

**BOROUGH OF BIG BEAVER
BEAVER COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA
ORDINANCE 236**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE BOROUGH OF BIG BEAVER, BEAVER COUNTY,
PENNSYLVANIA, COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA ESTABLISHING AN
ORDINANCE FOR THE KEEPING OF LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY FOR PERSONAL
USE AND RECREATION AS AN ACCESSORY TO A SINGLE-FAMILY DWELLING.**

SECTION 1: PURPOSE AND INTENT

- A. This Ordinance does not apply to Agricultural Operations as defined in the Borough Zoning Ordinance.
- B. The intent of this section is to create standards for the keeping of livestock and poultry for personal recreation and consumption (including limited sale of products such as eggs), where the activity is an accessory and incidental to a single-family dwelling and not part of an Agricultural Operation.
- C. Livestock and poultry animals are permitted on the same lot or parcel as a single-family dwelling subject to the standards in this Ordinance.
 - 1. Adjoining parcels under the same ownership may be treated as one.
- D. For single-family residences on lots or parcels greater than ten (10) acres:
 - 1. The limits of the number of livestock and poultry herein do not apply.
 - 2. Federal and State limitations and requirements may apply.
- E. Livestock, poultry and any accessory buildings associated with said livestock and poultry shall be set back at a minimum of the required setbacks for accessory uses in the Zoning District.

SECTION 2: DEFINITIONS

Livestock: Includes cattle, sheep, horses, goats, llamas, alpacas, and other domestic animals ordinarily raised or used on a farm.

Poultry: Domesticated bird, varieties include chicken, turkey, goose, duck, Rock Cornish hens, and game birds such as pheasant, squab and guinea fowl.

Incidental Sales: Total annual sales of less than one thousand (1,000) dollars.

SECTION 3: GENERAL REQUIREMENTS FOR ALL LIVESTOCK AND POULTRY

- A. Livestock, poultry and any accessory buildings associated with said livestock and poultry shall not be housed in the front yard area.

- B. Livestock, poultry and any accessory buildings associated with said livestock and poultry shall be set back at a minimum of the required setbacks for accessory uses in the Zoning District.
- C. Fresh water shall be available for all animals at all times.
- D. Fresh food shall be available for all animals on a regular feeding interval in keeping with industry standards.
- E. Livestock and poultry areas shall be maintained and cleaned in a manner to prevent the creation of a nuisance due to:
 - 1. The accumulation of food, fecal matter, or nesting material.
 - 2. The Creation of unsanitary conditions.
 - 3. Odor, vermin, debris or decay.
- F. The landowner or occupant shall be responsible for collecting, composting, and/ or disposing of litter and droppings from the livestock and/ or poultry in such a manner as to minimize the presence of fly larvae, vermin, vectors or objectionable odors.
- G. The owner(s) and operator(s) shall incorporate best management practices as outlined in the Pennsylvania Handbook of Best Management Practices to minimize negative impacts of erosion, siltation and surface water and groundwater contamination.
- H. Livestock and poultry animals shall be kept within a structure or fence of durable construction of sufficient design to confine all animals upon lot and prevent stray.
 - 1. Free ranging of hens shall be supervised and allowed exclusively in fenced yards to prevent stray.
- I. The keeping of livestock and poultry shall follow all relevant Federal, State and County laws.
 - 1. As required by Federal and/ or State requirements, manure management practices documentation shall be maintained by the landowner or occupant.
- J. The slaughtering of animals must be conducted:
 - 1. Out of sight of neighboring residential units.
 - 2. In a manner that all noise and smell from said slaughtering should be contained within property lines.
- K. The keeping of livestock and poultry shall not constitute a nuisance with regards to noise, odor, vectors, dust, vibration, or other nuisance effects beyond the property lines upon which the use is located.

- L. It is the owner's responsibility to ensure Livestock and poultry animals do not leave the bounds of their property. Failure to confine Livestock and poultry animals shall constitute a violation of this Ordinance.

SECTION 4: POULTRY

- A. A lot of any size may keep poultry provided:
 - 1. A lot of one acre or less may keep up to twelve (12) poultry animals.
 - 2. A lot of more than one (1) acre shall not have a restriction on the number of poultry provided:
 - i. Poultry containment areas shall provide a minimum of 8 SQFT of surface area per chicken.
 - ii. Roosters are only permitted on lots greater than 3 acres.
 - iii. All requirements of Section 3 are met.

SECTION 5: LIVESTOCK

- A. The keeping of Livestock requires a minimum of three (3) acres.
 - 1. Three (3) Livestock animals are permitted, per each three (3) acres.
- B. Perimeter fences shall be constructed around all lot areas used by livestock including buildings, fields and meadows that are used for grazing, feeding, exercising, and similar activities.
 - 1. Fencing shall be maintained in good condition and be adequate to contain the livestock therein.

SECTION 6: PENALITIES

- A. For each and every violation of the provisions of this Ordinance, any Person(s), firm, partnership or corporation, violating any of the provisions of this Ordinance shall constitute a summary offense and, upon conviction by the issuing authority for the magisterial district which includes the Borough, shall be fined not less than Three Hundred (\$300.00) Dollars, nor more than One Thousand (\$1,000.00) Dollars, for each such violation of each section of this Ordinance. Each and every day that the violation is continued shall constitute a single and separate offense under this Ordinance and shall be subject to separate and distinct penalties hereunder.

SECTION 7: SEVERABILITY

- A. If any section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason declared invalid by a court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the Ordinance as a whole or any section or part thereof other than the section or part thereof so declared to be invalid.

SECTION 8: REPEALER

A. Any ordinance, chapter, section, subsection, paragraph, sentence, or phrase of any Ordinance of the Borough conflicting with the provision of this Ordinance shall and the same is hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.


SECTION 9: EFFECTIVE DATE

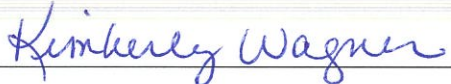
A. This ordinance shall be effective upon adoption

ENACTED AND ORDAINED by the Members of Council of Big Beaver Borough, Beaver County, Pennsylvania, in public meeting this 15th day of October, 2024.

ATTEST:

BIG BEAVER BOROUGH COUNCIL


Jennifer Gasser, Secretary


Kim Wagner, Council Vice President

Read and approved by me, Michelle Joy, Mayor/Council President of the Borough of Big Beaver, this 15th day of October, 2024.


Mayor/Council President