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Application #: PLN-TXT-25-0001
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Text Amendment Application

The applicant hereby requests amendment to the following section(s):

Explanation of the proposed change: The purpose is to allow limited ownership and care of hens by non-profit, educational, or therapeutic organizations within the City of Easley for the purpose of education and food security efforts.

Please attach a separate narrative describing the proposed change in greater detail.

PROPERTY INFORMATION

Complete this section only if the proposed change affects a specific property or parcel of land. List additional parcels on a separate sheet.

Address/Location: 111 Hillcrest Drive Ste A Easley, SC 29640
Tax Map Parcel #: 5019-11-75-0861 Zoning District: GR1

APPLICANT INFORMATION

Who is the primary contact person for this application?

- ☐ the owner of property described above (fill in left section only)
☒ an applicant representing an owner or company (fill in both)

Exec Dir Owner Name: Chris Wilson
Company: The Dream Center
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SUBMITTAL & FEE PAYMENT

An amendment to the written text of the Unified Development Ordinance (UDO) may be proposed by City Council, the Planning Commission, the Board of Zoning Appeals, the Planning Director, any department or agency in the City, or any other individual, corporation, or agency.

Fee: \$ _____

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I (we) certify that the information in this application is correct and hereby authorize the City of Easley to process this application.

Signature: Christine Wilson

Submittal Date: 10/29/25

Proposed Ordinance to Allow Educational and Programmatic Use of Chickens within the City of Easley

Section 1. Purpose

The purpose of this ordinance is to allow limited ownership and care of hens by nonprofit, educational, or therapeutic organizations within the City of Easley for the purpose of education, wellness, and sustainability programming. This ordinance supports community education and food security efforts while maintaining public health, sanitation, and neighborhood quality of life.

Section 2. Definitions

- Educational or Programmatic Use: The keeping of hens as part of an organized educational, therapeutic, or wellness program conducted by a nonprofit or educational institution.
- Hen: A female chicken. Roosters are not permitted.
- Coop: A fully enclosed, predator-resistant structure providing shelter for hens.
- Run: A fenced outdoor area attached to a coop where hens can safely roam.

Section 3. Permitted Entities

The keeping of hens shall be permitted within city limits only by:

1. Nonprofit organizations, educational institutions, or community programs registered with the State of South Carolina that operate within the City of Easley; and
2. Entities whose use of hens is limited to education, wellness, or sustainability instruction; and
3. Entities located on property with a minimum of five (5) contiguous acres.

Section 4. Conditions and Requirements

Entities permitted under this ordinance must comply with the following conditions:

1. No more than twelve (12) hens may be kept on the property.
2. Roosters are prohibited.

3. Hens must be kept in a secure coop and 50 feet from any residential structure on an adjacent property.
4. The coop and run must be kept clean, odor-free, and well-maintained to prevent nuisance or health issues.
5. Feed must be stored in rodent-proof containers.
6. Eggs produced may only be used for programmatic or personal use and may not be sold commercially unless permitted by state and local law.
7. The organization must maintain at least five (5) acres under single ownership or control where the hens are kept.
8. There must be no slaughtering of chickens on the property.

Section 5. Revocation

Permits may be revoked for failure to comply with this ordinance or if the hens or facilities become a nuisance or health hazard.

Section 6. Effective Date

This ordinance shall take effect immediately upon adoption by the Easley City Council.