

**EAST HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP
YORK COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA**

ORDINANCE NO. 01-2025

AN ORDINANCE OF EAST HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP AMENDING THE EAST HOPEWELL TOWNSHIP ZONING ORDINANCE TO AMEND SECTION 508 RELATING KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK, SMALL ANIMALS, AND/OR POULTRY, SECTION 203 DEFINITIONS, SECTION 801 b) (f) RELATING TO USE AND OCCUPANCY PERMITS, AND THE TABLE OF CONTENTS AS WELL AS SECTIONS 303, 304 AND 508 AS SET FORTH HEREIN

WHEREAS, East Hopewell Township ("Township") is a Pennsylvania municipal corporation, being a second-class township, authorized and existing under the Pennsylvania Second Class Township Code; and,

WHEREAS, the Township heretofore adopted a Zoning Ordinance ("ZO"), Ordinance No. 1992-1, as amended from time to time; and,

WHEREAS, the Board of Supervisors deem it in the best interest of the Township and its citizens to now revise and update Section 508 related to Keeping of Livestock, Small Animals and/or Poultry, Section 203 Specific Words and Phrases, Sections 303 and 304 to remove "small animals", and Section 801 b) (f) relating to Use and Occupancy permits.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED, and it is hereby ordained and enacted, by the Board of Supervisors of East Hopewell Township, York County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION 1. Section 508 entitled Keeping of Livestock. Small Animals and/or Poultry is hereby revoked in its entirety as it heretofore existed.

SECTION 2. In its place, the following revised Section 508 is adopted:

"SECTION 508 Keeping of Livestock and/or Poultry

a. **Use Requirements:** Such use shall be accessory and clearly incidental to the principal use of the property for residential purposes. Livestock or poultry shall be kept only as pets, for pleasure, or to provide food for the residents of the premises where the livestock or poultry are kept.

b. Lot Area:

1. Agricultural Zone (A-1):

a) Livestock and Poultry - Two (2) acres minimum

2. Rural Residential Zones (RR):

a) Livestock, Peacocks, and Guineafowl- Five (5) acres minimum (excluding Goats).

- b) Goats Two (2) acres minimum.
- c) Poultry (No Peacocks and Guineafowl) - Two (2) acres minimum.

3. All Zones

- a) Lots less than two (2) acres are permitted a maximum number of specific adult livestock and poultry aged six (6) months or older as listed in the table below. Livestock and/or poultry less than six (6) months of age are not restricted.:

Livestock and Poultry Type	Max Allowed
Goats	Two (2)
Chickens (<i>No</i> Roosters)	Fifteen (15)
Ducks and/or Geese	Four (4)

c. All livestock-and poultry shall, except while pasturing, grazing, feeding, or exercising, be housed in a separate, freestanding, permanent or moveable temporary, four (4)-sided building erected and maintained for that purpose.

d. The building required by Subsection c) above shall only be located in the side or rear yard; shall be set back at least fifty (50) feet from any property or street line; and shall be no closer than one hundred (100) feet to any existing residence on adjacent land.

e. All pasture, grazing, and exercise areas shall be securely fenced.

f. All livestock and poultry waste shall be properly stored and disposed of in a manner that will not create a public health hazard or nuisance. No livestock, or poultry waste shall be stored within the required setback areas unless the property line is adjacent to a farm field.

SECTION 3. Section 203 entitled Specific Words and Phrases is amended to add the following definition after "Porch" and before "Private":

POULTRY: Domesticated fowl, such as chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese kept for eggs or meat.

SECTION 4. The definition of "SMALL ANIMALS" in Section 203 is revoked and repealed in its entirety, and the words "small animals" is deleted from the Table of Contents reference to Section 508, Section 303 b) 11, and Section 304 b) 9, and in the Paragraph with the asterisk (*) reference under Section 304 b) 12, Section 508.

SECTION 5. Section 801 PERMITS, subsection b) 1 f. is amended to add at the end of the current sentence the following:

Any movable temporary structures are exempt if not permanently affixed to the ground such as a small chicken coop, chicken tractors, doghouses, animal hutches, or similar moveable structures.

SECTION 6- Construction

The provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed to the maximum extent possible to further the purposes and policies set forth herein, as consistent with applicable state statutes and regulations. If the provisions of this section conflict with state law, state law shall prevail.

.SECTION 7 - Severability: It is hereby declared to be the legislative intent that if a court of competent jurisdiction declares any provision of this Ordinance to be unconstitutional or invalid, the effect of such decision shall be limited to those provisions which are expressly stated in the decision to be invalid. In such case, all provisions of this Ordinance that were not declared invalid shall continue to be separately and fully effective. The Board of Supervisors hereby declares that it would have passed all other parts of this Ordinance without including any part declared invalid, if it had advance knowledge that such part would be declared invalid.

SECTION 8 - Repealer: All East Hopewell Township ordinances or parts thereof that are inconsistent or incompatible herewith and cannot be read in any manner to be consistent with this Ordinance, are repealed to the extent of such inconsistency or incompatibility. This repealer clause shall only repeal Township ordinances or parts thereof that were adopted prior to this Ordinance and that are clearly in direct conflict with this Ordinance.

SECTION 9 - Effective Date: This Ordinance shall be effective five (5) days after enactment.

ENACTED AND ORDAINED this 5th day of March, 2025.

ATTEST:

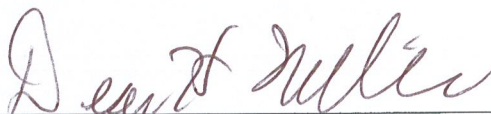


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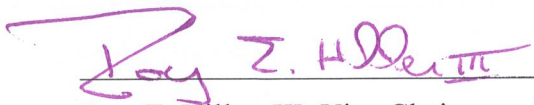
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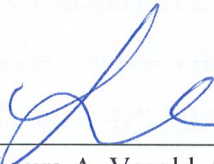


Todd E. Warner, Supervisor

CERTIFICATE

I, the undersigned, Secretary of the Board of Supervisors of the East Hopewell Township, York County, Pennsylvania (the "Township"), certify that the foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance of the Board of Supervisors of the Township which was duly enacted by 3 to 0 affirmative vote majority of the members of the Board of Supervisors of the Township at an open public meeting held after notice required by law on March 5th, 2025, and that said Ordinance has been recorded in the Ordinance Book of the Township; that said Ordinance was duly published as required by law; and that said Ordinance remains in effect, unaltered and unamended as of the date of this Certificate.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I set my hand and affix the official seal of the Township on this 5th day of March, 2025.



Laura A. Vasold, Secretary

