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ORDINANCES

The following ordinance was passed on February 26, 2024.

24-03	AMENDING CHAPTER 1121 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES TO MODIFY REGULATIONS REGARDING BACKYARD CHICKENS AND REAR YARD BEEKEEPING WITHIN THE R-R, RURAL RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; R-1, LOW DENSITY RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; R-2, LOW/MEDIUM RESIDENTIAL DISTRICT; PUD, PLANNED UNIT DEVELOPMENT DISTRICT AND HCD, HILLIARD CONSERVATION DISTRICT.
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WHEREAS, on October 27, 2014, City Council adopted Ordinance No. 14-29 establishing a new Planning and Zoning Code and adopted a new Zoning Map; and

WHEREAS, chicken rearing and backyard beekeeping was prohibited citywide except for those properties located within the R-R, Rural Residential District that are three acres or more; and

WHEREAS, urban chicken husbandry has recently become popular nationwide and chickens have become more widely accepted as family pets and as a household source of food; and

WHEREAS, hobby beekeeping has become popular with the advent of colony collapse disease, and the significant decrease in nationwide bee population has raised awareness of the importance of honeybees as pollinators; and

WHEREAS, recent economic changes have significantly increased the cost of basic food items and supply chain issues have impacted the availability and cost of such products resulting in greater interest in homesteading activities; and

WHEREAS, the adoption of the Zoning Code in 2014 did not address changing trends with regard to backyard chickens and apiculture at the time of adoption; and

WHEREAS, the Environmental Sustainability Commission reviewed the topic of urban chicken rearing and beekeeping on May 11, 2022, and forwarded proposed Code language to the Planning and Zoning Commission for consideration; and

WHEREAS, on June 9, 2022, at its regularly scheduled and advertised meeting, the Planning and Zoning Commission (PZ-22-27) recommended that proposed Code language be adopted by City Council; and

WHEREAS, Ordinance No. 22-27 (Amended) was adopted by City Council and went into effect on October 12, 2022; and

WHEREAS, City Council directed that the code language be reviewed in one year by City Staff, by members of the Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council and representatives of the Central Ohio Beekeeping Association (COBA); and

WHEREAS, at the recommendation of the Planning and Zoning Commission, City Council directed staff on November 13, 2023, to provide legislation to amend the ordinance to reduce the minimum required acreage for beekeeping; and

WHEREAS, on January 11, 2024, the Planning and Zoning Commission considered the proposed Code update and approved Case #PZ-23-56 at its regularly scheduled and advertised meeting to recommend that City Council adopt the proposed amendments; and

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WHEREAS, amending Chapter 1121, as identified in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, provides for expanded small-scale chicken rearing and beekeeping while promoting the general health, safety and welfare of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hilliard, Ohio, that:

- SECTION 1.** Council finds that amending Chapter 1121 of the City's Codified Ordinances as identified in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, is in the City's best interest. The changes and additions to Chapter 1121, as shown in track changes in the attached Exhibit "A" are approved and shall be incorporated in the City's Codified Ordinances.
- SECTION 2.** All other provisions of the City's Codified Ordinances, not modified herein, remain unchanged and are in full force and effect.
- SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after the earliest time provided for by law.

The second reading/public hearing on the following Ordinances will be March 11, 2024.

24-04	AMENDING CHAPTER 917 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES.
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WHEREAS, Chapter 917 of the City's Codified Ordinances requires owners to cut and remove weeds, noxious weeds, herbage of rank growth, vines or other undesirable vegetation; and

WHEREAS, upon failure, owners are notified of the requirement, and if not resolved, the City proceeds to resolve the issue and assess the costs to the owner; and

WHEREAS, upon review of this process, it is necessary to clarify requirements regarding the notice and assessment of costs; and

WHEREAS, the amendments proposed to Chapter 917, as shown on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, are in the best interest of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hilliard, Ohio:

- SECTION 1.** City Council finds that amending Chapter 917 of the City's Codified Ordinances, as identified in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, is in the City's best interest. The changes and additions to Chapter 917, as shown in track changes on the attached Exhibit "A", are approved.
- SECTION 2.** All other provisions of Chapter 917, not modified herein, remain unchanged and are in full force and effect.
- SECTION 3.** This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after the earliest time provided for by law.

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24-05	AMENDING SECTION 533.06 OF THE CITY'S CODIFIED ORDINANCES.
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WHEREAS, Section 533.06 of the City's Codified Ordinances addresses the crime and penalty for voyeurism; and

WHEREAS, upon review, staff discovered that Section 533.06 had been incorrectly updated and requires revisions in order to be aligned with Ohio Revised Code; and

WHEREAS, the amendments proposed to Section 533.06, as shown on Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, are in the best interest of the City and its residents.

NOW, THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Council of the City of Hilliard, Ohio:

SECTION 1. City Council finds that amending Section 533.06 of the City's Codified Ordinances, as identified in Exhibit "A", attached hereto and incorporated herein, is in the City's best interest. The changes and additions to Section 533.06, as shown in track changes on the attached Exhibit "A", are approved.

SECTION 2. All other provisions of Section 533.06, not modified herein, remain unchanged and are in full force and effect.

SECTION 3. This Ordinance shall be in effect from and after the earliest time provided for by law.

RESOLUTIONS

The following Resolutions were passed on February 26, 2024.

24-R-16	RE-APPOINTING A MEMBER TO THE CITY'S ENVIRONMENTAL SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION.
24-R-17	RE-APPOINTING MEMBERS TO THE BOARD OF TRUSTEES OF THE ALTON PLACE COMMUNITY AUTHORITY.
24-R-18	TO AUTHORIZE THE CITY MANAGER TO ENTER INTO AN AGREEMENT WITH THE DIRECTOR OF THE OHIO DEPARTMENT OF TRANSPORTATION FOR ANNUAL BRIDGET INSPECTION COMPLIANCE.
24-R-19	AUTHORIZING A CONTRACT FOR CBS COMMUNITY POOL PHASE 3 - CONCRETE POOL FLOOR RENOVATION (RP-3.1) AND AUTHORIZING AN EXPENDITURE.