



**BOROUGH OF GLEN RIDGE
ESSEX COUNTY, NEW JERSEY**

ORDINANCE NO. 1647

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING
TITLE 6 - ANIMALS OF THE
GLEN RIDGE CODE**

WHEREAS, in an effort to establish and detail the applicable standards for the raising, keeping, and maintenance of Fowl in the Borough of Glen Ridge (“Borough”), the Borough wishes to create a new Borough Ordinance to provide for and address this issues as well as related issues; **and**,

NOW, THEREFOR BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Council of the Borough of Glen Ridge, County of Essex, State of New Jersey, as follows:

SECTION 1.

Chapter 6.11.010 – Purpose

The purpose of this chapter is to define and establish the applicable standards and restrictions with the raising, keeping, and maintaining of Chickens/Hens, **Turkeys, Pigeons, Ducks and Geese** within the Borough of Glen Ridge.

Chapter 6.11.020 – Definitions – as used in this section the following terms shall have the meanings set forth below:

- a. Borough – Borough of Glen Ridge
- b. Fowl – For purposes of this section the term “Fowl” shall mean a female chicken/Hen, Turkey, Pigeon, Duck, or Geese. The term fowl shall not include “Rooster(s)”. Unless provided elsewhere in the Code, the raising, keeping and maintaining of roosters shall not be permitted.

Chapter 6.11.030 – Maximum Number

In no chase shall any person or persons be permitted to raise, keep, and/or maintain within the Borough more than 8 (**eight**) fowl.

Chapter 6.11.031 – Roosters Prohibited

In no case shall any person or persons be permitted to raise, keep, and/or maintain Roosters within the Borough.

Chapter 6.11.040 – Sale of Eggs Prohibited

In no case shall any person or persons shall be permitted to sell eggs to the public.

Chapter 6.11.050 – Confinement

- A. No fowl shall be allowed to fly or run at large outside of resident’s enclosed property.
- B. All fowl must be kept in a minimum 4-foot-high fenced enclosed yard.
- C. All fowl must be housed in coops or structures that are properly designed for such use and completely separated from any building utilized for dwelling purposes.

Chapter 6.11.060 – Location

- A. Any and all parts of the coop or house referred to in Section 6.11.080 shall be located in the rear yard and be no closer than **10** feet to a side or rear lot line. Coop or house shall not be closer than **15** feet to an adjoining habitable residential or commercial building.
- B. A sketch of the location of the house/coop and distances to adjoining properties must be provided upon registration.
- C. Any houses or coops established prior to December 1, 2016 that do not meet the 10 feet side or rear lot line requirements may remain provided that no complaints have been received by the Borough or Department of Health.

Chapter 6.11.070 – Registration Required; One Time Registration

No persons shall keep or maintain fowl without first having registered with the Board of Health.

Chapter 6.11.080 – Application for Registration

Applications to register shall be made to the Board of Health. Such registration shall set forth the name and address of the applicant and the location of the property for which the registration is sought. The registration must also provide a statement of the number of fowl to be kept.

Chapter 6.11.090 – Requirements for Housing or Coops

- A. The following regulations and conditions for the keeping and housing of fowl shall be complied with. Notwithstanding any other provisions of this chapter, fowl must be housed and kept in a manner which will not constitute a public or neighborhood nuisance.
- B. House and/or coop must be kept in good repair and be free from rats and vermin, properly lighted and ventilated and in a clean and sanitary conditions at all times.
- C. The house or coop shall be constructed of such materials as to prevent predators (coyotes, fox, bear, raccoons, etc.) and/or rodents from entering therein and must have a floor impervious to moisture.
- D. The yard in the area where the house or coop is located shall be clean and free of odors.
- E. Drinking fountains in the area where the house or coop is located shall be cleaned and supplied at all times with clean water.
- F. All food must be kept in tightly contained containers.
- G. The house or coop shall not exceed 100 square feet.

Chapter 6.11.100 – Revocation of Registration

If the above conditions and regulations are not complied with the registration shall be revoked, providing that nothing herein shall apply to chickens or fowl and other poultry confined in coops in regular licensed markets or stores for sale, slaughter and plucking of poultry.

Chapter 6.11.110 – Revocation Due to Environmental Changes

Whenever, in the opinion of the Department of Health, the environment in the area has changed since approving the registration to keep and maintain chickens therein to such an extent that the maintenance thereof may constitute a nuisance, such registration may be revoked by the Health Officer.

Chapter 6.11.120 – Procedure for Revocation or Suspension; Hearing

The Health Officer and/or appropriate personnel is hereby empowered to suspend or revoke the registration held by any person who violates any of the provisions of this Article. No registration shall be suspended or revoked until after a court hearing.

Chapter 6.11.130 – Non-Repealer

All other sections of the Borough Ordinances not specifically amended by the provisions of this Ordinance shall remain in full force and effect.

SECTION 2.

All Ordinances of the Borough of Glen Ridge which are inconsistent with the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repelled as to the extent of such inconsistency.

SECTION 3.

If any section, subsection, clause, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be unconstitutional or invalid by any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the remaining portion of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4.

This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon final passage, approval, and publication as provided by law.

Ordinance Adopted: Monday, November 14th, 2016.

Stuart K. Patrick,
Mayor

ATTEST:

Michael J. Rohal,
Municipal Clerk