

**ORDINANCE NO. 817  
(AS AMENDED THROUGH 817.1)  
AN ORDINANCE OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE AMENDING  
ORDINANCE NO. 817 CONTROLLING CROWING ROOSTERS AND  
REQUIRING A PERMIT TO KEEP OR MAINTAIN SUCH FOWL**

THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE COUNTY OF RIVERSIDE ORDAINS AS FOLLOWS:

**SECTION 1. Crowing Roosters**

Any person owning, keeping or maintaining seven (7) or more crowing roosters, two (2) months of age or older including but not limited to a rooster or male chicken shall house such roosters in an acoustical structure between sunset and sunrise, so as to reduce the noise emitted by such roosters during nighttime hours. The noise reduction shall be accomplished in such a manner that the noise escaping from the acoustical structure shall not interfere with a reasonable person's use and enjoyment of his or her real property. All such roosters shall be furnished with an adequate supply of water and feed.

**SECTION 2. Crowing Rooster Permit**

All roosters shall be kept and/or maintained only upon lands and in the numbers authorized under County Ordinance No. 348. Any person keeping or maintaining on property owned or controlled by said person seven (7) or more crowing roosters, two (2) months of age or older, provided the presence of such roosters is in compliance with the provisions of County Ordinance No. 348, shall first obtain a permit and pay the fee prescribed below. The permit required shall not apply to 4-H or FFA sponsored projects.

The permit shall be for the terms and paid to the Department of Animal Control in the amounts specified below:

<u>Roosters:</u>	<u>Fees:</u>
1-6 Roosters	no charge
7-10 Roosters (annual)	\$ 500
11 or more Roosters (annual)	\$1,500

**SECTION 3. Violation -- Penalty**

Any person violating any of the provisions of this chapter shall be guilty of an infraction, and upon conviction thereof shall be punished by : (1) a fine not exceeding fifty dollars (\$50.00) for the first violation; (2) a fine not exceeding one hundred dollars (\$100.00) for the second violation within one year; (3) a fine not exceeding two hundred fifty dollars (\$250.00) for each additional violation within one year. Each day a violation is committed or permitted to continue shall constitute a separate offense.

Notwithstanding the foregoing, a first or any subsequent violation of this ordinance may be charged and prosecuted as a misdemeanor.

**SECTION 4. Remedies and Penalties in Ordinance 630**

The additional remedies, penalties, and procedures for violations of this Ordinance and for recovery of costs related to enforcement provided for in Ordinance 630 are incorporated by this reference.

This Ordinance shall take effect thirty (30) days after its adoption.

**Adopted:**

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**Amended:**

817.1 item 9.13 of 07/14/2009 (Eff: 08/13/2009)