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**RESOLUTION**  
**BY COUNCIL MEMBER** Durhal

Regarding the Establishment of a Licensing Fee for Ducks and Chickens within the City of Detroit

WHEREAS, the City of Detroit recognizes the growing interest in urban agriculture and the keeping of domestic fowl, specifically ducks and chickens, within city limits; and

WHEREAS, Chapter 6, Article X, of the Detroit City Code, titled "Animal Husbandry and Beekeeping," outlines the regulations and licensing requirements for such activities; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-10-31 of the Detroit City Code mandates that "It shall be unlawful to practice animal husbandry in the City without first having obtained a license from the Animal Care and Control Division or another authorized license issuer"; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-10-32 of the Detroit City Code details the application process, required information, and the establishment of fees for animal husbandry licenses; and

WHEREAS, Section 6-10-33 of the Detroit City Code authorizes the Animal Care and Control Division to collect license fees according to a schedule established by the Administrator and approved by the City Council; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit Animal Care and Control Division has determined that a licensing fee is necessary to ensure the proper regulation, oversight, and public health considerations associated with the keeping of ducks (including drakes) and chickens (excluding roosters) within the city; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit Animal Care and Control Division has determined a fee of \$40 is a fair and equitable amount to cover the administrative costs associated with processing applications and conducting necessary inspections; and

WHEREAS, the Detroit Animal Care and Control Division has determined that a limit of up to 8 combined ducks and/or chickens is appropriate for the proposed fee.

WHEREAS, the Detroit Animal Care and Control Division has determined that there is no fee needed for honeybee keeping license.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, that the Detroit City Council hereby approves the establishment of a licensing fee of \$40 for the keeping of ducks and/or chickens within the City of Detroit, with a maximum combined total of eight (8) ducks and/or chickens per license.

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BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the Detroit Animal Care and Control Division shall implement the following licensing procedures, in accordance with Section 6-10-32 of the Detroit City Code:

1. Applicants shall submit a completed application form, provided by the Animal Care and Control Division, which shall include all information required by Section 6-10-32, including but not limited to:
  - Proof of property ownership or legal control of the property.
  - Certificate of health for all fowl.
  - Facilities, waste, and manure management plans as required in Section 6-10-35 of the Detroit City Code.
  - The physical characteristics, including breed and sex, of the fowl.
  - Any other information required by the Animal Care and Control Division.
2. Applicants shall pay the \$40 licensing fee at the time of application.
3. The Animal Care and Control Division shall maintain records of all licensed duck and chicken owners.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that the schedule of fees shall be posted at the Office of the Animal Care and Control Division, as required by Section 6-10-33(c) of the Detroit City Code.

BE IT FURTHER RESOLVED, that this resolution shall take effect immediately upon its adoption.