

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.*