**FLINT TOWNSHIP**

 **ORDINANCE NO. \_\_\_**

An ordinance to amend Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances by adding a new Article 10 regarding the keeping of livestock and chickens, and an ordinance deleting Section 14.5-16 of Chapter 14 on the same topic.

**THE TOWNSHIP OF FLINT ORDAINS:**

**Section 1. Amendment of Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances.**

 The Township Board hereby amends Chapter 5 of the Code of Ordinances by adding thereto a new Article 10 to read as follows:

 **Article 10. Livestock and Chickens.**

 A. No livestock shall be kept or maintained in any zoning district on parcels of land located within a proprietary or assessor’s plat or on parcels of less than three acres in area, except that for each dwelling unit the occupant may keep for his personal use domestic pets provided they are not kept or used for commercial or breeding purposes and do not constitute a kennel. For purposes of this article, “livestock” means horses, stallions, colts, geldings, mares, sheep, rams, lambs, bulls, bullocks, steers, heifers, cows, calves, mules, jacks, jennets, burros, llamas, alpacas, goats, kids and swine, and fur-bearing animals being raised in captivity.

 B. Chickens may be owned, kept and possessed within the Township as a permitted accessory use, subject to the following regulations:

 1. No more than 4 female chickens (hens) may be kept.

       2. No male chickens (roosters) may be kept.

       3. Chickens must be provided a covered shelter which shall be located in the "rear yard" as that term is defined in the Township Zoning Ordinance.

 4. All shelters for the keeping of hens shall be constructed, repaired and maintained to prevent rats, mice or other rodents from being harbored underneath or within the walls of the shelter.

       5. The shelter shall be maintained in a sanitary manner, free from offensive odors.

       6. All feed and other items associated with the keeping of chickens shall be stored and secured in such a manner as to prevent access by mice, rats and other rodents.

       7. No person shall be permitted to slaughter chickens upon the property where chickens are kept.

       8. Shelters housing chickens must be kept a minimum of 10 feet from any property line and minimum of 30 feet from any neighboring residential or commercial building.

 9. Chickens must be confined to the boundaries of the property on which they are kept and must not be allowed to roam, fly or encroach upon neighboring parcels.

 10. Chickens may not be kept within a proprietary or assessor’s plat or on parcels of less than one acre in area.

**Section 2. Deletion of Section 14.5-16 of Article 5 of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances.**

The Township Board hereby deletes Section 14.5-16 of Article 5 of Chapter 14 of the Code of Ordinances.

**Section 3. Effective Date.**

This Ordinance shall become effective seven (7) days upon publication.

At a regular meeting of the Township Board held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023, adoption of the foregoing ordinance was moved by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_ and supported by \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_.

Voting for:

Voting against:

The Supervisor declared the ordinance adopted.

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Karyn Miller, Supervisor Manya Triplett, Clerk

 **CERTIFICATION**

The foregoing is a true copy of Ordinance No. \_\_\_\_\_ which was enacted by the Flint Township Board at a regular meeting held on \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_, 2023.

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 Manya Triplett, Clerk