

Exhibit A:

Xenia Township Zoning Resolution Text Change

Definitions Additions:

Companion Animal (Pet):

A domesticated or domestic-bred animal that lives in close proximity to humans, providing company, emotional support, or assistance, and is considered part of the family.

Companion animals are not classified as livestock.

Poultry:

Domesticated birds kept for the purpose of harvesting animal products such as meat, eggs or feathers.

Poultry, Small:

Chickens, ducks, guinea fowl, and squabs. Also, any other species of poultry with an adult weight of 10 lbs. or less.

Small Animal House:

A covered, enclosed predator proof structure, thoroughly ventilated, designed to be accessed and cleaned, and of sufficient size to permit free movement of the small animals. Small animal houses are accessory buildings for purposes of this resolution.

Small Animal Pen:

An outdoor area accessible to small animals that is adequately fenced or otherwise bounded to contain and protect the small animals. Small animal pens are accessory buildings for purposes of this resolution.

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Section Additions:

Section 5xx Animal Noise In Residential Districts

No person shall keep, in any residential district, any animal or fowl which barks, howls, squawks or otherwise emits sounds of an intensity and duration or intensity and frequency that unreasonably disturbs the peaceful and quiet enjoyment of neighboring properties.

Section 5xx Animal Husbandry In Residential Districts

5XX.1 Purpose:

The regulations of this section are established to regulate animal husbandry (to include the keeping of any such animal) as permitted by ORC 519.21(B) to manage noise, waste, odors, algae, runoff, etc.

5xx.2 Accessory Use:

Except as defined in this section, no person shall keep any wild animals or livestock in any residential district. Animal husbandry defined in this section is an accessory use in residential districts.

5xx.3 Small Poultry:

The keeping of small poultry including associated small animal houses and pens shall be governed by the following regulations:

a. Number of birds per lot:

- (1) Lots that are at least 0.3 acres but less than 0.5 acres – no more than four (4).
- (2) Lots that are at least 0.5 acres but less than 1.0 acre – no more than eight (8).
- (3) Lots that are at least 1.0 acre but less than 2.5 acres – no more than 16.
- (4) Lots that are at least 2.5 acres or more – no more than 24.

b. All poultry kept under this section shall be kept in small animal houses or pens. The poultry are not allowed to roam outside of the houses or pens.