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Title

ORDINANCE 2026/ - AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, FLORIDA, AMENDING CHAPTER 10 "ANIMALS," SECTION 10-4 "MAINTAINING ANIMALS IN GENERAL; LIMITATION ON NUMBER OF PETS; ENFORCEMENT" OF THE CITY CODE OF ORDINANCES TO PROHIBIT ROOSTERS IN RESIDENTIAL DISTRICTS OF THE CITY AND TO PROHIBIT THE FEEDING OF ROOSTERS WITHIN THE CITY; PROVIDING FOR CONFLICTS, SEVERABILITY, CODIFICATION, AND AN EFFECTIVE DATE.

Recommended Action

Commission to vote on Ordinance and set public hearing on March 31, 2026

Voting Requirement

Adoption requires a 3/5 vote of the City Commission

Background/History

The City has recently received an increasing number of complaints from residents regarding the keeping of roosters within neighborhoods. The presence of roosters has created ongoing disturbances due to persistent crowing at all hours of the day, including early morning hours. These disturbances have resulted in nuisance complaints related to noise, quality of life, and neighborhood compatibility.

Current Activity

Currently, the City's Code of Ordinances does not specifically address or distinguish roosters from other domestic fowl, which limits staff's ability to effectively respond to and enforce nuisance complaints related to these animals. Adopting specific language prohibiting roosters in residential areas will allow the City to proactively address a growing nuisance issue and provide staff with the necessary tools to ensure compliance and protect residents' quality of life. The enclosed Ordinance amends Section 10-4 "Maintaining animals in general; limitation on number of pets; enforcement" of the City Code to expressly prohibit any person from keeping, maintaining, possessing, or harboring roosters in any residential zoning district of the City. The Ordinance also prohibits feeding roosters within the City to mitigate the attraction of roosters to areas in close proximity to residential neighborhoods.

Recommendation

Consideration to amend the City Code of Ordinances to expressly prohibit the keeping, maintaining, possessing, or harboring of roosters within residential zoning districts and to prohibit the feeding of roosters within the City.

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WHEREAS, Section 10-4 of the City’s Code of Ordinances sets forth the regulations for maintaining animals and limits the number of pets in any residential zoning district of the City; and

WHEREAS, there has been a recent influx of complaints regarding roosters within various residential areas within the City, which has affected the quality of life within the City; and

WHEREAS, this Ordinance amends Section 10-4 of the City’s Code of Ordinances to expressly prohibit persons from keeping, maintaining, possessing or harboring roosters in any residential zoning district of the City, and prohibit the feeding of roosters within the City to mitigate the attraction of roosters to areas in close proximity to residential neighborhoods; and

WHEREAS, the City Commission finds that this Ordinance is in the best interest of the health and safety of the citizens and residents of the City by protecting the peace, quiet and aesthetic integrity of the residential neighborhoods within the City.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COMMISSION OF THE CITY OF DEERFIELD BEACH, AS FOLLOWS:

Section 1. The above “WHEREAS” clauses are true and correct and are made a part of this Ordinance.

Section 2. Chapter 10 “Animals”, Section 10-4 “Maintaining animals in general; limitation of number of pets; enforcement” of the City Code of Ordinances is hereby amended to read as follows:¹

Chapter 10 ANIMALS

¹ Additions to existing City Code text are shown in underline. Deletions to existing City Code text are shown in ~~strikethrough~~.

Sec. 10-4. Maintaining animals in general; limitation on number of pets; enforcement.

- (a) No person shall keep, maintain, possess or harbor in any residential zoning district of the city, any live fowl, including but not limited to roosters, or live animal; provided, however, this prohibition shall not apply to domesticated household pets. “Domesticated household pets” shall include dogs, cats, parrots, parakeets, canaries, rabbits, guineas pigs, hamsters and turtles, non-venomous snakes, ferrets and reptiles which are not a danger to animals or humans. These animals may be kept, possessed and maintained as household pets within the city so long as they are kept, possessed and maintained in compliance with other provisions of this chapter. Potbellied pigs shall not be deemed to be domesticated household pets. Proper sanitary measures shall be observed and followed at all times in connection with the keeping, maintaining and possessing of such pets. The keeping of no more than two ducks (other than Muscovy, which are prohibited) shall be considered to be included within the scope of domesticated household pets. However, the keeping of any more than two ducks shall not be included within the definition of “domesticated household pets.” No person shall feed roosters within the City.

Section 3. All Sections or parts of Sections of the Code of Ordinances, all ordinances or parts of ordinances, and all Resolutions, or parts of Resolutions, in conflict with this Ordinance are repealed to the extent of such conflict.

Section 4. The provisions of this Ordinance are declared to be severable, and, if any section, sentence, clause and/or phrase of this Ordinance is, for any reason, held to be invalid or unconstitutional, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining sections, sentences, clauses, and phrases of this Ordinance, which shall remain in effect, it being the legislative intent that this Ordinance shall stand despite the invalidity of any part.

Section 5. It is the intention of the City Commission and it is hereby ordained that the provisions of this Ordinance shall become and be made a part of the City Code of the City of Deerfield Beach, and that the sections of this Ordinance may be renumbered to accomplish such intent.

Section 6. That this Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption on second reading.

PASSED 1ST READING ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

PASSED 2ND READING ON THIS ____ DAY OF _____, 2026.

TODD DROSKY, MAYOR

ATTEST:

HEATHER MONTEMAYOR, CITY CLERK

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