

**CITY OF RUSSELLVILLE, KENTUCKY  
ORDINANCE 2021-02**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 2006-01 TO RESTRICT THE  
HARBORING OF FOWL AND POULTRY WITHIN THE CITY LIMITS**

WHEREAS, City of Russellville, Kentucky, Ordinance 2006-01, establishes certain regulations regarding harboring fowl within the city limits; AND

WHEREAS, in order to better serve the aesthetic and health interests of the City of Russellville and its citizens, the City Council of Russellville, Kentucky, deems it appropriate and necessary to revise said ordinance.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED, by the City Council of Russellville, Kentucky as follows:

**SECTION I. SUBSTANTIVE AMENDMENTS.**

Ordinance 2006-01, Harboring Fowl, is hereby amended as follows:

(A) For the purposes of this Ordinance, the term “fowl” shall mean any chicken, duck, guinea, goose, pigeon, or dove, or any species of fowl of the avian or aquatic family.

(A B) Subject to the city’s zoning regulations, no person shall own in the city any chicken, duck, guinea, goose, pigeon, or dove, or any species of fowl of the avian or aquatic family for commercial purposes, within 100 feet of any residence therein. for any purpose, keep within the city any fowl within a district that has a zoning designation of “residential,” unless the property upon which the fowl is kept is larger than two (2) acres, in which case the person may keep up to five (5) fowl, so long as the fowl are kept in pens or enclosures and not permitted to run at large upon the property. The pen or enclosure must be placed at least fifty (50) feet from the property line of any other land owners.

(B C) No person shall permit any such chicken, duck, guinea, goose, dove, pigeon, or any fowl of the avian or aquatic family to run or be at large within the city. However, the provisions of this section shall not apply to any fowl confined in coops at market places or stores where the fowl is sold for food, except that any fowl kept for sale shall not be permitted to run at large at the place where the fowl is kept for sale, or the owning of pigeons and birds of prey for the purposes of falconry.

(D) Any person keeping any fowl within the city limits in accordance with this ordinance, shall ensure that such fowl is maintained in such a manner as to eliminate any foul odor being emitted upon an adjoining property at any time.

(E) The keeping of roosters shall not be allowed within the city limits.

**SECTION II. SEVERABILITY.**

The provisions of this Ordinance are severable. If any sentence, clause, or part of this Ordinance or the application thereof to any particular state of case is for any reason found to be unconstitutional, illegal or invalid, such unconstitutionality, illegality or invalidity shall not affect or repeal any of the remaining provisions, sentences, clauses or sections or parts of this Ordinance, it being the legislative intent of this body to ordain and in act each other.

**SECTION III. REPEAL OF EXISTING ORDINANCES.**

All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith now in effect, to the extent of said conflict, are hereby repealed.

**SECTION IV. EFFECTIVE DATE.**

This ordinance shall become effective upon passage and publication as required by law.

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FIRST READING conducted on March 2, 2021.

SECOND READING AND PASSAGE on April 20, 2021.

APPROVED:

By: Mark Stratton  
Mark Stratton, Mayor  
City of Russellville

ATTEST:

By: Robert Nishibun  
Robert Nishibun, City Clerk  
City of Russellville

At a meeting of the City Council of the City of Russellville, Kentucky, held on April  
20, 2021., the foregoing ordinance was adopted, after full discussion, by the following vote:

AYES:

NAYS:

ABSENT:

ABSTAINING:

**Pat Bell**

**Bill Decker**

**Diane Walker**

**Larry Wilcutt**

**Sandra Kinser**

**Jimmy Davenport**