

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 or educational purposes; and

8 (b) Does not mean a domesticated hen used for commercial farming or a
9 domesticated rooster.

10 (2) A city, urban-county government, charter county government, consolidated local
11 government, or unified local government:

12 (a) Shall not enact or enforce any ordinance, zoning regulation, or policy that
13 directly or indirectly prohibits a person from keeping six (6) or fewer
14 backyard chickens on any residential property; and

15 (b) May enact and enforce reasonable ordinances, regulations, or policies to
16 ensure the health, safety, and welfare of residents, including but not limited
17 to:

18 1. Requiring setbacks for coops holding backyard chickens from
19 property lines and neighboring residences;

20 2. Requiring sanitation and maintenance standards relating to backyard
21 chickens to control odors and pests; and

22 3. Prohibiting the commercial sale of eggs or backyard chickens on
23 residential properties.

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