

ORDINANCE NO 16-13

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE FOLLOWING SECTIONS 17.10.030.3 OF THE CITY OF NORWALK ZONING ORDINANCE:

BE IT ENACTED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORWALK, IOWA:

SECTION 1. PURPOSE. The purpose of this ordinance is to amend Section 17.10.030.3 of the City of Norwalk Zoning Ordinance to set the standards for chicken enclosures as a permitted accessory structure and use.

SECTION 2. AMENDMENT. Section 17.10.030.3 of the City of Norwalk Zoning Ordinance is hereby to add the following:

- K. The keeping of chickens in accordance with City Code Chapter 55.16 Urban Chickens. The necessary chicken enclosure is also allowed, provided the following standards are met:
1. The enclosure is covered and fully enclosed.
 2. The enclosure shall have a latch mechanism or lock to ensure that access to the enclosure remains secure.
 3. The enclosure provides a minimum of 5 square feet per chicken.
 4. The enclosure shall have a minimum height of four feet.
 5. The enclosure shall be located inside a fenced area that provides a minimum of 10 square feet per chicken, excluding the square footage of the enclosure. The fence shall have a minimum height of 6 feet.
 6. The enclosure shall not be located closer than 25' to any principal structure on an adjacent lot.
 7. No chickens shall be allowed to run at large.
 8. No wire mesh (chicken wire) shall be allowed as a material for fencing around the enclosure.

SECTION 3. SEVERABILITY CLAUSE. In any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the ordinance as a whole or any section, provision or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

SECTION 4. EFFECTIVE DATE. This Ordinance shall be in full force and effect after its passage, approval and publication as provided by law.

Passed and approved by the City Council of the City of Norwalk, Iowa on the ____ day of _____, 2016.

Tom Phillips, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jodi Eddleman, City Clerk