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Committee on the Environment**

AN ORDINANCE

Amending Chapter 10-100 of The Philadelphia Code, entitled “Animals,” to revise certain provisions relating to the ownership of chickens, roosters, and hens; and making technical changes; all under certain terms and conditions.

THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF PHILADELPHIA HEREBY ORDAINS:

SECTION 1. Chapter 10-100 of The Philadelphia Code is amended to read as follows:

CHAPTER 10-100. ANIMALS

§ 10-101. Definitions.

In this Chapter the following definitions apply:

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Farm Animal. Any [chicken] *rooster*, goose, duck, turkey, goat, sheep, pig, cow, or other farm animal, provided such other farm animal presents a public nuisance due to smell and/or noise. Does not include a cat, dog, *hen*, or horse.

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§ 10-103.2 *Maximum Number of Hens Allowed.*

(1) Except in connection with the operation of a commercial farm or retailer, or unless the Animal Control Agency has granted a waiver pursuant to such regulations as it may establish, no more than the following numbers of hens may be kept on a parcel of land on which a residential dwelling unit is located:

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(b) Six (6) hens.

(.1) The hens must be kept in a fully enclosed coop, measuring at least one square foot per hen, and

(.2) There must be an open area (chicken run) of at least 2 square feet per hen.

Explanation:

[Brackets] indicate matter deleted.
Italics indicate new matter added.