

**CITY OF RIVER BLUFF, KENTUCKY
ORDINANCE NO. 1, SERIES 2020**

**AN ORDINANCE PROVIDING FOR THE RAISING AND POSSESSION OF ANIMALS
WITHIN THE CITY OF RIVER BLUFF.**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY OF RIVER BLUFF, KENTUCKY:

SECTION 1. DEFINITIONS

- A. The term “City” means “City of River Bluff”.
- B. The term “poultry” means chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, pigeons, doves, or any species of fowl of the avian or aquatic family.
- C. The term “livestock” means cattle, sheep, swine, goats, horses, mules, donkeys, llamas, buffaloes, or any other animals of the bovine, ovine, porcine, caprine, or equine species, bees, deer and elk.

SECTION 2. LIVESTOCK PROHIBITED

The raising or possessing of livestock within the City is prohibited.

SECTION 3. ANIMAL CONTROL

- A. All animals shall be kept under restraint by their owners at all times. All owners shall exercise proper care and control of their animals so as to prevent the following:
 - 1. Molesting or harassing other persons;
 - 2. Chasing vehicles, including bicycles;
 - 3. Attacking other animals;
 - 4. Trespassing upon or damaging private property;
 - 5. Loud and continued barking or other noise which causes serious annoyance or disturbance to the neighborhood; and
 - 6. Unnecessarily foul or obnoxious odors which offend the people in the neighborhood.
- B. All dogs shall be restrained by a leash when off of the dog owner’s property.
- C. Any person walking a dog on a City street shall pick up any feces discharged by said dog, immediately after said discharge.

SECTION 4. RESTRICTIONS ON HARBORING POULTRY

- A. No person shall own in the city any poultry for commercial purposes. Such animals may only be possessed within the City subject to the restrictions set out below in this Section 4.
- B. No person shall permit any such poultry to run or be at large within the city.
- C. Non-crowing poultry, such as hens, may be kept within the city limits for non-commercial purposes, subject to the following provisions:
 - 1. The non-crowing poultry shall be kept in a single housing structure (no more than one structure is permitted) that is:
 - a. Covered and predator-proof;
 - b. Thoroughly ventilated and odor-free;
 - c. Designed to prevent any poultry from leaving the owner's property;
 - d. Of sufficient size to admit free movement of each poultry, providing at least three square feet of space per poultry;
 - e. Designed to be easily accessed, cleaned and maintained by the owners;
 - f. In good repair and all gates or doors to the fence or structure shall fit properly and shall be locked or secured by a latch; and
 - g. No more than 10 feet in height at its highest point and no more than 100 square feet in area, but there shall be at least 12 square feet of area for each chicken or duck.
 - 2. The housing structure shall have an area outside the structure for a "run area", enclosed by a fence that is at least 3 feet in height.
 - 3. No non-crowing poultry shall be located closer than four feet to the owner's residence, and no non-crowing poultry shall be located closer than twenty feet from the property line. This distance shall be measured from the closest point in the run area and structure to the property line.
 - 4. Neither the housing structure nor the run area for poultry shall be in the front yard of any residence.
 - 5. Stored feed must be kept in a rodent- and predator-proof container.
 - 6. No more than four non-crowing poultry shall be kept on any property within the city.

- D. Any person having a chicken coop shall notify the City in writing of that fact, and shall include the size of the coop and the number of chickens it will hold.

SECTION 5. PENALTIES

- A. In the event the City Commission, by any of its members, or the mayor, becomes aware of a violation of this ordinance, notice shall immediately be sent to the offending property owner by regular mail, requesting that such violation be immediately remediated, and that the property owner cease and desist from violating this ordinance.
- B. In the event that the letter described in paragraph A of this Section is sent to the resident, and the resident fails to correct the problem within seven (7) days, a fine of \$10 per day shall be imposed on the offending animal owner. Once the letter described in paragraph A of this Section has been sent, it will not be necessary for the City Commission to send a letter prior to the imposition of the fine for future violations. In the event the letter described in paragraph A of this Section has been sent to the offending animal owner, the \$10 per day fine shall accrue beginning with the first day of any future violations.
- C. In the event the fine is imposed as described in paragraph B of this Section, and said fine remains unpaid after thirty (30) days, said fine shall accrue interest at the rate of ten per cent (10%) per annum.
- D. In the event of a fine is imposed pursuant to this Section 6, and said fine remains unpaid for ninety (90) days, the City may institute legal action to collect said fine, and shall recover from the offending party the fine, any accrued interest, and all attorney fees incurred by the City in collecting said fine plus interest.

SECTION 6. REPEAL OF ORDINANCE NO. 3, SERIES 83-84.

Ordinance No. 3, Series 83-84, is hereby repealed.

First Reading: October 22, 2019

Second Reading: January 28, 2020

Adopted this 28th day of January, 2020.