

ORDINANCE NO. 2018-03

AN ORDINANCE OF WASHINGTON TOWNSHIP, LEHIGH COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE 2009 ZONING ORDINANCE, SETTING FORTH THE DEFINITION OF THE “KEEPING OF POULTRY”, SETTING FORTH VARIOUS REGULATIONS WITH REGARD TO THE KEEPING OF THE SAME, AND, REPEALING ANY ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT THEREWITH.

SECTION 1. TITLE

This Ordinance shall be known as an amendment to the Washington Township Zoning Ordinance of 2009 dealing with the keeping of poultry.

SECTION 2. DECLARATION OF PURPOSES

It is hereby declared the Policy of Washington Township, Lehigh County, as to matters of public health, safety and welfare, and to set forth regulations for the keeping of said poultry and to determine where within Washington Township the same would be permitted, so as to protect the public health, safety and welfare of its citizens.

SECTION 3.

A. THE KEEPING OF POULTRY

The Zoning Ordinance shall be amended, with Section 428 being added concerning the keeping of poultry and shall read as follows:

“The keeping of poultry as pets or for personal use is permitted in all districts, on a lot with a lot size of not less than 0.5 acres. No more than three (3) poultry may be kept on lots between 0.5 and 1 acres. Three (3) additional poultry are permitted for each half (0.5) acres in lot size. The maximum number of poultry that may be kept on any lot is thirty (30). The keeping of said poultry must be contained in an appropriate enclosure and must be in the rear yard of the lot. Sanitary conditions must be maintained.

Roosters as pets or for personal use are only permitted in the Rural and Blue Mountain District of Washington Township on lots larger than 5.0 acres. Any person keeping poultry as pets or for personal use shall remain subject to other associated codes and ordinances, including, but not limited to, the nuisance, noise and blight ordinances of the Township and all provisions of the property maintenance code.”

SECTION 4. SEVERABILITY

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable and, if any of its provisions shall be held invalid or unconstitutional, the decision of the Court shall not affect or invalidate any of the remaining provisions. It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that this Ordinance would have been adopted with such illegal, invalid or unconstitutional provision had not been included herein.

SECTION 5. REPEALER

All Ordinances or parts of Ordinances, which are inconsistent herewith are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6. EFFECTIVE DATE


This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days from the date of enactment.

APPROVED BY the Board of Supervisors of Washington Township, Lehigh County, Pennsylvania, and ENACTED this 8 day of January, 2019.

TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON (Lehigh County, Pennsylvania)

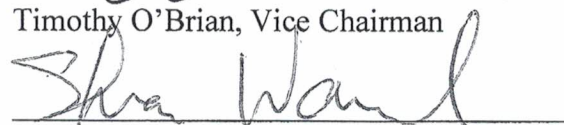
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