

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
FRANKLIN COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 255

AN ORDINANCE

**OF THE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS OF THE TOWNSHIP
OF WASHINGTON, FRANKLIN COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE ZONING CHAPTER
OF THE CODE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON.**

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington deems it to be in the interest and welfare of the residents of the Township to amend the Zoning Chapter of the Code of the Township of Washington as described below.

NOW, THEREFORE, by the authority of and pursuant to the provisions of Article V of Act No. 247, as amended, of the General Assembly of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, approved July 31, 1968, known as, and cited as the "Pennsylvania Municipalities Planning Code"; and any amendments and supplements thereby, and also by the authority of the second class township code "act of May 1, 1933 (P.L. 103, No. 69) as amended, be it enacted and ordained by the Board of Supervisors of the Township of Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, that the zoning chapter (chapter 360) of the Code of the Township of Washington is revised and amended as follows:

SECTION 1. Chapter 360-58.M.(1) shall be amended to read as follows:

- (1) Such use shall occupy a lot with existing open space, such as pasture, grassland, or cropland devoid of trees and shrubs, of not less than one acre. The open space must be present on or before June 1, 2002.

SECTION 2. Chapter 360-65.H shall be added and shall read as follows:

H. The keeping of chickens, subject to the following regulations:

- (1) The minimum lot size of any property where chickens may be kept shall be 40,000 square feet
- (2) Only female chickens (pullets or hens) shall be permitted
- (3) No more than 8 chickens shall be permitted, per property
- (4) The keeping of chickens shall be an accessory use on the same lot with and customarily incidental to the primary use as a residence.

- (5) All items and materials produced including eggs, chickens, or compost containing chicken manure shall be solely for the use of the persons residing on the property and shall not be offered for sale or sold.
- (6) Chickens Coops and Chicken Pens
 - (a) Chickens shall be housed at all times in a chicken coop which has access to a chicken pen.
 - (b) During non-daylight hours, chickens shall be secured in the chicken coop.
 - (c) Alterations to existing accessory structures into a chicken coop and newly proposed chicken coops shall be subject to Land Use Permit requirements as per Chapter 360-120
 - (d) Chicken coops and chicken pens shall be located at a minimum of 50 feet from any side or rear property line and shall not be located within any front yard.

SECTION 3. Chapter 360-74.M. shall be added and shall read as follows:

- M. The keeping of chickens, subject to the following regulations:
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SECTION 4. In all other respects, the provisions of the Code of the Township of Washington, as amended, shall remain in full force and effect.

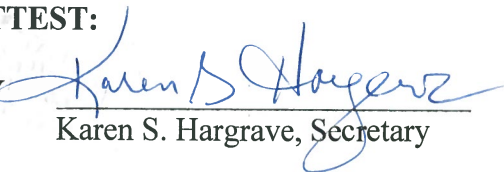
SECTION 5. If any article, section or provision of this ordinance should be decided by the courts to be unconstitutional or invalid, such decision shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole or any part thereof other than the part so decided to be unconstitutional or invalid.


SECTION 6. This ordinance shall take effect five (5) days after its enactment.

DULY ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 21st day of March, by the Board of Supervisors of Township of Washington, Franklin County, Pennsylvania, in lawful session duly assembled.

**TOWNSHIP OF WASHINGTON
BOARD OF SUPERVISORS**

ATTEST:

BY 
Karen S. Hargrave, Secretary

BY 
C. Stewart McCleaf, Chairman

