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RESOLUTION PZ-25-02

MOVE TO ADOPT, BASED ON THE RECOMMENDATION OF TJ KEIRAN, DIRECTOR OF ZONING AND DEVELOPMENT, A RESOLUTION INITIATING A ZONING TEXT AMENDMENT PROCESS AUTHORIZING THE ZONING COMMISSION TO RESEARCH, CONSIDER AND RECOMMEND LANGUAGE NECESSARY TO REGULATE SMALL LIVESTOCK AND TO TEMPORARILY CEASE ISSUING ZONING CERTIFICATES FOR RAISING SMALL LIVESTOCK UNTIL THE ZONING RESOLUTION IS AMENDED TO PROVIDE PROPER BIOSECURITY STANDARDS TO PROTECT BACKYARD CHICKEN FLOCKS FROM DISEASE TRANSMITTED BY MIGRATORY WILD BIRDS

At a duly held meeting of the Board of Trustees of Boardman Township, Mahoning County, Ohio held on MONDAY, March 24, 2025, at 5:30 P.M. at 8299 Market Street, Boardman, Ohio the following Resolution was adopted:

WHEREAS, Ohio Revised Code Section 519.12(A)(1) and the Boardman Township Zoning Resolution Section 3.03(B)(1)(b) provides that amendments to the Zoning Resolution may be initiated by the passage of a resolution by the Board of Township Trustees; and

WHEREAS, the Director of Planning and Zoning has identified the need to review the Zoning Resolution with respect to the development standards for the raising of small livestock; and

WHEREAS, The Highly Pathogenic Avian Influenza (HPAI), otherwise known as bird flu, is an extremely contagious virus that has spread throughout the nation including Ohio and fifty-one states and territories affecting more than one hundred fifty-eight million birds and over one thousand five-hundred premises; and

WHEREAS, HPAI has affected over fourteen million birds and seventy-three premises in Ohio in 2025; and

WHEREAS, The Ohio Department of Health is reporting the state's first probable human case of HPAI; and

WHEREAS, HPAI is spread through the saliva, nasal secretions, and feces of infected birds, including the transference from the wild bird population migrating through the State of Ohio; and

WHEREAS, The migrating wild bird population can transmit disease to backyard poultry flocks; and

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To Initiate a Zoning Text Amendment Process Regarding The Raising of Small Livestock

WHEREAS, The Boardman Township Zoning Resolution Section 6.01(E)(20) authorizes the keeping of up to six chickens, rabbits, or similarly sized livestock is permitted on lots in the AG, R-1A, and P-I Districts as an accessory use upon meeting certain standards; and

WHEREAS, Boardman Township's standards for raising of small livestock, including chickens, were drafted to protect the livestock from the elements and do not provide sufficient biosecurity standards to protect against disease spread by migrating wild birds and

WHEREAS, The Boardman Township Zoning Office is receiving an increase in small livestock permit applications from residents desiring to raise backyard chickens while HPAI cases are increasing in Ohio and just before the peak wild bird migration season.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT RESOLVED, by the Board of Trustees of Boardman Township, Mahoning County Ohio, that the Board of Trustees of Boardman Township, Mahoning County Ohio, does initiate a Zoning Text Amendment process in accordance with procedures provided in Boardman Township Zoning Resolution Section 3.03(B)(1)(b) and directs the Planning and Zoning Director to work with the Boardman Township Zoning Commission to research, consider and recommend language necessary to regulate the raising of small livestock and to temporarily cease issuing Zoning Certificates for the raising of small livestock until the Zoning Resolution is amended to provide proper biosecurity standards to protect backyard chicken flocks from disease transmitted by migratory wild birds.

Motion offered by: Mr. Costello

Motion supported by: Mr. Moliterno

ROLL CALL:	AYE:	NAY:
Mr. Moliterno:	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>
Mr. Costello:	<u>X</u>	<u> </u>

RESOLUTION ADOPTED this 24th Day of March, 2025.

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**BOARDMAN TOWNSHIP TRUSTEES,
MAHONING COUNTY, OHIO:**



Larry Moliterno, Chair

Thomas P. Costello, Trustee


ATTEST:



Brad Calhoun, Fiscal Officer

CERTIFICATION

I, Brad Calhoun, Clerk of Boardman Township, do hereby certify that the foregoing Resolution is taken from the Minutes of Boardman Township at a meeting duly-held on March 24, 2025 that the same has been compared by me with the original Resolution of said Minutes, and that said Resolution is a true and correct copy thereof.



Brad Calhoun
Fiscal Officer