

## Ordinance # 475

### *An ordinance by the City Mayor and Council of the Town of Ashland City, Tennessee to amend Title 10 Chapter 1 of the Municipal Code regulating animal control regulations.*

**WHEREAS** the City Mayor and Council of the Town of Ashland City, Tennessee find that the Codes Department is responsible for enforcing sections of the code related to the animals themselves, including the number of fowl, at-large animals, odors and abuse or neglect; and

**WHEREAS** the Codes Department is responsible for enforcing requirements for fowl enclosures and locations; and

**WHEREAS** the Codes Department is responsible for the investigation of reports of roosters or other fowl;

**BE IT THEREFORE ORDAINED** by the Mayor and Council of the Town of Ashland City that Title 10 Chapter 1 Section 10-103 (17) (d) should be amended to and replaced, Section 10-104 (3) and (4) should be added, Section 10-105 (3) should be added, Section 10-106 (5) should be added as follows,

10-103 (17) (d) Any animal that makes disturbing noises, including but not limited to, continued and repeated howling, barking whining, rooster crowing, or other utterances causing unreasonable annoyance, disturbance, or discomfort to neighbors or others in close proximity to the premises where the animal is kept or harbored.

10-104 (3) Enclosures must be kept in a clean, dry, odor-free, neat and sanitary condition at all times so as not to cause odor or noise disturbances with neighbors. Enclosures must be located no closer than three feet from property line and at least 25 feet from another residence or business. Fowl enclosures must provide adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade and must be impermeable to rodents, wild birds and predators, including dogs and cats. Fowl enclosures shall only be located to the rear of the dwelling or other main structure and may be located in the rear yard as required by the zoning code.

10-104 (4) Owner must provide for the storage and removal of manure. All stored manure shall be covered by a fully enclosed structure with a roof or lid over the entire structure. No more than three cubic feet of manure shall be stored. All other manure not used for composting or fertilizing shall be removed.

10-105 (3) Fowl owners shall take necessary action to reduce the attraction of predators and rodents and the potential infestation of insects and parasites. Fowl found to be infested with insects and parasites that may result in unhealthy conditions to human habitation may be removed by an animal control officer.

10-106 (5) No at-large (free roaming) fowl allowed unless the parcel of land is over four acres. Six hens are the maximum number allowed per tract of land under four acres regardless of the number of


dwelling units and must be kept in an enclosure or fenced area at all times unless the tract of land is under four acres. Fowl shall be secured in a henhouse or fowl tractor during non-daylight hours. No fowl breeding or fertilizer production for commercial purposes.

This Ordinance shall take effect twenty days after it's passage.

1<sup>st</sup> reading 8-8-17

Public hearing 9-10-17

2<sup>nd</sup> reading 9-10-17

  
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Rick Johnson, Mayor

  
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Kellie Reed, City Recorder