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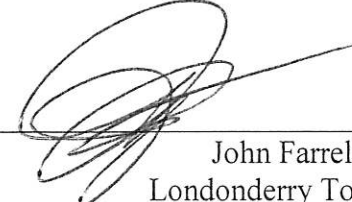
ORDINANCE 2022-03
AN AMENDMENT TO THE LONDONDERRY ZONING
ORDINANCE SECTION 4.2.1.4 RELATIVE TO THE
KEEPING OF POULTRY IN THE AR-1 DISTRICT

WHEREAS it has been requested that the Londonderry Planning Board review the ordinance regulating the keeping of poultry on lots smaller than 2 acres in size; and



WHEREAS the Londonderry Planning Board, with advisement from the University of New Hampshire Cooperative Extension has determined that the keeping of poultry on lots smaller than 2 acres is a reasonable use, with certain restrictions,

WHEREAS the Planning Board has voted to recommend Town Council adoption of the proposed amendment;

NOW THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the Town of Londonderry that the Town Zoning Ordinance be amended per the attached to reflect changes to Section 4.2.1.4 relative to the keeping of poultry in the AR-1 district, to become effective upon passage by the Town Council.


John Farrell, Chairman
Londonderry Town Council

A TRUE COPY ATTEST:


Sherry Farrell - Town Clerk
05/23/2022




Domestic Pets: This term includes dogs, cats and other small animals commonly kept for non-commercial purposes for the exclusive enjoyment of the residents.

Livestock: This term shall include horses, cattle, sheep, swine, goats and other animals usually kept or raised on a farm. Exempted from this definition are domestic pets and poultry as defined in this Ordinance.

Poultry: Winged and feathered animals including, but not limited to, chickens, hens, roosters, ducks, geese, quail and turkeys.

4.2.1.4 Livestock

A. Agricultural livestock, poultry, and horses will not be permitted except on lots only permitted on lots containing two acres or more, except as noted in Section 4.2.1.4.B below. All buildings, runs, pens, and kennels (excluding pastures) will be located a minimum of 25 feet from any property line. These lot size and setback requirements also pertain to dog kennels. Exempted from this provision are domestic pets as defined in this ordinance.

B. On lots smaller than two acres in size in the AR-I district, the keeping of poultry is permitted with the following restrictions:

1. All poultry shall be properly enclosed at all times. Enclosures must be roofed (wire or mesh roofing is acceptable) and shall be adequate to prevent the poultry from escaping from and trespassing on public or private property.
2. A minimum of 3 square feet of sheltered coop and 10 square feet of enclosed outdoor run shall be provided per bird, with the exception of turkeys which require a minimum of 6 square feet of sheltered coop and 10 square feet of enclosed outdoor run per bird.
3. Enclosures in conjunction with the raising and keeping of poultry shall be located a minimum of 25' from any property line.
4. There shall be no roosters, geese or guinea fowl permitted.
5. Number of poultry permitted:
 - a. Lots between 1-2 acres in size are permitted to have:
 - i. No more than 12 poultry other than turkeys; and
 - ii. No more than 6 turkeys.
 - b. Lots between 0.5 and 1 acre in size are permitted to have:
 - i. No more than 6 poultry other than turkeys; and
 - ii. No turkeys.
 - c. No poultry shall be kept on a lot smaller than 0.5 acre in size.

A.C. At no time shall a public nuisance be created as to sight, sound, smell, vermin or any other action which would interfere with nearby property owner's rights.

B.D. Commercial piggeries or mink farms established for the raising, care, and keeping of pigs or minks as business in any district shall not be permitted. The raising of pigs for one's own home consumption shall be permitted, providing that in so doing, a public nuisance is not created and the operation does not offend by reason of the emission of smoke, noise, odors, or fumes.