

BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
Bergen County, New Jersey

ORDINANCE NO. 24-06

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 392 ENTITLED "ANIMALS" OF THE BOROUGH CODE OF
THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE, STATE OF NEW JERSEY**

**BE IT ORDAINED BY THE BOROUGH COUNCIL OF THE BOROUGH OF WOODCLIFF LAKE
IN THE COUNTY OF BERGEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY, AS FOLLOWS:**

WHEREAS, Chapter 392 of the Code of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake sets forth all regulations regarding Animals within the Borough of Woodcliff Lake; and

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake, County of Bergen, and State of New Jersey that those portions of the aforesaid set forth below are hereby amended as follows and that those portions of the Ordinance not set forth below shall remain unchanged.

Article III. Poultry and Game Animals.

Sec. 392-19. Definitions.

For the purposes of this Article, the following definitions are hereby adopted:

GAME ANIMALS – includes rabbits, mink, foxes and all other animas of any kind or description, whether kept for purposes of domestication or otherwise.

POULTRY – includes chickens, ducks, geese, pigeons, pheasants, all birds or poultry of any kind and description.

Sec. 392-20. Coops.

- A. All live poultry, pigeons or other fowl shall be confined in coops or runs.
- B. All coops and runs shall be located outside of and complete apart from any building used, in whole or in part, for dwelling purposes in which people congregate or use as a food or eating establishment.
- C. All coop or runs shall be located and constructed in accordance with the regulations, if any, of the Zoning and Building Codes.
- D. All coops hereafter constructed shall be provided with concrete floors.
- E. A sufficient number of roosts to provide roosting space for each individual specimen of poultry or fowl kept in the coop and sufficient number of properly placed drop boards beneath each roost, to catch all droppings excreted by the poultry or other fowl while on the roost, shall be provided.

- F. All coops and runs and the entire surroundings of all such places shall be kept clean at all times and shall be subject to periodic inspection by the Health Officer of the Borough, or his representative.
- G. Coops and runs shall be disinfected or otherwise treated, when so directed by the Board.
- H. The floors of all coops shall be kept clean and dry at all times.
- I. All the droppings shall be removed from each coop and buried, removed from the premises or otherwise disposed of in a manner approved by the Board, at least once each week.
- J. All food for immediate consumption shall be placed in suitable feeding troughs or similar containers, and all other food shall be stored in rat-proof containers at all times.
- K. No coop or run shall be located within 30 feet of any dwelling unit or place where people congregate, or within 200 feet of any food or eating establishment within eight feet of any property line.
- L. No person shall keep more than one individual specimen of poultry or fowl in any coop for each three square feet of usable floor space within said coop.
- M. No poultry food shall be scattered about any premises.
- N. Pigeons may be flown if properly supervised, but for a period of no longer than one hour per day.

Sec. 392-21. Keeping Poultry For Sale.

The provisions of Sec. 392-20 do not apply to the keeping of live poultry, pigeons or other fowl for sale or for the preparation for sale, but in those cases the provisions of Sec. 392-24 apply.

Sec. 392-22. Noisy Fowl.

No person shall keep any crying rooster or screaming or chattering fowl.

Sec. 392-23. Fowl at Large.

No live poultry or other fowl shall be permitted to fly or run at large.

Sec. 392-24. Keeping and Slaughtering of Poultry.

- A. It shall be unlawful for any person to engage in the business of selling or preparing for sale live fowl or poultry in the Borough without first having obtained from the Board a license for such purpose.
- B. Before such license is granted, the applicant shall submit to the board an application therefor, in writing, setting forth thereon the description of the premises intended to be so used, the character of the building wherein the business is contemplated to be conducted and also a description of all buildings, if any, located within a distance of 200 feet of the premises intended to be so used.
- C. A license will be denied if the application therefor or an independent investigation reveals that the premises intended to be so used:
 - 1. Is within 200 feet of any church, library, hospital, sanitarium or other public building, as measured from the nearest boundary line of the premises intended to be so used;
 - 2. Is detrimental to the health of or constitutes a nuisance to the surrounding neighbors;
 - 3. Does not strictly comply with all the requirements of this Sanitary Code and the rules and regulations of the State Department of Health; or

4. Will tend to create a nuisance.

- D. All poultry or fowl shall be sold within 24 hours of slaughtering, unless the same shall be adequately refrigerated in accordance with the provisions of this Sanitary Code applying to the refrigeration of meat.
- E. No person shall sell, or offer for sale, any fowl or poultry which is diseased or in any manner unfit of human consumption. This shall apply to such fowl or poultry, whether alive or slaughtered.

Sec. 392-25. License Required.

It shall be unlawful to keep poultry or game animals within the limits of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake without first obtaining a license from the Board of Health for that purpose.

Sec. 392-26. Location Restricted.

No license shall be issued for the keeping of poultry or game animals in any place so that the same shall be a nuisance to persons residing in the vicinity of the place where such poultry or game animals are to be kept.

Sec. 392-27 License Fee.

The fee for any such license shall be Three Dollars (\$3.00), and such license shall be issued for poultry separately and game animals separately. Any license issued under this Article shall expire on the 31st day of December following the date of issuance of the same.

Sec. 392-28. Issuance of License.

Such license shall be issued by the Board of Health and shall specify the place where such poultry or game animals shall be kept and the maximum number of any class or classes of poultry or game animals shall be kept or intended to be kept thereon.

Sec. 392-29. Application for License.

Every application for such a license shall give the name of the applicant, a description and dimensions of the lands whereon the poultry or game animals are to be kept and such other information as may be deemed necessary by the Board of Health and shall be accompanied by the license fee herein specified.

Sec. 392-30. Poultry to be Confined.

No poultry shall be allowed to run at large but shall be confined in a suitable poultry house with an enclosed runway, and such coop and runway shall be kept in a clean and sanitary condition and subject at all times to inspection by the Board of Health or its agents.

Sec. 392-21. Game Animals to be Confined.

No game animals shall be allowed to run at large but shall be confined on the premises in conformity with regulations promulgated or to be promulgated from time to time by the Board of Health.

Sec. 392-22. Distance of Animal Structures from Dwellings.

No structure or any part thereof for the housing or keeping of poultry or game animals nor the runway attached to any poultry house shall be less than twenty (20) feet from any dwelling house.

Sec. 392-23. Revocation of License.

The Board of Health of the Borough of Woodcliff Lake may revoke any license in case the Board shall determine that the keeping of poultry or game animals at such place has become a nuisance to persons residing in the vicinity of the place where the same are kept, or whenever the license shall violate any of the rules or regulations promulgated or to be promulgated by the Board of Health for the keeping of chickens, ducks, poultry or other livestock. No such license may be revoked until after hearing given by the Board of Health to licensee upon five (5) days' notice in writing.

Severability. All provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If for any reason, any provision of this Ordinance is held to be invalid, the validity of the remainder of the Ordinance shall not be affected.

Effective Date. This Ordinance shall become effective upon final approval and publication, pursuant to law, and upon completion of all outstanding cases.