

TOWN OF WOODLAND

ORDINANCE NO. 2026-08-10-2

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OF ANIMALS AND THE CONSTRUCTION OR MAINTENANCE OF CHICKEN HOUSES WITHIN THE TOWN LIMITS OF WOODLAND, ALABAMA

WHEREAS, the Town Council of Woodland, Alabama is committed to maintaining the health, safety and welfare of its residents; and

WHEREAS, the presence of certain animals and the construction of structures such as chicken houses within the town limits may lead to health hazards, nuisances, and other concerns.

NOW, THEREFORE BE IT ORDAINED by the Town Council of the City of Woodland, Alabama as follows:

SECTION ONE: DEFINITIONS

For the purpose of this Ordinance, the following terms shall have the following meanings:

“ANIMALS” shall include, but not be limited to, domestic farm animals and livestock including bulls, cows, horses, mules, ponies, goats, sheep and peacocks and poultry housed in what is termed to be traditional chicken houses which traditionally contain thousands of chickens.

“CHICKEN HOUSE” shall refer to any structure designed or used for the housing or shelter of chickens raised for commercial purposes or any other birds.

No pigs may be kept or raised within the city limits whatsoever.

SECTION TWO: PROHIBITION

It shall be unlawful for any person or entity to keep or harbor any animals as defined herein within the town limits of the City of Woodland on any lot under 5

acres is size which is adequately fenced to ensure no animals kept on the lot can escape.

The construction or establishment of chicken houses is expressly prohibited within the town limits.

SECTION THREE: EXEMPTIONS

This Ordinance shall not apply to the following:

Providing licensed veterinary services or activity relating to animal rescue for the reasonable time it takes to provide services to said animals.

Chicken coops located in the rear of a personal residence more than 50 feet from an adjoining residence dwelling which would house no more than 15 birds at one time.

Animals brought to a livestock show for judging or brought for educational purposes

SECTION FOUR: ENFORCEMENT

A. The enforcement of this Ordinance shall fall under the jurisdiction of the Town of Woodland Town Council.

B. Any violation of this Ordinance shall be considered a violation punishable by a fine not exceeding \$500.00, and each day of violation shall constitute a separate offense.

C. Randolph County District Court shall determine if a violation has occurred.

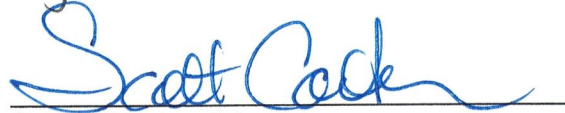
SECTION FIVE: SEVERABILITY

If any provision of this Ordinance is declared invalid or unconstitutional by a court of competent jurisdiction, such declaration shall not affect the validity of the remaining provisions.

SECTION SIX: EFFECTIVE DATE

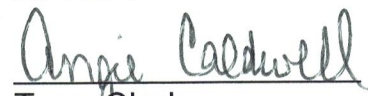
This Ordinance shall take effect immediately upon publication as required by law.

ADOPTED this the 10th day of August, 2026.



Scott Carter, Mayor

ATTEST:



Town Clerk