

1 AN ACT relating to keeping chickens on residential property.

2 *Be it enacted by the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Kentucky:*

3 ➔SECTION 1. A NEW SECTION OF KRS CHAPTER 65 IS CREATED TO
4 READ AS FOLLOWS:

5 (1) As used in this section, "backyard chicken":

6 (a) Means a domesticated hen kept on residential property for personal egg
7 production and educational purposes, excluding commercial farming; and

8 (b) Shall not mean a domesticated rooster.

9 (2) A city, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local
10 government, or unified local government shall not enact or enforce any
11 ordinance, zoning regulation, or policy that directly or indirectly prohibits a
12 person from keeping six (6) or fewer backyard chickens on any residential
13 property.

14 (3) A city, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local
15 government, and unified local government may enact and enforce reasonable
16 ordinances regulations, or policies to ensure the health, safety, and welfare of
17 residents, including but not limited to:

18 (a) Setback requirements for coops holding backyard chickens from property
19 lines and neighboring residences;

20 (b) Sanitation and maintenance standards to control odors and pests; and

21 (c) Prohibiting the commercial sale of eggs or backyard chickens on residential
22 properties.

23 (4) Any ordinance, regulation, or policy that conflicts with this section shall be void
24 and unenforceable.

