

Ordinance No. 2026-01

AN ORDINANCE OF ELSINBORO TOWNSHIP, COUNTY OF SALEM, STATE OF NEW JERSEY, ESTABLISHING REGULATIONS FOR THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL ZONES

WHEREAS, the governing body of Elsinboro Township recognizes the growing interest among residents in keeping backyard chickens for personal use, including egg production and educational purposes; and

WHEREAS, the governing body seeks to permit the keeping of backyard chickens in a manner consistent with the public health, safety, welfare, and in keeping with established best practices; and

WHEREAS, it is the goal of this ordinance to allow residents to keep egg-laying hens under regulated conditions that minimize nuisance, ensure animal welfare, and preserve neighborhood quality of life;

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of Elsinboro Township, County of Salem, State of New Jersey, that the Revised Ordinances of Elsinboro Township are hereby supplemented to add a new Article "Keeping of Backyard Chickens" as follows:

The Ordinance can be reviewed at the Elsinboro Township website;
www.elsinborotownship.com

Copies of the Ordinance are on file for public inspection, examination and acquisition at the office of the Acting Township Clerk, John Willadsen at his office in the Elsinboro Township Municipal Building, 619 Salem Ft. Elfsborg Road, Salem, New Jersey 08079, between the hours of 9:30 a.m. and 5:00 p.m. on Tuesday and 2:00pm and 4:30pm Thursday (excluding holidays). Members of the public may obtain copies of the Ordinance without cost from the Acting Clerk, before and after final adoption.

BY ORDER OF THE ELSINBORO
TOWNSHIP COMMITTEE