

## ORDINANCE NO. 623

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, CASS COUNTY, NEBRASKA TO ALLOW DOMESTIC LAYING HENS (CHICKENS) IN THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER; PROVIDING FOR THE REGULATION AND LICENSING OF DOMESTIC LAYING HENS IN THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER; PROVIDING FOR THE REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES OR SECTIONS; TO PROVIDE FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE MAYOR AND COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA:

SECTION 1. That domestic laying hens (chickens) are hereby allowed within the corporate limits of the City of Weeping Water. This Ordinance applies to laying hens only and specifically excludes roosters.

SECTION 2. That a maximum of four laying hens shall be allowed.

SECTION 3. That all chickens shall be kept securely enclosed in a pen at all times and shall not be allowed to run at large. That said pen/enclosure shall be no less than 25 feet from any residence and shall be no less than 15 from any lot line. That said pen/enclosure shall conform to the zoning laws of the City.

SECTION 4. All enclosures for the confinement of chickens within the corporate limits shall be kept in a clean and orderly manner so as not to become a menace or nuisance to the neighborhood in which the enclosure is located. A violation of this section shall result in a penalty under the general penalty provisions of the City of Weeping Water code book, Section 10.99.

SECTION 5: Every person or entity desiring to have chickens on their premises shall file with the City Clerk a written application stating the name of the person or entity for whom the license is desired and the exact location of the place of the enclosure for said chickens. A written drawing of the enclosure for the chickens as well as a drawing of the dimensions of the lot showing the set-back requirements, as set forth above, shall accompany the license application. An annual license fee in the sum of Twenty Five dollars (\$25.00) shall accompany each application. The term for which a license shall run shall be from the date of filing the application and paying the license fee to and including December 31<sup>st</sup> of the calendar year in which application for the license is made. If application for license is made after July 1<sup>st</sup> of any calendar year, the fee shall be one-half of the fee provided in this section. All license fees shall be due and payable on the 1<sup>st</sup> day of each year. If the license fee is not paid by the owner of the chickens, said license fee shall be added to the monthly water bill of the property owner until paid.

SECTION 6: That any other ordinance passed and approved prior to this passage, approval, and publication or posting of this ordinance and in conflict with its provisions, is hereby repealed.

SECTION 7: This ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its passage, approval, and publication or posting as required by law.



ATTEST:

Kay Gerdes  
Kay Gerdes, City Clerk

PASSED AND APPROVED this 13<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

CITY OF WEEPING WATER, NEBRASKA

BY: Michael Barrett  
Michael Barrett, Mayor