

**ORDINANCE NO. 24-006**

**AN ORDINANCE**  
**TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE OF**  
**CITY OF AUBURN, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the City has adopted a comprehensive Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, citizens and the City's Code Enforcement staff have requested certain changes to permit the limited keeping of poultry on residentially zoned property; and

WHEREAS, it is the best interest of the health, safety and welfare of the citizens of Auburn to amend the City Code to provide reasonable regulations to govern the safe keeping of poultry on residential property and to balance the interests of property owners and citizens of the City; and

NOW, THEREFORE, THE COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF AUBURN HEREBY ORDAINS that the City Code of Ordinances be amended as follows:

SECTION 1

The following language is added at the end of Section 17.90.010(B)(13):

The raising and keeping of chickens for personal pleasure or utility on a parcel which contains the dwelling of the owner is permitted, provided that the parcel is at least three (3) acres in area and all animal quarters are located no closer than 100 feet to any property line.

SECTION 2

The existing Section Sec. 17.90.020(B)(9) is deleted, and the following are adopted and substituted in their place:

**Sec. 17.90.020(B)(9)**

The keeping of chickens for personal pleasure or utility on a parcel which contains the dwelling of the owner is permitted, subject to the following requirements:

- a. The minimum lot size for the keeping of chickens shall be ten thousand five hundred (10,500) square feet (1/4 acre).
- b. Chickens must be kept securely in an enclosed yard or 6-sided pen at all times.

- c. Chickens must be housed at least twenty (20) feet from any property line, and fifty (50) feet from any residence other than the owner's residence.
- d. Any structure housing chickens must be located in the rear yard.
- e. The keeping of roosters is not allowed.
- f. The maximum number of chickens shall be as follows: Lots 10,500 square feet (1/4 acre) to 12,499 (.28 acre) square feet: maximum of 3 chickens; lots 12,500 square feet to 21,780 (.5 acre) square feet: maximum of 5 chickens; lots 25,000 (.57 acre) square feet to 39,999 (.91 acre) square feet: maximum of 10 chickens; lots of 40,000 (.91 acre) square feet to 2.99 acres: maximum of 14 chickens; lots 3 acres or larger: no maximum.
- g. Each coop shall have at least four (4) square feet of floor space per chicken over four (4) months old.
- h. Chickens are only permitted as pets or for egg laying production; chickens cannot be kept for slaughter.
- i. Chickens must be kept under sanitary conditions and shall not be a public nuisance as defined by State law.
- j. Penalties for violation of this subsection shall be a fine upon conviction not to exceed \$1,000.00 per occurrence. Each day that such a violation of this subsection exists may constitute a separate offense. Citations for violations shall be heard and decided in the City of Auburn Municipal Court.

**Sec. 17.90.020(B)(10)**

No chickens may be kept on any property in the Downtown Overlay District or the City Center District.

SECTION 3

The City Administrator and City Clerk are further authorized to correct typographical errors in the text of the existing Zoning Resolution and to produce and publish a final codified version of the Zoning Resolution with the amendments and revisions outlined herein.

SECTION 4

In the event any Court of competent jurisdiction determines that any portion of the foregoing amendment is invalid, unconstitutional, or otherwise illegal, such rulings shall not impair the validity of the rest and remainder of this amendment.

SECTION 5

All laws and parts of laws in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed.

SECTION 6

This Ordinance and the amendments outlined herein shall be effective immediately upon their adoption by the Mayor and City Council.

SO ORDAINED this 11<sup>th</sup> day of July, 2024.

  
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Rick Roquemoire, Mayor

  
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Joshua Rowan, Council Member

  
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Robert L. Vogel, III Council Member

  
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Taylor J. Sisk, Council Member

Absent  
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Jamie L. Bradley, Council Member

ATTEST:

  
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Michael Parks, City Clerk