

ORDINANCE 1242

ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON, COUNTY OF CAMDEN, STATE OF NEW JERSEY AMENDING ARTICLE VII. OF CHAPTER 123, ANIMALS, IN THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Barrington, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey that Article VII., of Chapter 123, Animals, is hereby amended in the Code of the Borough of Barrington, as follows:

ARTICLE I. ARTICLE VII. SECTION 123-26 Chicken license required; Fee; Expiration.

Consistent with the provisions of this chapter, no person shall keep chickens on his/her property without first obtaining a license from the Borough Clerk's office and paying the required fee therefor. No license shall be issued unless the applicant therefor has demonstrated compliance with all criteria set forth in this section.

- (A) An annual fee of \$25.00 shall be paid for each license issued under this Section for one (1) to four (4) chickens. Licenses shall be renewed annually and shall expire on December 31st of the calendar year.
- (B) The applicant must reside on the property in which the chickens subject to the license are to be housed. If applicant is a renter and/or tenant and/or occupier of the property where chickens are to be housed, the applicant must have the complete the "Property Owner/Landlord Permission Affidavit" portion of the license application, properly executed by the property owner or landlord and duly notarized.
- (C) A new licensee, who was maintaining chickens at the time of the passage of this section, may be issued a license for more than the permitted number of chickens to allow such person(s) to come into compliance with this section through the natural expiration of their chickens.
- (D) No license shall be issued unless the applicant desiring to keep backyard chickens has taken a class on the basics of raising backyard chickens acceptable to the Chicken Advisory Board. Proof of completion of such class must be presented with the completed application. The Chicken Advisory Board will provide a class or refer the applicant to an acceptable backyard chicken keeping class as needed. A member of the Chicken Advisory Board will review the application with the applicant prior to final submission.

**ARTICLE II. ARTICLE VII. SECTION 123-26.1 Chicken Advisory Board;
complaints.**

A. A Chicken Advisory Board consisting of five (5) members of the community shall be formed and maintained. The Chair and members of this Board will be appointed to a two-year (2) term by the Mayor, with advice and consent of Borough Council. The Chair and Board members shall select the Vice Chair and Secretary of the Board. The Board shall meet on a regular basis and keep minutes, which shall be submitted along with quarterly reports to Borough Council. These reports will include any activities of the Board, as well as any complaints from residents concerning backyard chickens and the resolution, if any, of those complaints.

B. When a complaint is received by the Borough, it will be forwarded to the Board for investigation by the Board. If the Board finds a violation of this Chapter, solutions will be discussed with the offending resident to allow him/her to meet the requirements of this Chapter as soon as possible. However, if, after fifteen (15) days, the violation has not been remedied, the Borough Code Enforcement Officer will be notified so that enforcement proceedings can be implemented. The Chicken Advisory Board will assist anyone desiring to no longer participate in the backyard chicken program to relocate his/her chickens.

ARTICLE III. ARTICLE VII. SECTION 123-28 Revocation of license; Appeal

The Code Enforcement Officer is hereby empowered to suspend or revoke the license held by any person who violates any of the provisions of this Chapter. A licensee may appeal the decision of the Code Enforcement Officer revoking his/her license to the Chicken Advisory Board, by filing an appeal, in writing, to the Chicken Advisory Board within five (5) days of the effective date of the license revocation. Within ten (10) days of its receipt of such an appeal, the Chicken Advisory Board shall schedule a hearing to determine if the license issued under this Chapter should be reinstated. Notice of the time and place of such hearing shall be served, in writing, upon the licensee. The Chicken Advisory Board shall only reinstate the license issued under this Chapter upon proof by the licensee that the violation(s) of the provision(s) of this Chapter have been cured.

**ARTICLE IV. ARTICLE VII. SECTION 123-29 Revocation due to
environmental changes.**

Deleted in its entirety.

**ARTICLE V. ARTICLE VII. SECTION 123-30 Procedure for revocation or
suspension hearing.**

Deleted in its entirety.

ARTICLE VI.

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

ARTICLE VII.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

THE BOROUGH OF BARRINGTON

Introduction: **July 14, 2026**

Adopted:

BY: _____
KYLE HANSON, MAYOR

ATTEST:

DENISE MOULES, BOROUGH CLERK

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mayor and Council at the regular meeting held on July 14, 2026. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption on final reading and public hearing to be held on August 11, 2026 at 6:00 p.m. in the Council Meeting Room, Barrington Municipal Building, 229 Trenton Avenue, Barrington, New Jersey.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to amend the existing Ordinance providing for the keeping and raising of a limited number of chickens in the Borough of Barrington consistent with New Jersey Statutes. A copy of this Ordinance is available at no charge to the general public between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Thursday (Legal Holidays excluded), and public between the hours of 8:30 AM to 12:00 PM on Fridays (Legal Holidays excluded), at the Office of the Borough Clerk, Barrington Borough Hall, 229 Trenton Avenue, Barrington, New Jersey.