

CITY OF CYNTHIANA, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 1005

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 4.1-1 OF THE CODE OF
ORDINANCES OF THE CITY OF CYNTHIANA RELATING TO
THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION
OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF CYNTHIANA AS FOLLOWS:

SECTION 1: Section 4.1-1 of the Code of Ordinances of the City of Cynthiana is hereby amended to read as follows:

Sec. 4.1-1. Keeping animals within city limits

(a) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep or cause to be kept within the city limits any animal except dogs, cats, and other ordinary household pets except in areas zoned for agricultural use.

(b) Notwithstanding the provisions of subsection (a) above, the owners or occupants of a single family residence within the City limits shall be permitted to keep on the property occupied by them up to a maximum of five (5) domestic rabbits or chickens or combination thereof for personal use and not for sale or profit. The term "chickens" includes hens only and not roosters. Roosters, turkeys, guineas, ducks or geese are specifically prohibited.

(c) Rabbits or chickens permitted pursuant to this ordinance shall be kept in an area (1) which is fenced and predator-proof, thoroughly ventilated and odor free, (2) of sufficient size to admit free movement of each animal, (3) is designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained by the owners, and (4) is designed to prevent the rabbits or chickens from leaving the owner's property.

(d) The housing structure for rabbits or chickens must be in good repair and all gates or doors shall fit properly and shall be locked or secured by a latch. The owner or occupant of property maintaining chickens or rabbits in the City pursuant to this ordinance shall insure that all rabbits and chickens are kept at least 25 feet from any neighboring residential structure. Stored feed must be kept in a rodent- and predator-proof container.

(e) No owner of rabbits and chickens being kept within the City limits shall allow any of their rabbits or chickens to run at large within the City.

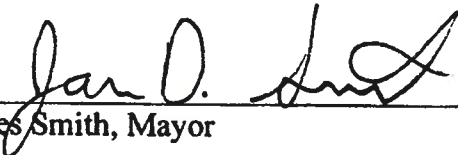
(f) Any person desiring to keep rabbits or chickens within the City must obtain a permit from the office of the City Clerk. The permittee must be an owner or a tenant of the property for which the permit is sought. If the applicant is a tenant, the applicant must produce written permission from the landlord or property owner. The permit shall be in force for a period of two years from the date of issuance. Permits must be renewed prior to expiration. A permit fee in the amount of \$10.00 shall be paid at the time of obtaining the initial permit and upon each renewal of the permit.

(g) This ordinance may be enforced by the Code Enforcement Official, the Animal Control Officer or the Cynthiana Police Department. Any person who keeps rabbits or chickens in the City limits without a valid permit or who otherwise violates any of the provisions of this Section 4.1-1 shall be guilty of a Code Enforcement Violation and shall be subject to the appropriate civil fines and penalties set forth in the City of Cynthiana Code Enforcement Ordinance. In addition this ordinance may be enforced by appropriate legal action for injunctive relief in the Harrison Circuit Court. Any person found guilty of violating the provisions of this Section 4.1-1 shall have his or her license revoked for a period of one year from the date of conviction. In addition, the revocation shall follow the property where the violation took place for as long as the violator continues to reside on the property up to a period of one year from the date of violation.

SECTION 2: This Ordinance shall become effective upon approval, passage and publication as required by law.

First reading and approval: 7/21/2020

Second reading and passage: 8/4/2020



James Smith, Mayor

ATTEST:



Jamie Hutchison, City Clerk