

ORDINANCE NO. 2022-07

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING THE CODE OF THE CITY OF LEON PERTAINING TO LIVESTOCK.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Leon:

SECTION 1: Section 2-802 of the City Code is amended to add the following:

2-802. Farm animals and livestock range and other restrictions.

- a) The following limitations by type and acreage (fenced area) are listed below. No livestock, including but not limited to, cows, horses, mules, and donkeys shall be kept on lot sizes no less than ten (10) acres.
- b) No sheep, goats, llamas, ostriches, emus, alpaca, or other similar animals/birds shall be kept on lot sizes less than ten (10) acres.
 - 1) Sheep or Goats: There shall be no more than the (5) such animals on a lot size of ten (10) acres; or
 - 2) Llamas, Ostriches, Emus, Alpaca and other similar animals or birds: There shall be no more than four (4) such animals on a lot size of ten (10) acres; or
- c) Poultry and other fowl kept on any lot in the city limits shall have limitations as set forth below:
 - 1) Poultry and other fowl: There shall not be more than twelve (12) chickens/poultry with no male fowl and/or roosters on any lot, regardless of acreage of lot size, located in the city limit.
- d) Nothing herein shall be construed as authorizing the keeping of animals capable of inflicting harm or endangering the health or safety of any person or property.
- e) Permitted animals other than household pets and poultry/fowl shall not be kept within fifty (50) feet of any dwelling on an adjoining property. No manure shall be stockpiled within fifty (50) feet of any adjoining property.
- f) Permitted animals and fowl shall be kept in properly maintained housing, caging, fencing, or corrals. If it is determined by any person(s) currently appointed, elected, or hired by the City of Leon that has been designated by the mayor to be charged with the administration and enforcement of this ordinance that the animal facilities and waste is not being properly maintained the property will be deemed to be in non-compliance and the animals required to be removed from the property.
- g) The animal facilities will be inspected annually unless there is a complaint. The person holding the permit will allow any person(s) currently appointed, elected, or hired by the City of Leon that has been designated by the mayor to be charged with the administration and enforcement of the ordinance to inspect the premises with a scheduled appointment no more than one (1) week after requested by the city.

- h) If a complaint is issued about the animal facilities the person holding the permit will allow any person(s) currently appointed, elected, or hired by the City of Leon that has been designated by the mayor to be charged with the administration and enforcement of the ordinance an appointment to inspect premises with a scheduled no more than twenty-four (24) hours after the complaint.
- i) If an animal comes into question and is not listed above, then the unlisted animal shall be grouped with the animal listed above that it is the most similar to.
- j) These regulations shall supersede any covenants, deed restrictions, or any other requirements currently in place on a property. Any Animal Unit currently on property with an approved permit, that does not meet the lot size requirements set forth herein may remain on said property until: a) the death of the animal, or b) the absence of the animal or animal unit from said property for longer than thirty (30) days.
- k) These regulations shall supersede any covenants, deed restrictions, or any other requirements currently in place on a property. Any Animal Unit currently on property without an approved permit, that does not meet the lot size or quantity requirements set forth herein may remain on said property until: a) two (2) months from the adoption of Ordinance No. 2022-07.
- l) Under no circumstances shall stallions or swine of any kind be permitted within the corporate limits of the City of Leon.
- m) Each animal unit kept in conformity with this section, except for chickens, will be assessed a twenty-five (25) dollar per year permitting fee. Chickens will be permitted at the rate of ten dollars (\$10) for any unit of birds up to the twelve (12) allowed.
- n) Any animal or animals kept under this Section must be maintained in a fenced area suitable to safely contain such animal or animals. Said fencing must comport with the requirements for fencing set forth by City Ordinance.
- o) Acreage shall be considered and counted as the area the animal is kept within the fenced area. The property acreage is not considered when pertaining to acreage requirements.

SECTION 2: The following limitations by type and acreage listed above pertaining to livestock such as cows, horses, mules, donkeys, sheep, and/or goats but with acreage greater than ten (10) acres shall come before the governing body to have the additional animals considered to be maintained and kept on the premises.

- 1) Animal kept on lots greater than ten (10) acres and approved by the governing body will still have to meet required stipulations above of no male fowl or roosters and no stallions or swine of any kind.
- a) Each animal unit kept in conformity with the above sections along with chickens will be assessed the rate(s) listed above in section 1(2-802), (1).

b) Any animal or animals kept under this Section must be maintained in a fenced area suitable to safely contain such animal or animals. Said fencing must comport with the requirements for fencing set forth by City Ordinance.

c) The animal facilities will be inspected annually unless there is a complaint. The person holding the permit will allow any person(s) currently appointed, elected, or hired by the City of Leon that has been designated by the mayor to be charged with the administration and enforcement of the ordinance to inspect the premises with a scheduled appointment no more than one (1) week after requested by the city.

d) If a complaint is issued about the animal facilities the person holding the permit will allow any person(s) currently appointed, elected, or hired by the City of Leon that has been designated by the mayor to be charged with the administration and enforcement of the ordinance an appointment to inspect premises with a scheduled no more than twenty-four (24) hours after the complaint.

e) These regulations shall supersede any covenants, deed restrictions, or any other requirements currently in place on a property. Any Animal Unit currently on property with an approved permit, that does not meet the lot size requirements set forth herein may remain on said property until: a) the death of the animal, or b) the absence of the animal or animal unit from said property for longer than thirty (30) days.

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g) Educational exception will be given to USD 205 Bluestem Schools located on Mill Road, Leon, Kansas pertaining to animals, lot sizes, and acreage.


(1) The USD 205 representative will be required to keep their permit updated and fill out a new permit annually.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall take effect and be in full force from and after its adoption by the governing body of the City, approval by the Mayor and publication once in the official newspaper of the City. The official newspaper of the City is the city website: www.cityofleon.org.

ADOPTED AND PASSED by the governing body of the City of Leon, Kansas on November 7, 2022 and **APPROVED AND SIGNED** by the Mayor.


KRISTINA SEMISCH, Mayor

ATTEST:


JODIE LAIDLER, City Clerk

