

Staff Report

Public Hearing

Subject: Ordinance Revision, 2nd Reading
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Meeting Date: December 3, 2024
Item Description: Consideration to approve the amendment of the Code of Ordinances **Part II – Official Code: Chapter 10 – Animals, Section 10-112, Keeping of Fowl** of the Effingham County Code of Ordinances.

Summary Recommendation

Due to the increased Code Enforcement Violations by Effingham County residents in relation to owning Livestock in R Zoning Districts, Staff recommends **approval** of an update to the Animal Ordinance.

Executive Summary/Background

- **On April 16, 2024, an amendment of the Animals Ordinance was adopted.**
- This amendment corrects the number of Chickens allowed in R-1 to reflect what was approved by the Board of Commissioners at the April Meeting, which is 4 hens and 1 rooster, for a total of 5 chickens.
- This amendment also changes the name of the required Permit from “Backyard Hen Permit” to “Backyard Flock Permit”
- This amendment also requires Platted Non-Conforming AR-1 Subdivisions to also adhere to R-1 guidelines.
- **First Reading was approved on November 19, 2024.**

Alternatives

1. **Approve an amendment to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 10 – Animals, Section 10-112, Keeping of Fowl.**
2. **Deny an amendment to the Code of Ordinances Chapter 10 – Animals, Section 10-112, Keeping of Fowl..**

Recommended Alternative: 1

Other Alternatives: 2

Department Review: **FUNDING: N/A**

Attachments: 1. Chapter 10 – Animals, Section 10-112, Keeping of Fowl