CHAPTER 13 DOMESTIC HENS

- 5-13-1 AUTHORIZATION: Subject to the provisions of this chapter, the keeping of domestic hen chickens for the purpose of egg production is hereby allowed within the RA, R1, R1A, R2A and RE zoning districts of the City of Shelley. No roosters are allowed under any circumstances.
- 5-13-2 CONDITIONS: To keep a domestic hen(s), a city resident must comply with the following requirements:
- (A) Limit the maximum number of domestic hen chickens to six (6) for lots with a detached home, and three (3) for lots with an attached home.
- (B) Confine the hens within a building or enclosure in the rear yard of the property located at least eight (8) feet from any adjacent property, and at least twenty (20) feet from any primary residence or business, whether on the resident's lot or an adjacent lot. The building or enclosure shall provide the hens with no less than six (6) square feet per hen. No hens may be kept in any structure designed for human occupancy.
- (C) Provide the hens with access to feed and unfrozen water at all times.
- (D) Maintain the hens' shelter and enclosure with sufficient cleanliness and ventilation so as not to create a public health hazard, foul odors, an unreasonable number of flies, or other nuisance.
- 5-13-3 VIOLATION; PENALTY: Upon the first violation of this chapter, the owner must pay a \$50 fine. Upon the second violation, the owner must pay a \$100 fine. And upon the third occurrence, the owner will indefinitely lose the right to keep domestic hens. Any hen found at large without identification of ownership may be disposed of by the City without further liability to the hen's owner.
- 5-13-4 ENFORCEMENT: The Shelley Police Department has the authority and duty to enforce the provisions of this section and cite residents for violations. Upon receipt of any complaint that the requirements of this section are likely being violated, a member of the Shelley Police Department shall have the authority to investigate said complaint.
- 5-13-5 SAVINGS: If any provision of this chapter are held invalid or unenforceable by a court of competent jurisdiction, the remainder of this chapter shall not be affected thereby.