

ORDINANCE #599

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON,
AMENDING CHAPTER 6.10 OF THE YACOLT MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING THE
POSSESSION OF CHICKENS WITHIN THE TOWN'S BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR AN
EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION**

Whereas, the Town Council adopted Ordinance #415 on March 4, 2002 to regulate the keeping of livestock, fowl and chickens within the boundaries of the Town;

Whereas, Yacolt's regulations concerning livestock, fowl and chickens is now codified in the Yacolt Municipal Code (YMC) at Chapter 6.10;

Whereas, at its regular public meeting on June 10, 2024 the Town Council decided to revise YMC 6.10 by increasing the maximum number of chickens per household to twelve and by amending the process for responding to nuisance complaints regarding chickens; and,

Whereas, the Town Council is in regular session this 8th day of July, 2024, and all members of the Town Council have had notice of the time, place, and purpose of said meeting:

NOW THEREFORE, be it Ordained by the Town Council of the Town of Yacolt, Washington:

Section 1 – Amendment of YMC Section 6.10.030: Section 6.10.030 of the Yacolt Municipal Code [Keeping of chickens in town] is hereby amended as set forth below. New text is shown by underline. Deleted text is shown by strikethrough.

6.10.030 Keeping of chickens in town.

It is unlawful for any person to keep or maintain chickens within the town without first securing written permission from the town council of the town of Yacolt, Washington. No more than twelve ~~eight~~ chickens will be allowed per household. Any person in violation of this section shall be notified in writing. If conformity to this section is not reached within 30 days of receipt of the written notification, a civil penalty will be assessed.

Section 2 – Amendment of YMC Section 6.10.050: Section 6.10.050 of the Yacolt Municipal Code [Nuisance] is hereby replaced in its entirety and shall read as follows:

6.10.050 Nuisance.

Should any adjacent neighbor of a household keeping chickens find those chickens to be a nuisance, said neighbor may provide a written complaint to the town clerk. Following an investigation into the circumstances, the town council shall review the complaint and may reconsider its permission for the keeping of said chickens. The town council may impose conditions to its continued permission to keep the chickens, or modify its permission, or rescind its permission entirely.

The town council reserves the right, with or without a complaint from the public, to rescind or modify its permission to keep chickens on any property within the Town's boundaries for any violation of the terms of any part of this chapter.

The town shall provide written notice of any decision of the town council with respect to chickens to the owner or custodian of the chickens.

Section 3 – Instructions to the Clerk: The Town Clerk shall:

- a). Upon the Effective Date of this Ordinance, send a copy hereof to Code Publishing Company of Seattle, Washington, so that the provisions of Sections 1 and 2 of this Ordinance may be promptly reflected in the Yacolt Municipal Code.
- b). Cause notice of the adoption of this Ordinance to be published forthwith in the Town’s official newspaper pursuant to Section 4 below; and,
- c). Promptly post a copy of this Ordinance on the Town’s website for public inspection.

Section 4 – Effective Date and Publication of Summary: This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption and publication according to law. Notice of this Ordinance may be provided by publication of the following summary in the Town’s official newspaper:

Town of Yacolt - Summary of Ordinance #599

The Town Council of the Town of Yacolt adopted Ordinance #599 at its regularly scheduled Town Council meeting held on July 8, 2024. The content of the Ordinance is summarized in its title as follows:

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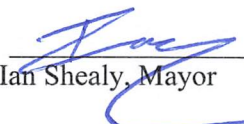
The effective date of the Ordinance is July 17, 2024.

A copy of the full text of the Ordinance will be mailed upon request to the undersigned at the Town of Yacolt Town Hall, P.O. Box 160, Yacolt, WA 98675: (360) 686-3922.

Published this 17th day of July, 2024.
Stephanie Fields, Town Clerk

PASSED by the Town Council of the Town of Yacolt, Washington, at a regular meeting thereof this 8th day of July, 2024.

TOWN OF YACOLT



Ian Shealy, Mayor

Attest:

Stephanie Fields
Stephanie Fields, Town Clerk

Approved as to Form:

David W. Ridenour, Town Attorney

Ayes: Carothers, Peto, Homola, Viray
Nays: Ø
Absent: Carroll
Abstain: Ø

TOWN CLERK’S CERTIFICATION

I hereby certify that the foregoing Ordinance is a true and correct copy of Ordinance #599 of the Town of Yacolt, Washington, entitled “AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWN COUNCIL OF THE TOWN OF YACOLT, WASHINGTON, AMENDING CHAPTER 6.10 OF THE YACOLT MUNICIPAL CODE REGULATING THE POSSESSION OF CHICKENS WITHIN THE TOWN’S BOUNDARIES; PROVIDING FOR AN EFFECTIVE DATE; AND PROVIDING FOR SUMMARY PUBLICATION” as approved according to law by the Town Council on the date therein mentioned. The Ordinance has been published or posted according to law.

Attest:

Stephanie Fields
Stephanie Fields, Town Clerk

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