

Introduction date: October 15, 2019

Adoption date: December 16, 2019

**ORDINANCE 2019-16
TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON
BURLINGTON COUNTY**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF EASTAMPTON TO
ADD A SECTION 540-11 (T) TO THE TOWNSHIP CODE TO PERMIT THE
KEEPING OF FOWL IN CERTAIN IN CERTAIN ZONING DISTRICTS**

WHEREAS, the keeping of chickens and other fowl and livestock is currently permitted by the Township Code only in areas zoned for agricultural use; and

WHEREAS, the State of New Jersey encourages municipalities to promote sustainable programs; and

WHEREAS, the keeping of "backyard chickens" is a means by which sustainability can be achieved; and

WHEREAS, in light of the above, the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton deems it in the best interests of the taxpayers and residents of the Township to amend Chapter 540 of the Township Code to permit the keeping of chickens under certain conditions as enumerated below; and

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the Township Council of the Township of Eastampton, County of Burlington, State of New Jersey as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 540-11(T) is hereby added to the Township Code of Eastampton and shall read as follows:

§540-11(T) Keeping of fowl. The keeping of fowl shall be permitted in the rear yard only of Residential Medium Density RM Zoning Districts as a conditional use, provided that they are not detrimental to the environment or public health and welfare. The conduct of such activities shall not be such to cause erosion or other soil damage or to impair the quality of ground- or surface water or air quality. Neither shall such activities result in odors beyond the property lines of the parcel on which they are conducted. The raising and/or keeping of fowl shall be subject to the following restrictions in all districts:

(1) No fowl shall be kept or maintained on any lot having an area of less than 10,000 square feet.

(2) For the keeping and maintaining of fowl, no rooster shall be permitted and this section shall only permit the keeping of hens.

(3) No building to house or shelter any fowl shall be closer than 15 feet to any lot line.

(4) There shall be no processing and/or slaughtering of fowl for commercial purposes.

(5) The keeping of fowl feed shall be in rodent proof containers.

(6) For any lot having an area of less than one acre, no more than three (3) fowl shall be kept or maintained. For lots over one acre, up to twelve (12) fowl shall be permitted.

(7) A fowl permit is required to be obtained by the Zoning Officer in the amount of \$50.00 for up to three (3) fowl.

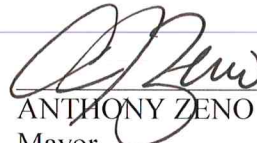
SECTION 2. Repealer. All ordinances or parts of ordinances inconsistent or in conflict with this Ordinance are hereby repealed as to said inconsistencies and conflict.

SECTION 3. Severability. If any section, part of any section, or clause or phrase of this ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not effect the remaining provisions of this ordinance. The governing body of the Township of Eastampton declares that it would have passed the ordinance and each section and subsection thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more of the subsections, sentences, clauses or phrases may be declared unconstitutional or invalid.

SECTION 4. Effective Date. The ordinance shall take effect immediately upon passage and publication according to law.

ATTEST:


KIM-MARIE WHITE
Municipal Clerk


ANTHONY ZENO
Mayor

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Council	Motion	2 nd	Ayes	Nays	Abstain	Absent
Councilman Apgar			X			
Councilman Besko		X	X			
Councilman Santillo	X		X			
Councilman Springer			X			
Mayor Zeno			X			
		VOTE	5	0		

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