

ORDINANCE NO. 14

AN ORDINANCE PROHIBITING THE KEEPING OR MAINTENANCE OF SWINE AND FOWL FOR COMMERCIAL PURPOSES WITHIN CERTAIN AREAS IN THE TOWN LIMITS.

WHEREAS, the Town of Oak Grove is located in close proximity to areas of expanding commercial broiler houses and other commercial activities, and it is necessary to enact measures to protect the citizens of the Town of Oak Grove from the deleterious effects of such activities if carried on within certain areas in the town limits.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the Town of Oak Grove, Arkansas, as follows:

SECTION 1: The raising, keeping, growing, maintenance, husbandry or quartering of either swine or fowl within the hereinafter described area within the town limits of the Town of Oak Grove Arkansas, for any commercial purpose is hereby declared unlawful.

SECTION 2: The term "fowl" shall include, but shall not be limited to, chickens, turkeys, ducks, geese, quail, guinea and any other domestic or wild bird. The term "commercial purposes" shall mean and include, but shall not be limited to, any objective, end, operation, activity or usage which is designed or is intended to result or results in the sale, barter, transfer, exchange, trade, or transportation of swine or fowl, and shall not prohibit limited activities strictly for personal consumption by an individual and not involving other parties. The term "commercial purposes" shall include the operation of brooder houses, broiler houses or range houses.

SECTION 3: This Ordinance shall be applicable to the entire area of the Town of Oak Grove, Arkansas, except that property in the Town of Oak Grove that lies North of the Southeast Quarter of Section 21 Township 21 North, Range 23 West.

SECTION 4: Any person or entity who shall be found to be in violation of this Ordinance shall be guilty of a misdemeanor and shall be punished by a fine not exceeding \$250.00 per offense, and each day that any violation shall continue to exist shall constitute a separate offense.

SECTION 5, EMERGENCY CLAUSE: It is hereby determined and declared by the Town Council that the keeping or maintenance of swine or fowl for commercial purposes within the town limits specified above would be detrimental to the peace, health and safety of the residents and inhabitants of the Town of Oak Grove, and the immediate enactment of the foregoing provisions will prevent the condition from arising. Therefore, an emergency is declared to exist, and this Ordinance, being necessary for the preservation of the public peace, health and safety, shall take effect and be in force from and after the date of its adoption.

Adopted this 26 day of August, 1986.

Approved: Jean L. Morgan
Mayor

Attest: Delma F. Allen
Clerk/Recorder