

ORDINANCE NO. 2012-1

**AN ORDINANCE ESTABLISHING RULES FOR
KEEPING CHICKENS WITHIN
THE CITY OF MAYWOOD PARK**

DEFINITIONS.

Chicken: the common domestic fowl (species: gallus gallus domesticus).

Coop: a small enclosure for housing chickens.

Rear Yard: a space extending the full width of the lot or parcel between the primary residence building and the rear lot or parcel line.

Run: an enclosed area where chickens may feed or exercise.

Single Family Dwelling: a detached building on a single lot or parcel designed for occupancy by one family.

Code Enforcement Officer: The Code Enforcement Officer shall be named by the City Council of the City of Maywood Park.

KEEPING OF CHICKENS.

1. A person may keep four or fewer hens with a permit on any one lot or parcel. On the lot or parcel where the four or fewer chickens are kept, the person must have a single family dwelling in which the person resides.
2. No person shall keep roosters.

ENCLOSURES.

1. Chickens must be kept in an enclosed coop or run without supervision. Chickens may have access to rear yard only under the supervision of resident. The coop and run shall be located in the rear yard of the lot or parcel.
2. The coop and run must be kept in good repair, capable of being maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, free of vermin and obnoxious smells and substances.
3. Hanging feeders must be used and elevated to a minimum of 12 inches from the ground.

4. Chickens must be kept in a covered, enclosed coop between 10:00 p.m. and 7:00 a.m.
5. The coop shall have at least two square feet of floor space per grown chicken.
6. The coop and run and chickens therein shall not violate the nuisance code or disturb neighboring residents due to noise, odor, damage, or threats to public health.
7. The coop shall be located at least 25 feet from residential structures (detached garage not included) on a different lot or parcel.
8. The run shall be located at least three feet from all property lines.

INSPECTION.

The Code Enforcement Officer is authorized to make inspection of property to effectuate the purposes and public benefits of the City of Maywood Park. Authorization to inspect shall be pursuant to this Ordinance, irrespective of whether a permit has been granted.

PERMIT REQUIREMENTS.

1. No person shall keep chickens under the provisions of this Ordinance without first obtaining a permit to keep chickens on their lot or parcel, and paying the permit fee prescribed.
2. The permit shall be valid for a two-year period with the permit period commencing on the first day of the month a permit is issued and ends on the first day of the same month two years later.
3. The permit may be revoked by the Code Enforcement Officer for any violation of the provisions of this Ordinance.
4. Applications for a permit shall be made to the City on forms prescribed by the Code Enforcement Officer. The application shall include a signed statement that the applicant will comply with the provisions of this Ordinance. The Code Enforcement Officer shall issue a permit when application has been approved and payment of the required fee has been received. The permit shall be exhibited to a police or other officer of the City upon demand.

PERMIT FEES.

1. The permit fee shall be \$100.00.
2. The permit fee may be changed at any time by the City, and all permit fees required shall be payable in advance at the time of application or renewal.
3. The permit fee is not refundable under any circumstance.

COMPLAINT PROCESS.

Residents are encouraged to speak directly with a neighbor to resolve the situation if they feel there is a violation of this Ordinance. If a resolution is not met, a resident shall submit a formal complaint in writing to the City. The City may send a volunteer City representative to work with the resident keeping chickens to assess enclosure and adherence to Ordinance, depending on the availability of such a volunteer. Alternatively, a Code Enforcement Officer will be notified to investigate the complaint.

PENALTY.

Violation of any provision of this Ordinance may be subject to a fine or penalty in the maximum amount of \$500.00, per each notice of violation. See Ordinance No. 2006-4.

The City Council hereby declares an emergency, declaring that this Ordinance is immediately necessary to secure the continued general public health and general welfare of the citizens of the City of Maywood Park, and that this Ordinance is immediately necessary to conserve, stabilize and protect property within the incorporated area of the City of Maywood Park. The Ordinance shall take effect and be in force immediately.

PASSED AND APPROVED by the City Council of the City of Maywood Park on the 5th day of June, 2012.

/s/ Mark Hardie
MARK HARDIE, Mayor

ATTEST:

/s/ Julie D. Risley
JULIE D. RISLEY, City Treasurer for
RICHARD W. HAGLER, City Recorder