

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING CHAPTER 10, SECTION 12.3 OF THE
TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE ORDINANCES, ENTITLED
“SANITARY REQUIREMENTS”**

BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWNSHIP COUNCIL OF THE TOWNSHIP OF WEST ORANGE, in the County of Essex and State of New Jersey that Chapter 10, Section 12.3 of the Township of West Orange Ordinances is hereby amended and supplemented as follows:

I. PURPOSE

The purpose of this Ordinance is to permit certain personal ownership of fowl within the Township.

II. SECTION 10-12.3(a) IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ADD AS FOLLOWS:

“To the extent that any residential property is under one acre in size, the setback for the shed, coop, pen or runway, stall or other enclosure or facility shall be not less than 15 feet from the main building and 10 feet from any lot line provided, however, that appropriate screening shall be in place to preclude odors and sounds emanating from such animals, fowl or birds.”

III. SECTION 10-12.3(b) IS HEREBY AMENDED TO ADD AS FOLLOWS:

“To the extent that any property is under one acre of land, no more than two fowl shall be permitted.”

IV. REPEAL OF CONFLICTING ORDINANCES

Any Ordinances of the Township, which are in conflict with this Ordinance, are hereby repealed to the extent of such conflict.

V. SEVERABILITY

If any part of this Ordinance shall be deemed invalid, such parts shall be severed and the invalidity thereof shall not affect the remaining parts of this Ordinance.

VI. EFFECTIVE DATE

This Ordinance shall take effect upon final passage and publication in accordance with the law.

ROBERT D. PARISI, MAYOR

**CINDY MATUTE-BROWN
COUNCIL PRESIDENT**

**KAREN J. CARNEVALE, R.M.C.
MUNICIPAL CLERK**

INTRODUCED: February 23, 2021

ADOPTED: March 23, 2021

LEGISLATIVE HISTORY

For health and other reasons, more residents are desirous of owning and maintaining fowl. To the extent that the care and maintenance of these fowl does not pose an odor or noise issue, the Township is desirous of permitting same on a personal, not commercial, basis. Thus, since the vast amount of properties in the Township are under one acre, this Ordinance permits a reasonable accommodation to these residents.