

STATE OF GEORGIA  
EFFINGHAM COUNTY

AMENDMENT TO CHAPTER 10  
OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND CHAPTER 10 OF THE OFFICIAL CODE OF EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA AND TO REPEAL ALL OTHER ORDINANCES IN CONFLICT HEREWITH.

Chapter 10 - ANIMALS<sup>[1]</sup>

**Sec. 10-112 Keeping of fowl. (also known as “The Chicken Ordinance”)**

- (1) Residential fowl is subject to the following regulations:
  - a. Permitted fowl: chickens, turkeys, guineas, geese, ducks, pigeons, or similar fowl
    1. Permitted fowl per zoning district:
      - a. All permitted fowl: all AR-1 excluding Platted Non-Conforming AR-1 Subdivision
      - b. All non-commercial fowl: AR-2
    2. Conditional fowl per zoning district (MUST OBTAIN PERMIT FROM DEVELOPMENT SERVICES):
      - a. Chickens only (4 hens and 1 rooster): R-1, Platted Non-Conforming AR-1 Subdivision
    3. Prohibited animals per zoning district:
      - a. Commercial fowl: AR-2
      - b. Turkeys, guineas, geese, ducks, swans, quails, partridges, pigeons, peafowls, and peacocks: R-1, and all other zoning districts.
    4. Minimum lot size:
      - a. AR-1, AR-2 & R-1: half (.5) acre
  - b. Location of chicken coop from an occupied residential dwelling: 150 feet
  - c. Permitted number of approved poultry animals, collectively:
    - a. Properties zoned
      1. R-1 and Platted Non-Conforming AR-1 Subdivision:  
Maximum number may be five (5) total.
  - d. Obtaining Backyard Flock Permit Process:
    - a. Items Needed:
      1. Application Submitted to the Development Services Department

2. Plot plan showing chicken coop location and distance to neighboring residential dwellings.
    - b. Once application has been submitted it will be reviewed by the Zoning Department to verify minimum distance requirements.
    - c. The Permit will be issued to the property owner. The permit must be readily available in case any code enforcement complaint comes in.
    - d. After being approved by zoning, code enforcement will be notified the property owner has received the Backyard Flock Permit.
- (2) Such fowl shall be kept at the following minimum distances from any occupied building except the dwelling unit of the owner:

<b>Animal</b>	<b>Distance (Feet)</b>
Chickens (4 hens and 1 rooster or less in R-1 and Platted Non-Conforming AR-1 Subdivision)	150
Chickens, turkeys, guineas, geese, ducks, pigeons, or similar fowl (2 or more in AR-1 or AR-2)	200

- (3) Commercial fowl is subject to the following regulations:
- i. Permitted fowl: chickens, turkeys, guineas, geese, ducks, pigeons, or similar fowl
    - a. Permitted fowl per zoning district:
      - i. All Commercial Fowl: AR-1
    - b. Prohibited fowl per zoning district:
      - i. Commercial Fowl in AR-2, R-1, and all other zoning districts, including a Platted Non-Conforming AR-1 Subdivision.

The text of section \_\_\_\_\_ is deleted in its entirety and replaced with the following:

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A new section \_\_\_\_\_, is inserted, as follows:

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed.

This \_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 20\_\_.

BOARD OF COMMISSIONERS,

EFFINGHAM COUNTY, GEORGIA

BY: \_\_\_\_\_  
CHAIRMAN

ATTEST:

\_\_\_\_\_  
STEPHANIE JOHNSON  
EFFINGHAM COUNTY CLERK

FIRST READING \_\_\_\_\_

SECOND READING \_\_\_\_\_