

ORDINANCE NO. _____

AN ORDINANCE AMENDING SECTION 3.1 (REGULATIONS APPLYING TO ALL DISTRICTS) AND ARTICLE 21 (TABLE OF PERMITTED USES) OF ORDINANCE NO. 7697 (THE NORTH LITTLE ROCK ZONING ORDINANCE) REGARDING SMALL FARMING OR RANCH PLOTS; DECLARING AN EMERGENCY; AND FOR OTHER PURPOSES.

WHEREAS, the City of North Little Rock duly adopted Ordinance No. 7697 to regulate zoning in accordance with Ark. Code Ann. § 14-56-416 and has amended the same from time to time (hereafter the “Zoning Ordinance”); and

WHEREAS, there is a need more clearly state the regulations regarding small farming or ranch plots and the zoning categories in which they are permitted.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED BY THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NORTH LITTLE ROCK, ARKANSAS:

SECTION 1: That Section 3.1 (Regulations Applying to All Districts) of the North Little Rock Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended as follows:

Section 3.1 – Regulations Applying to All Districts

F. Small Farming (including community gardens) or ranch plots with no more than ten (10) head of cattle is are permitted in all districts. Single properties having more than ten (10) head of cattle limit are required to go through the Special Use Permit process where buffers are specifically defined. ~~however,~~ ~~‡The authority to farm, however,~~ shall not be a valid defense to a violation of any ordinance regulating animals, nuisances, businesses, property maintenance, the environment, or otherwise enacted to protect the public health, safety and welfare.

Editor’s Note: Added text denoted by underline; deleted text by ~~strikethrough~~.

SECTION 2: That Article Twenty-One – Table of Permitted Uses of the Zoning Ordinance is hereby amended *add* a designations for “Small Farming (*incl.* community gardens) or ranch plots with 10 or less head of cattle” and “Small Farming or ranch plots with more than 10 head of cattle” and their permitted zones as follows:

Small Farming (*incl.* community gardens), ranch plots with 10 or less head of cattle – *Add* the permitted use symbol (X) under all zoning categories.

Small Farming, ranch plots with more than 10 head of cattle – *Add* the permitted use symbol (X) under I-1, I-2, I-3 and Conservation.

SECTION 2: That all ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict herewith are hereby repealed to the extent of the conflict.

SECTION 3: That the provisions of this Ordinance are hereby declared to be severable and if any section, phrase or provision shall be declared or held invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the remainder of the sections, phrases or provisions.

SECTION 4: It is hereby found and determined that clarification of and permitted use zoning categories are needed for small farms or ranch plots in order to maintain consistency in permitted uses; therefore, the passage of this Ordinance is necessary to insure the proper, consistent, and orderly growth of this land and of the City of North Little Rock, Arkansas, and being necessary for the immediate preservation of the public health, safety and welfare; THEREFORE, an emergency is hereby declared to exist, and this Ordinance shall be in full force and effect from and after its passage and approval.

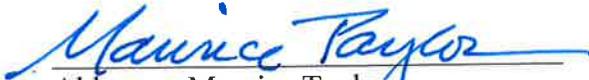
PASSED:

APPROVED:

Mayor Joe A. Smith

SPONSOR:

ATTEST:


Alderman Maurice Taylor

Diane Whitbey, City Clerk

APPROVED AS TO FORM:


C. Jason Carter, City Attorney

PREPARED BY THE OFFICE OF THE CITY ATTORNEY/b

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