

**RESOLUTION AMENDING ZONING ORDINANCE
MADISON COUNTY, GEORGIA**

WHEREAS, the Madison County Board of Commissioners (herein "Board") deems it proper and necessary for the health, welfare, and safety of the citizens of Madison County to amend certain provisions of its Zoning Ordinance (the "Ordinance"); and

WHEREAS, all procedural and substantive requirements of state law and local ordinance pertaining to amendments to the Ordinance have been met;

NOW, THEREFORE, this Resolution (herein "Resolution") is adopted as follows:

1. A section 9.23 is added to Article IX of the Ordinance, as follows:

"Section 9.23 Urban Agriculture

Within the districts permitting urban agriculture, the following permitted uses and restrictions shall apply:

- 9.23.1** Chickens are permitted within the following limits and restrictions:

- 9.23.1.1** No more than six (6) chickens are allowed per parcel.
- 9.23.1.2** Roosters and any other crowing chickens are prohibited.
- 9.23.1.3** Chickens, chicken products and/or by-products shall not be sold on the property, and any such products must be only for the personal consumption of the owners/occupants.
- 9.23.1.4** Chickens shall at all times be kept in the rear yard in either a fenced area (non-electrical fencing) or covered enclosure.
- 9.23.1.5** Shelter must be provided, with a minimum of four square feet of floor space for each chicken.
- 9.23.1.6** The shelter must provide adequate ventilation and adequate sun and shade and must be impermeable to wild birds, and predators, including dogs and cats.
- 9.23.1.7** The shelter shall be aesthetically consistent with the residence.
- 9.23.1.8** Manure and food waste shall be cleaned from the shelter and enclosed area on a regular basis, stored in a covered container, and properly disposed of or composted and used as fertilizer.
- 9.23.1.9** Shelters shall comply with all setback requirements for structures within the zoning classification, and shall be at least 50' from side yard and rear yard property lines.

- 9.23.2** Sheep and goats are permitted within the following limits and restrictions:

- 9.23.2.1** The parcel must be at least 1.5 acres in size.
- 9.23.2.2** No more than four goats, sheep, or combination thereof are permitted per parcel; excepting, however, that animals less than six months of age and born to a permitted animal do not count towards this limit.
- 9.23.2.3** The animals shall at all times be kept in the rear yard in a fenced area

- (non-electrical fencing).
- 9.23.2.4 Shelter must be provided, with adequate ventilation and adequate sun, shade, and protection from the elements.
 - 9.23.2.5 The shelter shall be aesthetically consistent with the residence.
 - 9.23.2.6 Manure and food waste shall be cleaned from the shelter and enclosed area on a regular basis, stored in a covered container, and properly disposed of or composted and used as fertilizer.
 - 9.23.2.7 Shelters shall comply with all setback requirements for structures within the zoning classification, and shall be at least 50' from side yard and rear yard property lines."

2. A section 7.4.1.11 is added to Article VII of the Ordinance, as follows:

" 7.4.1.11 Urban Agriculture, provided the requirements of Section 9.23 are met."

3. A section 7.5.1.13 is added to Article VII of the Ordinance, as follows:

" 7.5.1.13 Urban Agriculture, provided the requirements of Section 9.23 are met."

4. A section 7.6.1.16 is added to Article VII of the Ordinance, as follows:

" 7.6.1.16 Urban Agriculture, provided the requirements of Section 9.23 are met."

5. Except as amended hereby, the Ordinance remains in full force and effect.

6. This Resolution is effective immediately upon adoption.

Approved by the Madison County Board of Commissioners on the _____ day of _____, 2015, and executed this the _____ day of _____, 2015.

Honorable Anthony Dove, Chairman

ATTEST:

Rhonda Wooten, Clerk