clean and sanitary condition as shall not be or become a public nuisance or hazardous to the health of the City.

Section 2. Chapter 8, Article VII, Section 8-286 is added to the Lindsborg City Code to read as follows:

**Sec. 8-286. Same--For keeping chickens.**

- (a) It shall be unlawful to keep chickens within the City, except as provided in this Section.
- (b) Any person keeping chickens within the City as provided in this section shall first obtain a permit to do so, on a form provided by the City, the fee of which shall be \$5.00, and which shall be valid for the period of time the permit holder keeps chickens at the permitted address.
- (c) No more than six female chickens may be kept at any residence within the City, kept in accordance with the provisions of this Section.
- (d) No male chickens shall be kept within the City.
- (e) No chickens shall be kept closer than 35 feet in distance to the dwelling of another.
- (f) The yard or the area in which chickens may be kept shall be fully enclosed in such a manner as to prevent their escape and to protect them from predators.
- (g) All chickens kept shall be provided with an appropriate coop or shelter designed to protect them from weather or the elements.

- (h) Every coop, shelter or yard in which chickens are kept shall be maintained in a clean, dry and sanitary manner to prevent the accumulation of waste, the emanation of noxious odors, or the presence of pests, rodents or other vermin.
- (i) Violation of any provisions of this Section shall be unlawful and punished in accordance with the general penalty Section of the Lindsborg City Code.

Section 3. All prior ordinances or parts thereof in conflict hereunder are hereby repealed as to the conflicting Sections only.

Section 4. This ordinance shall be effective upon its publication in the official City newspaper.

Passed by the Governing Body and approved by the Mayor, this 2nd day of November, 2015.

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Bill Taylor, Mayor

ATTEST:

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Jerry Lovett-Sperling, MMC  
City Clerk



CITY OF LINDSBORG PERMIT TO KEEP CHICKENS

\$5 FEE REQUIRED

Please return Permit Application and \$5 Fee to:  
City Clerk's Office  
101 S. Main St.  
P.O. Box 70  
Lindsborg, KS 67456-0070

**Applicant's Name:** \_\_\_\_\_  
**(Print or Type)**

**Phone Number:** \_\_\_\_\_

**Permit Address (where chickens will be housed):** \_\_\_\_\_

**Single-Family Dwelling**  **Other Dwelling**  **Type** \_\_\_\_\_

**Number of chickens to be kept at permit address (6 maximum):** \_\_\_\_\_

If the requirements of Chapter 8, are not complied with, the City may revoke any permit granted and/or initiate prosecution under the general penalty Section of the Lindsborg City Code. A person who has been issued a permit shall submit it for examination upon demand by any police officer or code enforcement officer. Fenced enclosures are subject to all provisions of Chapter 50, Article XXV (Fences) of the Lindsborg City Code. Notwithstanding the issuance of a permit by the City, private restrictions on the use of property shall remain enforceable and take precedence over a permit. Private restrictions include but are not limited to deed restrictions, condominium master deed restrictions, homeowners association bylaws, covenant deeds and landlord/tenant contracts. A permit issued to a person whose property is subject to private restrictions that prohibit the keeping of chickens is void. The interpretation and enforcement of the private restriction is the sole responsibility of the private parties involved.

**I understand the above restrictions on the permit and am submitting this application in compliance with Chapter 8, (Animals) of the Code of the City of Lindsborg.**

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**Applicant Signature** \_\_\_\_\_  
**Date**

For Office Use Only	
Approved by City Clerk Office: _____	
Permit Effective Date: _____	
Comments: _____	
Copy: Applicant/Public Safety Department/Development/City Clerk Office (retain original)	

Permits are non-transferable and may not be sold or assigned.