

ORDINANCE NO. 2025-07-1201

CITY OF TONTITOWN, WASHINGTON COUNTY, ARKANSAS

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 153.170: ANIMAL, FARM OF THE TONTITOWN MUNICIPAL CODE; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City Council of the City of Tontitown has adopted regulations for animals and fowl for use by the City of Tontitown, which is codified in Section 153.170: Animal, Farm of the Tontitown Municipal Code; and

WHEREAS, it has become apparent to the City Council of Tontitown that a need exists to amend Section 153.170: Animal, Farm in order to provide updated regulations, as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A"; and

WHEREAS, the Tontitown City Council has determined that it is in the best interest and benefit to the community to amend Section 153.170: Animal, Farm of the Tontitown Municipal Code, as set forth below.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ENACTED, by the City Council of the City of Tontitown, as follows:

Section 1. That Section 153.170: Animal, Farm of the Tontitown Municipal Code is hereby amended, as set forth in the attached Exhibit "A".


Section 2. The rest and remainder of the Tontitown Municipal Code not specifically amended herein remains in full force and effect.

Section 3. In the event that any section, paragraph, subdivision, clause, phrase, or other provision or portion of this Ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, the same shall not affect the validity of this Ordinance as a whole, or any part or provision, other than the part so decided to be invalid or unconstitutional, and the remaining provisions of this Ordinance shall be construed as if such invalid, unenforceable or unconstitutional provision or provisions had never been contained herein.

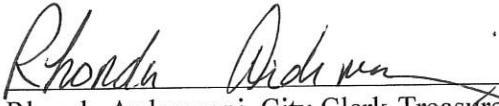
Section 4. Declaration of Emergency. It is hereby found and determined that Section 153.170: Animal, Farm of the Tontitown Municipal Code should be immediately amended in its entirety to provide updated regulations for animals and fowl in order to ensure the health and safety of animals, the owners, and neighboring properties within the City of Tontitown. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this act, being immediately necessary for the preservation and protection of the public peace, health, safety and welfare of the City and its citizens, shall become effective on the date of its passage and approval by the Mayor.

PASSED AND APPROVED this 15 day of July 2025.

APPROVED:


Angela Russell, Mayor

ATTEST:


Rhonda Ardemagni, City Clerk-Treasurer
(SEAL)

§ 153.170 ANIMAL, FARM.

Animals and fowls, where permitted in a district, shall be kept only in accordance with this code. Proponents of such uses shall show that adequate measures will be taken to prevent odor, dust, noise or drainage from becoming a nuisance to uses on other properties. No incineration of animal refuse shall be permitted on the premises.

(A) All animals kept in residential areas, as allowed by §§ [153.080](#) and [153.083](#) are intended to be clean, odor free, quiet, non-obtrusive, and healthy additions to a residential area for purposes of enjoyment, education, or training by the property owner, occupants, and visitors. However, grazing areas shall be required to have a suitable fence. A fencing plan shall be submitted if a conditional use application is required by § [153.122](#). Furthermore, it is required that any and all animals be provided with appropriate shelter and living conditions at all times.

(B) The number of animals allowed per acre may vary depending on the type of animals, the location and geography of the property, and the water and nutrients available to the animals. Therefore, we recommend owners of grazing animals such as, but not limited to, equine, cattle, sheep, goats, and fowl follow local extension office recommendations to ensure the health and safety of the animals, the owners, and the neighboring properties.

