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**ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE,
COUNTY OF CAMDEN AND STATE OF NEW JERSEY
AMENDING ARTICLE III. IN CHAPTER 25, FEES, IN THE
CODE OF THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE**

BE IT ORDAINED by the Mayor and Borough Council of the Borough of Merchantville, County of Camden, and State of New Jersey, that Article III., Miscellaneous Fees, in Chapter 25, Fees, in the Code of the Borough of Merchantville, be and hereby is amended, as follows:

ARTICLE I.	ARTICLE III.	SECTION 25-15	License required; fee; expiration; class.
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A. Consistent with the provisions of Chapter 9 of the Code of the Borough of Merchantville, no person shall keep chickens on his/her property without first obtaining a license from the Borough Clerk's office and paying the required fee therefor. No license shall be issued unless the applicant therefor has demonstrated compliance with all criteria set forth in this Article.

1. An annual fee of \$25.00 shall be paid for each license issued under this Section for one (1) to four (4) chickens. Licenses shall be renewed annually and shall expire on December 31st of the calendar year.

2. The applicant must reside on the property in which the chickens subject to the license are to be housed. If applicant is a renter and/or tenant and/or occupier of the property where chickens are to be housed, the applicant must have the complete the "Property Owner/Landlord Permission Affidavit" portion of the license application, properly executed by the property owner or

landlord and duly notarized.

3. A new licensee, who was maintaining chickens at the time of the passage of the within Ordinance, may be issued a license for more than the permitted number of chickens to allow such person(s) to come into compliance with this Ordinance through the natural expiration of their chickens.

B. No license shall be issued unless the applicant desiring to keep backyard chickens has taken a class on the basics of raising backyard chickens acceptable to the Chicken Advisory Board. Proof of completion of such class must be presented with the completed application. The Chicken Advisory Board will provide a class or refer the applicant to an acceptable backyard chicken keeping class as needed. A member of the Chicken Advisory Board will review the application with the applicant prior to final submission.

ARTICLE II.

All Ordinances contrary to the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby repealed to the extent that they are inconsistent herewith.

ARTICLE III.

This Ordinance shall take effect upon passage and publication according to law.

THE BOROUGH OF MERCHANTVILLE

BY: _____
EDWARD F. BRENNAN, MAYOR

ATTEST:

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DENISE BROUSE, BOROUGH CLERK**

The foregoing ordinance was introduced by Mayor and Council at a meeting held on September 12, 2016. This Ordinance will be considered for adoption on final reading and public hearing to be held on September 26, 2016 at 7:30 p.m in the Council Meeting Room, Merchantville Borough Hall, 1 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey.

The purpose of this Ordinance is to provide for the fees for the licensure of chickens to be kept pursuant to Chapter 9 of the Code of the Borough of Merchantville. A copy of this Ordinance is available at no charge to the general public between the hours of 8:30 AM to 4:30 PM, Monday through Friday (Legal Holidays excluded), at the Office of the Borough Clerk, Merchantville Borough Hall, 1 West Maple Avenue, Merchantville, New Jersey.