

## CHAPTER 310

### REGULATING THE KEEPING OF POULTRY AND LIVESTOCK WITHIN THE CITY OF RICHLAND CENTER

[History: Ord 2004-4]

**310.01 Statement of Purpose.** The keeping or feeding of poultry or livestock within the City of Richland Center is declared to be a public nuisance, presenting concerns for health, cleanliness, noxious odors, noise, and safety issues in a close community living situation.

**310.02 Prohibition.** No person shall keep, feed or maintain upon his or her premises or any premises under his or her control, any chickens, ducks, geese or other poultry, or any live cattle, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, goats, or swine, or any other poultry or livestock normally raised on farms and used for food or fiber, within the City of Richland Center.

**310.03 Exceptions.** The Prohibition of Section 310.02 shall not apply where the creatures are in the care, custody or control of any of the following:

- A veterinarian for treatment;
- An agricultural or animal fair, show, or learning seminar;
- A show or project of a 4-H Club, Boy Scouts, Girl Scouts, or similar club;
- A display for judging purposes;
- An itinerant or transient carnival;
- A circus, parade, or other show;
- A public or private educational institution; or
- A pet shop, or retail agri-business dealing in young poultry.

Provided, however, that all of the following requirements are met:

1. The presence of the animals within the City is temporary, unless they are being kept at an educational institution;
2. The location of the animals conforms to the provisions of the zoning ordinances of the City of Richland Center;
3. All animals and animals quarters are kept in a clean and sanitary condition, and are so maintained as to eliminate objectionable odors; and
4. All animals are maintained in quarters so constructed as to prevent their escape.

**310.04 Penalty.** Any person violating any of the provisions of this Chapter shall, upon conviction thereof, forfeit not less than \$25.00, nor more than \$400.00 for each offense, together with the costs of prosecution and any applicable penalty assessment, and in case such forfeiture, costs and assessments are not paid, shall be subject to imprisonment in the County Jail until such forfeiture costs and assessments shall be paid, but not to exceed Ninety (90) days. Each day that a violation of this Chapter continues, shall constitute a separate offense.