

**TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON
ALLEGHENY COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 2021

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE HARRISON TOWNSHIP CODE OF
ORDINANCES, CHAPTER 27, ZONING, PROVIDING THAT THE KEEPING OF
CHICKENS SHALL BE A PERMITTED ACCESSORY USE TO SINGLE-FAMILY
DWELLINGS LOCATED IN THE R-1, R-2, R-3, S-1, AND V ZONING DISTRICTS,
AND ESTABLISHING CERTAIN OTHER REQUIREMENTS PERTAINING TO
SUCH USE**

WHEREAS, the Township of Harrison Zoning Ordinance, Ordinance No. 1944, as amended (the "Zoning Ordinance"), regulates zoning and land use matters within the Township of Harrison, Allegheny County, Pennsylvania ("Township"); and

WHEREAS, § 302 of the Zoning Ordinance regulates accessory uses permitted within the Township; and

WHEREAS, the Township Board of Commissioners (the "Board") wishes to amend § 302 of the Zoning Ordinance to permit the keeping of chickens as an accessory use in the R-1, R-2, R-3, S-1, and V Zoning Districts; and

WHEREAS, the Harrison Township Planning Commission, pursuant to the provisions of the Zoning Ordinance, has reviewed the following amendment and has made a recommendation to the Board regarding the same; and

WHEREAS, the Board has given due public notice and held the requisite public hearing on the following amendment to the Zoning Ordinance; and

WHEREAS, the Allegheny County Department of Economic Development has been duly informed of the proposed amendment.

NOW, THEREFORE, the Board hereby ordains that the Harrison Township Zoning Ordinance, Chapter 27 of the Harrison Township Code of Ordinances, be amended as follows:

SECTION 1: Section 302, Accessory Uses, of the Zoning Ordinance is amended to add new § 302.6, Chickens, to read as follows:

1. The keeping of chickens shall be permitted as an accessory use in the R-1, R-2, R-3, S-1, and V Zoning Districts, provided that:
 - A. The principal permitted use of the lot is for an occupied, single-family dwelling.
 - B. The lot is at least 40,000 square feet in area.

- C. The raising of chickens is only for the private, noncommercial use of the occupants of the dwelling on the same lot. The butchering, selling of eggs, and/or selling of meat shall not be permitted at the Property.
- D. No roosters are permitted.
- E. The maximum number of chickens permitted on a property is five (5), with one (1) additional chicken permitted for every additional 5,000 square feet.
- F. Chickens must be housed in a predator and vermin-resistant coop and chicken run that are properly ventilated and designed to be easily accessed, cleaned, and maintained. The coop and chicken run are subject to the applicable provisions of the Township's Property Maintenance Code, as amended from time to time.
- G. Chickens, a coop and chicken run, any structure used for poultry manure storage, and any other structure used for a purpose associated with the keeping of chickens must be located in the rear yard, at least twenty (20) feet from all property lines.
- H. A maximum of one (1) coop is permitted per lot.
- I. The interior of the chicken coop must be at least three (3) square feet per chicken, but shall be no more than twenty (20) square feet total for properties having less than 45,000 square feet in area. For properties having 45,000 square feet in area or more, the interior of the chicken coop shall not exceed three (3) square feet per chicken.
- J. The chicken coop and any unenclosed area in which the chickens may be placed must be entirely surrounded by a fence, such that chickens are not free to roam off the lot.
- K. The chicken coop may be movable.
- L. Waste must be disposed of properly either through composting or in an enclosed container.

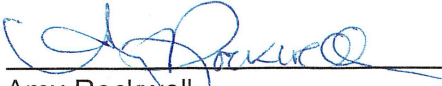
SECTION 2. Any ordinance or part of any ordinance conflicting with this Ordinance is repealed to the extent of such conflict.

SECTION 3. It is intended that the provisions of this Ordinance are severable and if any provisions are held or declared illegal, invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, the decision shall not affect or impair any of the remaining sections.

ORDAINED and ENACTED this 22nd day of July, 2024 by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Harrison in lawful session duly assembled.

ATTEST

TOWNSHIP OF HARRISON



Amy Rockwell
Township Manager



Gary Meanor
Chairman, Board of Commissioners



Certification of Recording: This Ordinance recorded in the Township Ordinance book
on July 23, 2024 by the undersigned.



Township Manager/Secretary