

ORDINANCE NO. 914

AN ORDINANCE REGULATING THE CONTAINMENT OF FOWL AND OTHER ANIMALS
WITHIN THE CORPORATE LIMITS OF THE CITY OF DE QUEEN; AND FOR OTHER
PURPOSES

WHEREAS, the City of De Queen, Arkansas, desires to regulate and control the number, location, and boarding of fowl within the city limits:

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF DE QUEEN; ARKANSAS,
THAT:

Section 1. It shall be unlawful for any person to permit or allow any domesticated fowl to run at large within the corporate limits of the city.

Section 2. It shall be lawful for any person to keep, permit or allow any fowl within the corporate limits of the city except under the following and conditions:

No more than four (4) hens shall be allowed for each single-family dwelling. No birds shall be allowed in multi-family complexes, including duplexes.

No roosters shall be allowed.

There shall be no outside slaughtering of birds.

All fowl must be kept at all times in a secure enclosure with a top.

Enclosures must be situated at least 25 feet from the nearest neighbor's residence.

Enclosures must be kept in a neat and sanitary condition at all times, and must be cleaned on a regular basis so as to prevent offensive odors.

Persons wishing to keep fowl within the city must obtain a permit from the Office of the City Clerks, after an inspection and approval by the Office of Animal Control, and must pay a \$5.00 annual fee.

Section 3. The above Section 2 is not intended to apply to indoor birds kept as pets, such as, but not limited to, parrots or parakeets; nor to the lawful transportation of fowl through the corporate limits of the city; nor to commercial chicken processing plants.

Section 4. Fowl currently existing in the city shall not be “grandfathered” or permitted to remain after the effective date of this Ordinance; however, owners of the poultry will have 90 days from the effective date to come into compliance with this ordinance.

Section 5. That violations of this ordinance shall be punishable by a fine of up to \$500.00.