

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-13

ROOSTER KEEPING

The Contra Costa County Board of Supervisors ordains as follows (omitting the parenthetical footnotes from the official text of the enacted or amended provisions of the County Ordinance Code):

SECTION I. SUMMARY. This ordinance adds Article 416-12.10 to the County Ordinance Code to require humane treatment of roosters.

SECTION II. Article 416-12.10 is added to the County Ordinance Code, to read:

**Article 416-12.10
Roosters**

416-12.1002 Definition. For the purposes of this article, “rooster” means any male chicken that: (1) is six months or older, (2) has full adult plumage, or (3) is capable of crowing. (Ord. 2018-13 § 2).

416-12.1004 Rooster keeping.

- (a) Notwithstanding any other provisions of law, no person may maintain any rooster by means of a tether attached to an object.
- (b) At all times, roosters must be provided all of the following:
 - (1) Access to water.
 - (2) Shelter from the elements, including rain, wind, and direct sun.
 - (3) Sufficient room to spread both wings fully and to be able to turn in a complete circle without any impediment and without touching the side of an enclosure.
 - (4) Clean and sanitary premises that are maintained in good repair. (Ord. 2018-13 § 2).

416-12.1006 Enforcement In addition to any other remedy allowed by this code or applicable law, the animal services director may issue an administrative penalty under Article 416-4.8 to any responsible person for a violation of this article. (Ord. 2018-13 § 2).

SECTION III. EFFECTIVE DATE. This ordinance becomes effective 30 days after passage, and within 15 days after passage shall be published once with the names of supervisors voting for or against it in the Contra Costa Times, a newspaper published in this County.

PASSED on _____, by the following vote:

AYES:

NOES:

ABSENT:

ABSTAIN:

ATTEST: DAVID J. TWA,
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors
and County Administrator

Board Chair

By:

Deputy

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