

AMENDMENT TO BILL NO. 16 – 2022

A PROPOSED AMENDMENT TO THE ORDINANCE OF THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BETHLEHEM, LEHIGH AND NORTHAMPTON COUNTIES, PENNSYLVANIA, AN ORDINANCE PERMITTING THE KEEPING OF BACKYARD CHICKENS IN RESIDENTIAL AREAS IN LIMITED QUANTITIES AND UNDER CERTAIN CONDITIONS BY AMENDING ARTICLE 1159 OF THE BETHLEHEM CITY CODE

Section E, Permits, shall be amended as follows:

- v. **Renewal.**
 - 2. So long as a permit holder has not violated any section of this ordinance, a permit may be renewed upon payment of the renewal fee as established by ~~the Animal Control Officer Resolution of Bethlehem City Council.~~
 - 3. In the event a permit holder has been cited for violating any section of this Article ~~Ordinance,~~ any renewal applications shall be approved by the Animal Control Officer ~~Bethlehem City Code Inspection Officer.~~

Section F, Limits on Chicken Keeping, shall be amended as follows:

- 2) Number of Chickens:
 - i. A maximum of six (6) chickens shall be permitted per property.
 - ii. ~~In the event 50% or more of the flock is made up on bantam chickens, a collective maximum of ten (10) chickens shall be permitted per property.~~
- 9) ~~At the discretion of the Animal Control Officer or other designee as appointed by the Mayor of Bethlehem, Department of community and Economic Development, or the assigned official,~~ the finding of nuisance conditions may result in the forfeiture of a property's chickens and the forfeiture of an individual's backyard chicken permit.

Section G, Application Submission, shall be amended as follows:

- 1) All backyard chicken uses and facilities shall require all permit information to be submitted to the Animal Control Officer ~~a permit from the Department of Community and Economic Development~~ or surrogate as designed by the Mayor of Bethlehem. ~~This permit shall only be issued after the backyard chicken application has been approved in accordance with this Ordinance shall specify any terms or conditions of the permit.~~

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