

ORDINANCE NO. 02-2021

**AN ORDINANCE TO AMEND THE ZONING ORDINANCE
OF THE CITY OF CORDOVA, ALABAMA CONCERNING
HOBBY FARMS**

WHEREAS, in Resolution No. 11-2021, the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama (the “City Council”), initiated and petitioned for amendment of the regulations of the Cordova Zoning Ordinance, which was originally adopted by the City Council as Ordinance No. 2008-001 and amended over time (as amended, the “Cordova Zoning Ordinance”);

WHEREAS, no less than thirty (30) days following the adoption of Resolution No. 11-2021 and following the satisfaction of any publication or posting requirements provided by the Cordova Zoning Ordinance and State law, the Planning Commission considered said Resolution at a regularly scheduled meeting, held a public hearing on the proposed amendment, and made advisory recommendations to the City Council concerning the proposed amendment;

WHEREAS, upon receipt of the recommendation of the Planning Commission of the proposed zoning amendment, on behalf of the City Council, the City Clerk gave public notice of a public hearing on the proposed amendment in accordance with the Cordova Zoning Ordinance and applicable State law;

WHEREAS, in accordance with the notice given, the City Council held a public hearing on the proposed amendment at a regularly scheduled City Council meeting;

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama, sitting in regular session on Tuesday, August 10, 2021, at 6:30 p.m. as follows:

Section 1. The City Council hereby finds that the public necessity, convenience, general welfare and good zoning practices warrants amendment of the zoning regulations as provided herein.

Section 2. The definition of “Hobby Farm” in Section 23.00 of the Cordova Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

Hobby Farm. A five (5) acre or larger tract of land used for the production, keeping or maintenance of farm animals to the extent permitted by Section 61.08 of this Ordinance, which are personally useful to the occupants of a dwelling on the same tract and which are kept for the pleasure of the occupants, rather than for profit.

Section 3. Subsection 61.08 of the Cordova Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended to read as follows:

61.08. Hobby Farm.

General horticulture and livestock raising limited exclusively to domestic animals, fowls, chickens, ducks, rabbits, sheep, goats, cattle, and horses, provided that:

- A. Stocking densities for cattle and horses do not exceed one (1) animal per one and one-half (1.5) acre.
- B. No building or enclosure for animals is located closer than one hundred feet (100') from any residential district other than AG.
- C. A ten foot (10') buffer is established and maintained (mowed) between the pasture fence and adjoining property line wherever pasture abuts a residential district other than AG.
- D. Except for kennels, as defined by this Ordinance, the keeping of small domestic animals for personal enjoyment shall not be deemed a hobby farm and shall be permitted as an accessory use in any district.
- E. No pigs or other swine may be kept on a hobby farm.
- F. No wild animals raised in confinement may be kept on a hobby farm.
- G. The animals located on the hobby farm can normally be confined within boundaries without seriously impairing their utility.
- H. The animals located on the hobby farm do not normally intrude on others' land in such a way as to harm the land or growing crops.


Section 4. This Ordinance shall become effective upon its adoption as provided by law.

ADOPTED AND APPROVED THIS THE 10th DAY OF August, 2021.



JEREMY PATE, MAYOR

ATTEST:



Leanne Dawkins, City Clerk

CERTIFICATION OF CITY CLERK

STATE OF ALABAMA)
WALKER COUNTY)

I, Leanne Dawkins, City Clerk of the City of Cordova, Alabama, do hereby certify that the above and foregoing is a true and correct copy of an Ordinance duly adopted by the City Council of the City of Cordova, Alabama, on the 10th day of August, 2021.

The above and foregoing ordinance was published on the _____ day of _____, 2021, by posting copies thereof in three public places within the City of Cordova, one of which was the post office or the Mayor's office in the City of Cordova.

Witness my hand and seal of office this 10th day of August, 2021.



Leanne Dawkins, City Clerk