SECTION 204 – GENERAL DISTRICT PROVISIONS

G. Special Animal Keeping Regulations in Suburban Residential Districts and Low Density Residential Districts: [PASSED – AS WRITTEN 07.02.18]

1. Purpose and Intent:

This ordinance sets standards for the keeping of animals to minimize effects on neighboring properties, such as noise, smell, waste, and human health issues. This addresses the type and number of animals allowed on various types and sizes of zoning districts. [PASSED – AS WRITTEN 07.02.18]

2. Small Animals and Fowl:

The following regulations shall apply to the keeping of small animals and fowl. “Small animals and fowl,” where used in this section, means chickens, geese, ducks, turkeys, peafowl, and rabbits. [Consensus - Committee to only work on items applicable to fowl/chickens – 07.02.18]

A. For parcels of land constituting less than one-quarter (¼) acre of actual lot size, no more than five (5) chickens may be kept or maintained. For parcels of land constituting one-quarter (¼) acre or more of actual lot size, no more than ten (10) twenty (20) chickens may be kept or maintained for every one-quarter (¼) acre of actual lot size. [PASSED - AMENDED 07.02.18]

B. No more than five (5) geese, ducks, turkeys, or peafowl, or any combination thereof, may be kept or maintained for every one-quarter (¼) acre of actual lot size. [Skipped per 204(G)(2)]

C. No more than ten (10) rabbits may be kept or maintained for every one-quarter (¼) acre of actual lot size. [Skipped per 204(G)(2)]

D. Small animals and fowl shall be kept or maintained within a predator-resistant coop, cage, or other enclosure at all times and shall not be permitted to run at large. “Coop” and “cage” mean a structure, not necessarily attached to the ground, with a roof and sides, that is designed to provide shelter and protection for small animals and fowl. “Enclosure” means a set of walls or fences designed to confine small animals and fowl to a space that is large enough to permit small animals and fowl to roam relatively freely in an open yard area. [Return to this item at next meeting.]

E. Any coop, cage, or enclosure for small animals and fowl shall not exceed ten (10) feet in height and shall provide at least two (2) square feet of interior space per animal and at least ten (10) square feet of exterior space per animal, with a maximum total area of one hundred and fifty (150) square feet for all coops, cages, and enclosures. [Return to this item at next meeting.]
F. Any coop, cage, or enclosure for small animals and fowl shall be built in compliance with existing setback / easements requirements on the subject property and in no case shall be less than ten (10) feet from the property line, and located in the rear yard at least ten (10) feet from any dwelling and property line. Such setback requirements are to be strictly followed. [PASSED - AMENDED 07.02.18]

G. The keeping of roosters is prohibited on properties less than one (1) acre. [PASSED - AMENDED 07.02.18]

3. Small Livestock Animals:

The following regulations shall apply to the keeping of small livestock animals. “Small livestock animals,” where used in this section, means miniature goats, sheep, and swine smaller than twenty-four (24) inches at the shoulder and/or not more than one hundred and fifty (150) pounds in weight.

A. No more than one (1) small livestock animal may be kept or maintained for every one-half (½) acre of actual lot size.

B. Small livestock animals shall be kept or maintained within a barn, stable, or other enclosure at all times and shall not be permitted to run at large. “Barn” and “stable” mean a structure with a roof and sides, designed and of an adequate size to provide shelter and protection for small livestock animals. “Enclosure” means a set of walls or fences designed to confine small livestock animals to a space that is large enough to permit small livestock animals to roam relatively freely in an open yard area.

C. Any barn, stable, or enclosure for small livestock animals shall be built and located in the rear yard at least twenty (20) feet from any dwelling and property line. Such setback requirements are to be strictly followed.

4. Large Livestock Animals:

The following regulations shall apply to the keeping of large livestock animals. “Large livestock animals,” where used in this section, means cattle, horses, mules, ponies, goats, sheep, llamas, oxen, and swine.

A. No more than one (1) large livestock animal may be kept or maintained for every one (1) acre of actual lot size.

B. Large livestock animals shall be kept or maintained within a barn, stable, or other enclosure at all times and shall not be permitted to run at large. “Barn” and “stable” mean a structure with a roof and sides, designed and of an adequate size to provide shelter and protection for large livestock animals. “Enclosure” means a set of walls or fences designed to confine large livestock animals to roam relatively freely in an open yard area.
C. Any barn, stable, or enclosure for large livestock animals shall be built and located in the rear yard at least fifty (50) feet from any dwelling and property line. Such setback requirements are to be strictly followed.

5. General Provisions:

A. Only small animals and fowl, small livestock animals, and large livestock animals six (6) months or older in age shall be counted for purposes of this section.

B. Small animals and fowl, small livestock animals, and large livestock animals shall be kept in such a manner so as not to create any objectionable noise, odor, annoyance, or public nuisance.

C. All coops, cages, barns, stables, and enclosures shall be kept in a clean, dry, and sanitary condition at all times. Provision shall be made for the proper removal and disposal of animal waste, and such waste shall not create a nuisance or health hazard to neighboring properties.

D. Animal food shall be stored or kept in containers so as to not attract rodents, insects, predators, or other animals.

E. Any animal that is similar to those defined as small animals and fowl may be kept in accordance with the regulations that apply to small animals and fowl. Any animal that is similar to those defined as small livestock animals may be kept in accordance with the regulations that apply to small livestock animals. Any animal that is similar to those defined as large livestock animals may be kept in accordance with the regulations that apply to large livestock animals.

F. The on-site slaughtering of small animals and fowl, small livestock animals, and large livestock animals is prohibited.