

ORDINANCE NO. 3377

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF CORONA,
CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 6.20.040 OF
CHAPTER 6.20 OF TITLE 6 OF THE CORONA MUNICIPAL
CODE REGARDING THE KEEPING OF CHICKENS IN
SINGLE-FAMILY RESIDENTIAL ZONES**

WHEREAS, Title 6 of the Corona Municipal Code includes regulations for the keeping of animals within the City of Corona; and

WHEREAS, members of the public have expressed a desire to keep chickens on residential properties within the City that have a smaller lot size; and

WHEREAS, the City Council wishes to amend Section 6.20.040 of the Corona Municipal Code to modify the criteria and standards for the keeping of chickens on single-family residential property within the City; and

WHEREAS, the City Council further desires and directs City staff to review the criteria established herein and bring back to the City Council for its consideration at the completion of the pilot program in approximately twelve (12) months after the effective date of this Ordinance. The review should include information necessary to help determine if the keeping of chickens on lots within single-family residential zones that have a minimum lot size of 5,000 square feet would continue to be in the best interests of the City and, if so determined by the City Council, to consider an appropriate amendment to Chapter 6.20.

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF CORONA,
CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

SECTION 1. Section 6.20.040 (Criteria and Standards) of Chapter 6.20 (Keeping of Female Chickens) of Title 6 (Animals) of the Corona Municipal Code is hereby amended in its entirety to read as follows:

“6.20.040 Criteria and standards.

(A) **Minimum lot size.** The keeping of chickens shall be permitted only on lots within single-family residential zones that have a minimum lot size of 5,000 ~~10,000~~-square feet.

(B) **Maximum number.** The maximum number of chickens that may be kept on each lot shall be based on lot size as follows, up to a maximum of ten (10) ~~five (5)~~-chickens on each lot:

| Minimum Lot Size | Maximum Number of Chickens |
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| <u>5,000 to 9,999 sq. ft.</u> | <u>4</u> |
| 10,000 to 14,999 sq. ft. | <u>6</u> 2 |
| 15,000 to 19,999 sq. ft. | <u>8</u> 3 |
| 20,000 to 24,999 sq. ft. <u>or more</u> | <u>10</u> 4 |
| <u>25,000 sq. ft. or more</u> | <u>5</u> |

(C) **Contained area.** Chickens permitted to be kept pursuant to this chapter shall not be permitted to run at large on the lot but shall be at all times contained within a suitable house or coop no greater than six (6) feet in height with an enclosed runway and an area that provides protection from the weather. Chickens shall also not be permitted to run at large off of the lot, as provided in Chapter 6.08 of this code.

(D) **Maintenance.** The premises where the chickens are kept shall be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition and free from offensive odors. The chickens shall not be subject to suffering, cruelty or abuse. Clean potable water and food receptacles shall be accessible to the chickens, unless restricted by a veterinarian, and shall be located so as to minimize contamination by excreta. The slaughtering of any animals is prohibited in single-family residential zones.

(E) **Distance requirement.** No person shall maintain any chicken house or coop within 10 feet of their property line ~~fifty (50) feet of any dwelling, excluding the dwelling (as defined in Title 17 of this code) on the lot where the chickens are kept,~~ or within one hundred (100) feet of any school, hospital, hotel, day care facility (as defined in Title 17 of this code), health care facility (as described in Chapter 17.73 of this code), food establishment (as defined in Chapter 8.16), restaurant (as defined in Title 17 of this code) or similar institution.

(F) **Noncommercial use only.** The commercial keeping of chickens in single-family residential zones is prohibited. No person shall sell or otherwise trade, transfer or exchange for money or goods any eggs produced from chickens kept pursuant to this chapter.

(G) **Roosters prohibited.** No person shall keep or maintain any roosters within the City."

SECTION 2. CEQA Findings. The City Council finds that this Ordinance is exempt pursuant to Section 15061(b)(3) of the Guidelines for the California Environmental Quality Act (CEQA), which states that a project is exempt from CEQA if the activity is covered by the common sense rule that CEQA applies only to projects that have the potential for causing a

significant effect on the environment. Where it can be seen with certainty that there is no possibility that the activity in question may have a significant effect on the environment, the activity is not subject to CEQA. This Ordinance modifies the criteria and standards for the keeping of a limited number of chickens in single-family residential zones and there is no possibility that adopting this Ordinance will have a significant effect on the environment. Therefore, no further environmental analysis is required, and staff will file a Notice of Exemption with the County of Riverside.

SECTION 3. Invalidation; Severability. If any sentence, cause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or otherwise invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4. Effective Date of Ordinance. The Mayor shall sign this Ordinance and the City Clerk shall attest thereto and shall within fifteen (15) days of its adoption cause it, or a summary of it, to be published in a general circulation newspaper published in the City of Corona. This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force 30 days after its adoption.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of September 2023

Mayor of the City of Corona, California

ATTEST:

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

CERTIFICATION

I, Sylvia Edwards, Clerk of the City of Corona, California, do hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance was regularly introduced at a regular meeting of the City Council of the City of Corona, California, duly held the 16th day of August 2023, and thereafter at a regular meeting held on the 6th day of September 2023, it was duly passed and adopted by the following vote of the Council:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINED:

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of the City of Corona, California, this 6th day of September 2023.

City Clerk of the City of Corona, California

(SEAL)

SUMMARY

On September 6, 2023, the Corona City Council will consider adopting an ordinance to amend Section 6.20.040 of Chapter 6.20 of Title 6 of the Corona Municipal Code to modify the criteria and standards for the keeping of chickens on single-family residential property. A certified copy of the full text of this proposed Ordinance is posted in the City Clerk's office.

The City Council meets at 6:30 p.m. in the Council Chambers in the Corona City Hall, located at 400 South Vicentia Avenue. The City Clerk's office is located in City Hall near the Council Chambers.