

ORDINANCE 2026-02

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY OF BARDWELL, TEXAS, REPEALING CITY OF BARDWELL ORDINANCE 2000-7, LIMITING THE NUMBER OF FOWL AND OTHER SPECIFIED ANIMALS THAT MAY BE KEPT WITHIN THE CITY; REGULATING THE LOCATION OF COOPS, CAGES AND SIMILAR ENCLOSURES, REQUIRING THAT FOWL AND OTHER SPECIFIED ANIMALS BE KEPT IN COOPS, CAGES OR SIMILAR ENCLOSURES; REQUIRING THAT COOPS, CAGES AND SIMILAR ENCLOSURES BE KEPT IN A SANITARY CONDITION; ESTABLISHING A PENALTY OF UP TO \$500.00 FOR VIOLATIONS; PROVIDING A SEVERABILITY CLAUSE; PROVIDING A REPEAL CLAUSE; AND PROVIDING AN EFFECTIVE DATE FOR THIS ORDINANCE.

WHEREAS, the City Council in compliance with the laws of the State of Texas, and the ordinances of the City, and the exercise of the City's legislative discretion and police powers pursuant to Section 51.001 of the Texas Local Government Code, have concluded that the regulations set forth should be adopted.

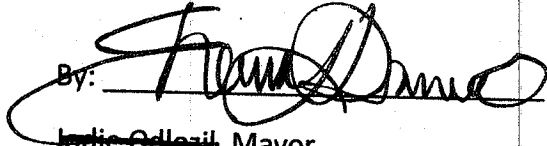
NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF BARDWELL, TEXAS THAT:

SECTION I. KEEPING OF POULTRY, FOWL AND OTHER ANIMALS.

- (1) It shall be unlawful for any person to keep, harbor or maintain more than six (6) chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, peacocks, guineas, goats, sheep or any other animals and combinations thereof within the city limits of the City of Bardwell.
- (2) It shall be unlawful for any person or persons to keep, harbor, or maintain more than six (6) such animals on any one (1) or more premises regardless of who owns, keeps, harbors or maintains such animals.
- (3) It shall be unlawful for any person who owns, keeps or harbors any chickens, ducks, turkeys, geese, peacocks, guineas, goats, sheep or any other animals or combinations thereof to allow such animals to run at large off the property and onto another person's property or onto public property. All such animals must be secured in coops, cages, pens or other enclosures designed to house poultry or fowl, when the animals are not being supervised, cared for or during cleaning or feeding.
- (4) It shall be unlawful to keep or maintain any chicken coop, cage, pen, yard or other enclosure designed to house poultry or fowl as described in subsection A above within twenty (20') feet of any dwelling not owned by the property owner, any business establishment, or any public place. Public place as used herein shall mean any public road, street, alley, park, building, or other

PASSED AND APPROVED this the 2nd Day of February 2026.

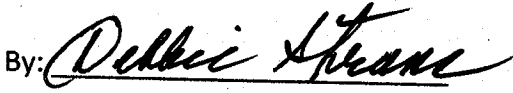
APPROVED:

By: 

Jodie Odleail, Mayor

SHAWNA L. DRENNAN MAYOR PRO TEM

ATTEST:

By: 

Debbie Strunc, City Secretary

