

AN ORDINANCE TO ALLOW CHICKENS WITHIN THE ROBBINS TOWN LIMITS

BE IT ORDAINED, by the Board of Commissioners of the Town of Robbins the following:

Section 1. Robbins Code of Ordinances 93.13, “Keeping of Fowl Prohibited,” is amended to read as follows:

§ 93.13 KEEPING OF FOWL PROHIBITED; EXCEPTION FOR CHICKENS

(A) It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain any ~~chicken~~, turkey, duck, or other fowl, or to allow any fowl to be at large within the corporate limits.

(B) Effect upon existing ~~chicken~~, turkey, duck or other fowl. Except as provided herein, persons keeping or maintaining within the corporate limits any fowl shall remove it from the corporate limits not later than 30 days from the effective date of this section.

(C) The animal control officer may apprehend any fowl, including but not limited to chickens, that is at large within the corporate limits. If the animal control officer can identify the owner or keeper with reasonable effort, the officer shall return the fowl to that person. Otherwise, the officer may dispose of the fowl in the most humane manner reasonable available.

(D) Keeping of chickens. Chickens may be kept as an accessory use to an occupied residential property, subject to the following limitations:

(1) Chickens may not be kept for commercial purposes within the town limits. Chickens raised for commercial purposes within the Town’s extraterritorial jurisdiction shall comply with all requirements of the Unified Development Ordinance;

(2) Roosters are prohibited;

(3) A maximum of ten (10) chickens may be kept on a single residential property;

(4) The chicken coop may be located in rear yard only. A yard located on a corner lot such that it is both a side and rear yard shall be deemed a “rear yard” for the purposes of this section;

(5) The chicken coop must be a minimum of thirty (30) feet from all residences;

(6) The chicken coop must be maintained in a clean and sanitary condition at all times; and

(7) Chicken coops and yarding areas shall be fully enclosed by a perimeter fence. For the purposes of this section, the “yarding area” is defined as the area in which chickens are allowed to roam freely outside of their coop.

(Ord. passed 3-10-2005) Penalty, see § 93.99

Section 2. All provisions of any town ordinance or resolution in conflict with this ordinance are repealed.

Section 3. This ordinance shall become effective upon adoption.

The foregoing ordinance, having been submitted to a vote, received the following vote and was duly adopted this _____ day of _____, 2026

Ayes: _____

Noes: _____

Absent or Excused: _____

Cameron Dockery, Mayor

ATTEST:

Jessica Coltrane, Town Clerk