

## RESOLUTION R1213-02

### A RESOLUTION PROVIDING FOR STANDARDS TO ALLOW THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS WITHIN THE CITY OF GOLD BEACH

**WHEREAS**, in August 2012, the City Council received a request from a citizen to amend the Gold Beach Zoning Ordinance to allow for the keeping of backyard chickens for personal use; and

**WHEREAS**, several cities have eased restrictions on the keeping of backyard chickens for domestic purposes; and

**WHEREAS**, on August 13, 2012, the City Council discussed proposed regulations to allow the limited, responsible, keeping of chickens in residential use areas and directed staff to prepare an ordinance amendment allowing for the keeping of backyard chickens for personal use; and

**WHEREAS**, Ordinance No. 641 amended Ordinance No. 634 (The Gold Beach Zoning Ordinance) to redefine the definition of LIVESTOCK to permit backyard chickens under specific standards as defined by resolution of the City Council; and

**WHEREAS**, a public hearing on the permit fee for a Backyard Chicken Permit was held on October 8, 2012, in order to take testimony and consider the administrative costs associated with the program.

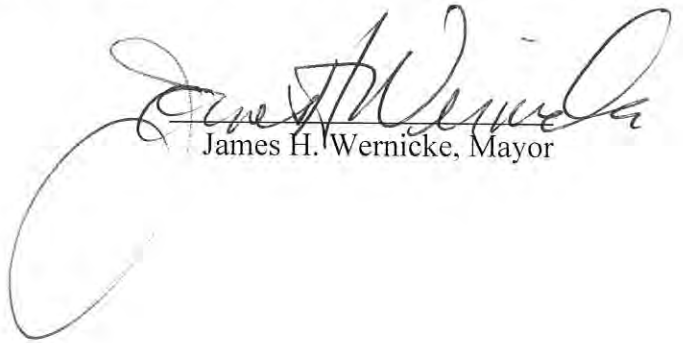
**NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED:** the City Council of the City of Gold Beach, Oregon, adopts the following standards for the keeping of backyard chickens within residential use areas of the City:

1. A permit shall be obtained from the City prior to the keeping of chickens. A permit is issued to the property and renters must obtain written approval from the property owner to apply for a permit.
2. The keeping of chickens shall be limited to the purpose of egg collection for personal, non-commercial use.
3. No more than six (6) chickens are allowed on any one parcel, and the **keeping of a rooster is prohibited.**
4. Chickens shall only be kept upon property occupied by a single family dwelling.
5. Chickens may not be slaughtered or killed except pursuant to the lawful order of state or county health officials, or for the purpose of euthanasia (for example due to an injury or sickness) when surrendered to a licensed veterinarian for such purpose, or as otherwise expressly permitted by law.

6. Chickens shall be kept in an enclosed coop or run at all times.
7. Chickens shall be kept for personal, non-commercial use only. No person shall sell eggs or engage in chicken breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.
8. All chickens shall be housed in a coop.
9. Chickens and chicken coops shall only be located in a rear yard.
10. Chicken coops shall be limited to eighty (80') square feet and the highest point of the coop shall be no more than six feet tall above grade.
11. Chicken coops shall be kept clean, dry, free of vermin and noticeable odors, and in good repair.
12. Chicken coop and/or run shall be setback a minimum ten feet from all property lines.
13. In order to minimize potential impacts to aquatic habitat, no coop shall be sited within a riparian area as defined by the Zoning Ordinance.


The permit fee for a Backyard Chicken Permit shall be set at: \$ 100 .

Passed by the City Council of the City of Gold Beach, County of Curry, State of Oregon, this 8<sup>th</sup> day of October, 2012.



James H. Wernicke, Mayor

ATTEST:



Candy Cronberger, City Recorder



# City of Gold Beach

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## BACKYARD CHICKEN PERMIT APPLICATION

Name of Applicant: \_\_\_\_\_

Property Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Mailing Address (if different than property address): \_\_\_\_\_

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City/State/Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone #: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_

Name, address & phone of Property Owner (if different than applicant): \_\_\_\_\_

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**A completed land use Permit Clearance Form must be submitted with this application. If you have questions regarding the applications please contact the City Planning Department.**

**This application for a permit to allow chickens is subject to the following conditions and is only permitted when consistent with the following standards:**

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Applicant acknowledges that upon issuance of any permit by the City of Gold Beach that it is the obligation of the applicant to comply with any and all laws, ordinances and regulations governing the type of project permitted whether or not specified in the permit. The granting of an approval by the City of Gold Beach does not give the applicant any authority to violate or modify the provisions of any other federal, State or local law, ordinance or regulation with respect to regulation of construction, performance of construction and/or operation of the project.

Regarding property boundaries, the applicant acknowledges that the only accurate way to locate property lines is by a land survey conducted by a licensed professional. The City of Gold Beach makes no representation as to the accuracy or location of any boundaries related to the project and the applicant, by virtue of issuance of a permit by the City of Gold Beach, and agrees to hold harmless, defend and indemnify the City in any legal action related to property lines or boundaries.

I have read and understand the above application and I hereby certify that all conditions will be continually met, and that I will abide by all restrictions, administrative rules and applicable City Codes and Ordinances.

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

**Property Owner Signature:** \_\_\_\_\_ **Date:** \_\_\_\_\_

**\*\* PERMIT REVOCATION\*\*** Failure to comply with the above statement will result in the revocation of the permit and possible further action including fines.

**FINAL PERMIT APPROVAL**

APPROVED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Conditions of Approval:

DENIED: \_\_\_\_\_ DATE: \_\_\_\_\_

Reason for Denial: