

ORDINANCE NO. 2024- /

AN ORDINANCE OF BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP, BUCKS COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA AMENDING ARTICLE II, SECTION 202 OF THE BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE DEFINITION OF LIVESTOCK, RAISING OF TO SET STANDARDS FOR THE RAISING OF CHICKENS

BE IT ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Board of Supervisors of Bridgeton Township, Bucks County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

ARTICLE I. Purpose.

The purpose of this Zoning Amendment is to amend the definition related to the raising of livestock, as provided in Section 202 to the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance to establish standards for the raising of chickens.

ARTICLE II. Amendment

Section 202, definition of the Raising of Livestock is hereby amended to add to the Bridgeton Township Zoning Ordinance the following:

“B. The keeping and raising of fowl (which may include, but not be limited to pigeons, chickens, ducks, geese or similar animal) shall be regulated as follows:

- i. on a Lot of less than three-quarters (.75) of an acre, the raising of fowl shall be prohibited;
- ii. on a Lot ranging in the size of three quarters (.75) to one acre the raising of four (4) fowl shall be permitted;
- iii. on a Lot in excess of one (1) acre, one (1) additional fowl for each quarter (.25) acre of Lot size shall be permitted;
- iv. regardless of the total size of a Lot, under no circumstances shall a property owner or occupant be permitted to have more than twelve (12) fowl;
- v. Limitations as to Chickens. Only the keeping and raising of female chickens shall be permitted on a Lot. Male chickens over the age of six (6) months are prohibited. However if the Lot is in excess of three (3) acres male chickens shall be permitted subject to the total amount of fowl permitted on any give Lot;

vi. Enclosed Structure Required. All fowl shall be kept in an enclosed structure located on the Lot, subject to the setback requirements of this Ordinance. No fowl shall be permitted to be housed or raised inside a dwelling. Each structure shall maintain a three inch deep bed of pine shavings or equivalent and should be cleaned once every six weeks or when an odor develops, if sooner. The property owner or occupant shall be required to maintain such records for periodic inspection;

vii Setbacks. (a) In the event a property owner or occupant is raising fowl on a Lot with three (3) or more fowl, the coop, runs, pens, henhouse or similar structure shall be located at least seventy-five (75) feet from any adjacent Dwelling but in no event less than fifty (50) feet from any Lot Line; (b) all enclosed Structures required by this Ordinance shall be located in the rear yard of the Dwelling located on the Lot; (c) no enclosed structure, facility or area for the storing of manure or feed shall be located within the front yard of a Dwelling located on the Lot and shall be one hundred (100) feet of any adjacent residence, or within one hundred feet from a well head and not less than fifty (5) feet from any lot line; any excrement or other discharge from the keeping and/or raising of fowl shall be composted before spreading on the Lot or double bagged and removed by a regulated trash collector;

viii. Odor and Noise. Any odors emanating from the keeping or raising of fowl as provided in this Ordinance shall not be perceptible beyond the boundaries of the Lot upon which the use is being conducted. Noise from the keeping or raising of fowl shall not be perceptible from the Lot Lines of the property upon which the use is being conducted;

ix The property owner or occupant keeping or raising fowl shall take all necessary steps to reduce the attraction of predators, rodents, insects and parasites to the property upon which the use is being conducted. Feed or similar food for fowl shall be stored in rodent/racoon proof containers, and;

x. No external illumination. The exterior areas of any enclosed structure provided for herein, run or coop shall not be illuminated.”

ARTICLE III Repealer

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

ARTICLE IV. Severability

If any sentence, clause, section or part of this Ordinance is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality, or invalidity shall not affect or impair any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses, sections, or part of this Ordinance. It is hereby declared as the intent of the Board of Supervisors of Bridgeton

Township, that this Ordinance would have been adopted had such unconstitutional, illegal, or invalid sentence, clause, section, or part thereof had not been included therein.

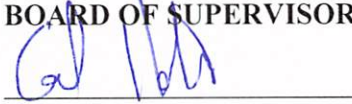
ARTICLE V. Effective Date

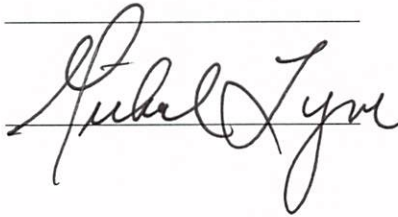
This Ordinance shall become effective five (5) days after its adoption.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED, after due notice and a public hearing this 23rd day of October, 2024, by the Board of Supervisors of Bridgeton Township.

SEAL

**BRIDGETON TOWNSHIP
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**





ATTEST:

