

CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION, COLORADO

ORDINANCE NO. 4926

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 21.04.030 OF THE GRAND JUNCTION MUNICIPAL CODE PERTAINING TO ANIMAL REGULATIONS BY IMPLEMENTING RESTRICTIONS ON THE KEEPING OF ROOSTERS

RECITALS:

Each year, the Code Enforcement Division of the Grand Junction Police Department responds to multiple noise complaints from roosters. The complainants typically report roosters crowing during all hours of the day and night, which can be a significant nuisance and disruption for those experiencing crowing.

To address this issue of nuisance and disruption, as well as to promulgate regulations that may assist in roosters and their neighborhoods peacefully co-existing, the City hereby provides regulations allowing for roosters to reside on properties best suited for agricultural types of use and to allow for existing roosters to reside on other properties for a period extending to July 1, 2021.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF GRAND JUNCTION THAT:

Chapter 21.04 Section 030 shall be revised as follows (additions are underlined and deletions marked with ~~strike-through~~ notations):

(a) Animal Regulations.

(3) Agricultural Animals (see Definitions).

(i) The CSR, R-R, R-E, R-1 and R-2 districts shall not have more than one large agricultural animal per one-quarter acre of land and shall be subject to the fencing requirements of this chapter. In these districts, all types of fowl except roosters (e.g., chickens, turkeys, ducks, and geese) shall be allowed, subject to the confinement provisions of this subsection.

(ii) In all other districts, a maximum of one-large agricultural animal (e.g., horse, sheep, cow, mule or burro) shall be allowed per one-half acre of land.

(iii) Roosters, of any breed, are prohibited in all districts except on properties of at least five acres. A rooster shall be defined as any adult male domestic chicken which is three months of age or older.

(iii) (iv) Agricultural animals shall be subject to the following provisions:

(A) All large agricultural animals kept on a parcel shall be fenced so that they are no closer than 100 feet from any residential structure on another property. For the purposes of this section, the first in time shall be the first in right. Written permission, if the animal were not first in time, for a lesser distance may be obtained from the property owner, or if not owner occupied, from the occupant.

(B) No person shall keep, house, or shelter one or more pigs in any zone district other than R-R unless such person has obtained a conditional use permit in accordance with the provisions of GJMC 21.02.110.

(C) Small animals (e.g. chickens and rabbits) which are kept outside the residence, shall be confined by a fence, cage, or pen, or coop so as to be no closer than 20 feet from a principal residential structure on an adjoining property. A maximum of six adult animals shall be allowed on parcels of one-half an acre or less. On parcels greater than one-half an acre, 15 adult animals shall be allowed per acre. Roosters are allowed only on parcels of 5 or more acres.

(D) In the R-R zone district, the number of agricultural animals and small animals (including roosters) allowed under this subsection may be exceeded with a conditional use permit (see GJMC 21.02.110). If the conditional use application is approved, the permit shall state the maximum number of animals allowed by type and in the aggregate.

(E) Property owners or residents currently maintaining roosters on property less than 5 acres in size shall be allowed to keep the existing rooster(s) until September 1, 2020.

ALL OTHER PROVISIONS OF CHAPTER 21.04 SECTION 030 SHALL REMAIN IN FULL FORCE AND EFFECT.

Introduced on first reading the 6th day of May 2020 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

Adopted on second reading this 20th day of May 2020 and ordered published in pamphlet form.

ATTEST:

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City Clerk

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Mayor



I HEREBY CERTIFY THAT the foregoing Ordinance, being Ordinance No. 4926 was introduced by the City Council of the City of Grand Junction, Colorado at a regular meeting of said body held on the 6th day of May 2020 and the same was published in The Daily Sentinel, a newspaper published and in general circulation in said City, in pamphlet form, at least ten days before its final passage.

I FURTHER CERTIFY THAT a Public Hearing was held on the 20th day of May 2020, at which Ordinance No. 4926 was read, considered, adopted and ordered published in pamphlet form by the Grand Junction City Council.

IN WITNESS WHEREOF, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed the official seal of said City this 22nd day of May 2020.



Deputy City Clerk

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