

Resolution No.

By – Councilpersons Langman, McLaughlin, O'Hare

A resolution authorizing the Euclid Housing Department to initiate a Hen Pilot Program that will continue for one (1) year upon various conditions.

WHEREAS, urban farming is a growing trend and a number of larger cities across the country have passed legislation relating to agricultural uses and the keeping of animals; and,

WHEREAS, there has been increased interest by Euclid residents in growing their own produce and raising their own farm animals to save money on food; and,

WHEREAS, In order to determine whether the keeping of hens is suitable in the City of Euclid, a Hen Pilot Program should be initiated to determine its feasibility; and,

WHEREAS, regulations are necessary to limit the species and number of animals, provide for fencing and cooping requirements, and to prevent nuisances to neighbors; and,

NOW, THEREFORE, be it resolved by the Council of the City of Euclid, State of Ohio:

Section 1: That the Housing Department is hereby authorized to initiate a Hen Pilot Program that will exist for one (1) year upon various conditions.

Section 2: Owner-occupants of residential property in the City of Euclid who are interested in participating in the Hen Pilot Program shall make application to the Euclid Housing Department on the form provided by the department.

Section 3: Application information shall include: Applicant information; the number of hens that will be kept on the property [up to four (4)]; a basic site plan that includes signed consent from neighboring (side and back) property owners.

Section 4: The Hen Pilot Program will allow up to five (5) City of Euclid households to participate in the pilot program.

Section 5: Roosters, geese, turkey or other fowl are not permitted in the program. Slaughtering of the hens is prohibited.

Section 6: The premises and facility must be kept in good repair, maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, remain free of vermin, waste, obnoxious smells and substances. The premises and facility may not create a nuisance to disturb the neighboring residents due to noise, odor, damage or threats to public health.

Section 7: That it is found and determined that all formal actions of this Council concerning and relating to the adoption of this resolution were adopted in an open meeting of this Council, and that all deliberations of this Council and any of its committees that resulted in such formal action, were in meetings open to the public, in compliance with all legal requirements, including Section 121.22 of the Ohio Revised Code.

Section 8: That this resolution take immediate effect.

Attest:

Clerk of Council

President of Council

Passed:

Approved:

Mayor

Hens in Euclid

1. A resolution – not a change to any current ordinance - to institute a **test program (a pilot)** that will expire in one year.
2. Allow up to **five households (citywide)** to keep **up to four hens** in a **back yard** enclosure.
3. **Only chickens** – no geese, turkey or other fowl.
4. **No roosters** – hens only.
5. **Must provide for adequate security** for safety of hens.
6. Must submit a **basic site plan** that includes **signed consent** of side and back neighbors.
7. **Owner occupied** properties only.
8. The facility must be kept in good repair, maintained in a clean and sanitary condition, remain free of vermin, obnoxious smells and substances. **The facility will not create a nuisance or disturb neighboring residents due to noise, odor, damage or threats to public health.**
9. **Slaughtering of chickens is prohibited.**