

RESOLUTION NO. 2011-510

Adopted by the Sacramento City Council

August 30, 2011

APPROVING PERMIT AND LICENSE FEES AND RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF HEN CHICKENS

BACKGROUND

- A. On February 15, 2011, the Law and Legislation Committee directed staff to draft an ordinance that would allow for the keeping of hen chickens on residential property within City limits. Staff was also given direction to provide information on making the ordinance cost neutral.
- B. Administration of the program is estimated to be cost neutral based on the recommended permit fee; however, the recommended license fee would have to be increased to approximately \$100 per hen chicken for enforcement to be cost neutral. Therefore, the recommended license fee has been established at a level which is consistent with the current license fee per cat. Staff will report back to City Council after twelve months with information based on the first six to nine months of implementation and recommend fee adjustments, if warranted.
- C. The recommended rules and regulations provide clear and reasonable requirements for keeping of hen chickens on residential property. In addition, these requirements provide for the safety and health of both the hen chickens and residents.

BASED ON THE FACTS SET FORTH IN THE BACKGROUND, THE CITY COUNCIL RESOLVES AS FOLLOWS:

- Section 1. A permit fee of \$15 per household keeping hen chickens and an annual license fee of \$10 per hen chicken are hereby adopted, to take effect on November 1, 2011.
- Section 2. The recommended Rules and Regulations (Exhibit A) for the keeping of hen chickens are hereby approved, to take effect on November 1, 2011.
- Section 3. Exhibit A is a part of this Resolution.

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Exhibit A – Rules and Regulations

Adopted by the City of Sacramento City Council on August 30, 2011 by the following vote:

Ayes: Councilmembers Ashby, Cohn, R Fong, McCarty, Pannell, Schenirer, Sheedy, and Mayor Johnson.

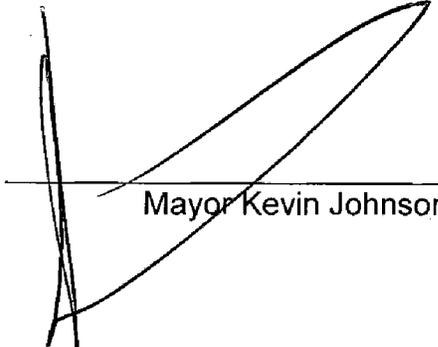
Noes: None.

Abstain: None.

Absent: Councilmember Darrell Fong.

Attest:


Shirley Concolino, City Clerk


Mayor Kevin Johnson

CITY OF SACRAMENTO
ANIMAL CARE SERVICES
RULES AND REGULATIONS FOR KEEPING OF HEN CHICKENS

Pursuant to Sacramento City Code section 9.44.890, these regulations are adopted relating to the keeping of hen chickens. These regulations are in addition to the requirements imposed under the Sacramento City Code.

1. All hen chickens shall be tagged for identification. All tag identification information shall be provided to Animal Care Services.
2. All pens, coops, cages, and other enclosures for hen chickens shall at all times be maintained in a clean, sanitary condition, free from offensive odors. An odor is offensive if it can be detected at the adjoining property line.
3. Chicken feed for hen chickens shall be stored properly to prevent spoilage and to prevent other animals, including rodents, from gaining access to the feed.
4. All hen chicken manure, feces, feathers, skins, and related detritus shall be removed and disposed of in a sanitary manner within 24 hours of occurrence. Pending disposal, the materials shall be stored in air-tight containers.
5. All chicken pens, coops, cages, and other enclosures shall be situated in the rear yard and shall meet all of the following requirements:
 - a. A minimum size of 15 square feet.
 - b. A maximum size of 42 square feet.
 - c. The exterior perimeter of the enclosure shall consist of a fence or suitable fencing material on all sides, including a top or ceiling to keep the hen chickens contained and confined within the enclosure.
 - d. The interior of all chicken enclosures shall include nest boxes, chicken roost(s), feeder(s), and water containers for use by the hen chickens.
 - e. All chicken enclosures shall have adequate ventilation.