

1 **SUMMARY**

2 **BACKYARD CHICKEN ORDINANCE**

3 This ordinance proposes to amend the Lake County Land Development Regulations (LDR), Chapter X, entitled,
4 "Accessory and Temporary Structures and Uses ", Section 10.01.00, entitled, "Residential Accessory and
5 Temporary Structures and Uses", to create subsection 10.01.06, entitled, "Backyard Chickens" to allow a
6 maximum of five (5) chickens as an accessory use and placement of chicken coops as accessory structures
7 within specific residential districts, meeting conditions.

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9 This ordinance also proposes to amend Chapter II, entitled "Definitions" to create a definition for Chicken
10 Coop.

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12 Changes are shown as follows: Underline for additions to existing Code sections. Renumbering and/or
13 relettering were added as needed.

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16 **ORDINANCE NO. 2013- ____**

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18 **AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOARD OF COUNTY COMMISSIONERS OF LAKE COUNTY, FLORIDA; AMENDING THE**
19 **FOLLOWING SECTIONS OF THE LAKE COUNTY CODE, APPENDIX E, LAND DEVELOPMENT REGULATIONS;**
20 **AMENDING CHAPTER II, ENTITLED "DEFINITIONS" TO CREATE A DEFINITION FOR CHICKEN COOP;**
21 **AMENDING CHAPTER X, ENTITLED "ACCESSORY AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND USES", SECTION**
22 **10.01.00, ENTITLED "RESIDENTIAL ACCESSORY AND TEMPORARY STRUCTURES AND USES", CREATING**
23 **SUBSECTION 10.01.06, ENTITLED "BACKYARD CHICKENS" TO ALLOW CHICKENS AS AN ACCESSORY USE AND**
24 **CHICKEN COOPS AS AN ACCESSORY STRUCTURE WITHIN SPECIFIC RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS, WITH**
25 **CONDITIONS; PROVIDING FOR SEVERABILITY; PROVIDING FOR INCLUSION IN THE CODE; PROVIDING FOR**
26 **FILING WITH THE DEPARTMENT OF STATE; AND PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE.**

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28 **WHEREAS**, the Lake County Land Development Regulations contains regulations that allows the
29 keeping of farm animals and poultry in agricultural and low density rural residential zoning districts, but not
30 in other zoning districts;

31 **WHEREAS**, many communities around Lake County have explored how to compatibly integrate
32 chickens into the urban residential setting;

33 **WHEREAS**, chickens are social, can make good pets, and findings indicate that three (3) to four (4)
34 chickens are sufficient to meet the needs of the average family's egg consumption;

35 **WHEREAS**, Lake County recognizes the role chickens play in developing a more viable urban
36 environment;

37 **WHEREAS**, on the 30th day of October, 2013, the Planning & Zoning Board, in its capacity as the
38 Local Planning Agency, considered this ordinance and recommended approval at a properly advertised public
39 hearing;

40 **WHEREAS**, the Board of County Commissioners (the "Board") desires to amend Chapter X, Land
41 Development Regulations, to create regulations pertaining to the keeping of chickens in specific residential
42 districts, with conditions.

43 **WHEREAS**, on the ____ day of _____, 2013, this Ordinance was heard at a public hearing before
44 the Lake County Board of County Commissioners; and

45 **NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED**, by the Board of County Commissioners of Lake County, Florida
46 as follows:

