**ORDINANCE 2025-10**

**ORDINANCE AMENDING AND SUPPLEMENTING CHAPTER 73, ARTICLE II OF THE CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF NEWFIELD, ENTITLED “KEEPING OF CHICKENS”**

 **WHEREAS,** the Borough of Newfield is a municipal entity organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey and located in Gloucester County; and

State of New Jersey and located in Gloucester County; and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Newfield regulates, pursuant to Chapter 73, permitting the keeping and maintenance of backyard chickens within the Borough:and

**WHEREAS**, the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Newfield believes it to be in the best interest of the Borough to amend said Ordinance.

 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Newfield, County of Gloucester, State of New Jersey, that Chapter 73, Article II entitled “Keeping of Chickens” be amended to read as follows:

**Section 1: §73-19. Coop and Run Requirements.** A licensed household shall, at all times, comply with the following requirements for the keeping and housing of chickens:

1. Runoff waste to adjacent properties shall not be permitted.
2. Except with respect to corner lots, a coop shall be located in the licensed household’s rear yard. A licensed household residing in a corner lot shall be permitted to locate a chicken coop in any location that otherwise satisfies §73-20.
3. The coop shall be the appropriate size for the number of chickens and shall consist of a minimum of three-square-feet per chicken.
4. The coop shall be dry and ventilated with windows to admit sunlight and shall not be heated.
5. The housing of chickens must be the primary purpose of the coop.
6. The coop must be kept clean and the utilization of a tarp as a portion of the roof structure is not permitted.
7. The coop and enclosed run must be made predator-proof and must be surrounded by a six-foot-high fence.
8. Clean water must be provided, and food must be kept in a tightly sealed rodent- and predator-proof container.
9. The yard and the area where the coop is located shall be clean, free from odors, and dust abatement techniques must be utilized.
10. The coop must meet all the size limitations of an accessory building as may be otherwise provided for in the Code.

**Section 2**: **§73-22. Restrictions.**

1. There shall be no slaughter of chickens in the Borough.
2. Engagement of any permitted use shall be limited to Borough residential zones.
3. A residence in the Borough shall only be eligible for one license per year.
4. Only a licensed household shall be authorized to engage in a permitted purpose.
5. A licensed household shall only be authorized to engage in a permitted purpose for noncommercial purposes.
6. A licensed household shall handle and dispose of all waste (1) to prevent offensive odors; and (2) in an environmentally friendly manner. Chicken waste shall not be disposed of as yard waste and/or mixed with yard waste.

**Section 3:** **§73-24. License Required.** No person shall keep backyard chickens pursuant to this article without first obtaining a license from the Municipal Clerk’s Office and paying the required **$25**, annually. Every license issued under this article shall expire on December 31 of each year. A license may be revoked if the licensee refuses or fails to comply with this article or any other state or federal law governing the keeping of chickens or cruelty to animals.

**Section 4:** All other Ordinances or parts of Ordinances inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent of such inconsistency.

**Section 5**: If any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause or provision of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid, such subdivision, clause or provision and the remainder of this Ordinance shall be deemed valid and effective.

**Section 6**: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage and publication as required by law.

Introduced: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Public Hearing: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

Adopted: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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 Charles D. Grova, Jr.. Mayor

ATTEST: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

 Toni Van Camp, RMC, Borough Clerk

 Certification

The foregoing ordinance was passed on first reading at the Regular Meeting of Borough Council held October 9, 2025 and will be considered for second reading, public hearing and final adoption at the Regular Meeting to be held November 13,2025.

 Toni L. Van Camp, Clerk