



LFUCG CODE OF ORDINANCES AMENDMENTS TO SECTION 4, REGARDING THE KEEPING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS

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Thank you

I would like to thank Gabriel Thatcher from our Law Department, The Fayette County Attorney's Office, Animal Care and Control, Kendra Thompson from our Core Staff, and Jennifer Sutton from the CAO's office for working with my office on these Amendments.





Purpose of the Proposed Amendments

Why This Change is Needed

- Update and strengthen regulations related to certain animals in a non-ag zone to address:
 - Noise Complaints
 - Public Health
 - and Quality of Life Concerns

- Increase penalties to encourage compliance





Key Changes

- Rooster Limit
- Increased Penalty for Restricted Animals
- Increased Penalty for Noisy Animals





Sec. 4-11(a) – Prohibit Keeping More Than (1) Rooster

- Currently, there are no restrictions on the number of roosters you can keep in a non-ag zone
- Proposal: Limit to **ONE Rooster** within any area of a non-ag zone
- This will not include properties in agricultural zones





Section 4 – 11 (b) – Penalty for Keeping of Restricted Animals

- Other restricted animals in this section include Hogs, Goats, and Pigs
- Currently, the fine for keeping restricted animals in a non-ag zone is **\$5** per offense, per animal, per day
- Proposal: Increase the fine to **UP TO \$100** per offense, per animal, per day
- Each additional animal found on the property shall be deemed a separate offense





Section 4 – 12 (b) Penalty for Keeping of Noisy Animals

- Currently, the penalty for being in violation of this ordinance is a fine of **NOT LESS THAN \$5 and NOT MORE THAN \$15**
- Proposal: Increase this fine to **NOT MORE THAN \$100** for each offense
- This is separate from the rooster limit in a non-ag zone





Enforcement and Implementation

- The Fayette County Attorney's Office
- The fines can be for how many restricted animals you have, the noise level of the animals, or both.
- The fine will be per animal per day
- The effective date will be November 1, 2025





Expected Outcomes

- Reduce complaints
- Clearer rules for animal owners
- Stronger enforcement impact
- May combat illegal activity





Next Steps

- Request Committee Support and Approve the Proposed Amendments
- Request the Amendments be reported out at today's Work Session



Questions?



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