POCONO TOWNSHIP
MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA

ORDINANCE NO. 2026 -05

AN ORDINANCE OF THE TOWNSHIP OF POCONO, MONROE COUNTY, PENNSYLVANIA, AMENDING THE CODE OF ORDINANCES OF POCONO TOWNSHIP, CHAPTER 470, ZONING AND REPEALING ALL ORDINANCES AND PARTS OF ORDINANCES INCONSISTENT HEREWITH.

WHEREAS, the Board of Commissioners of Pocono Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, under the powers vested in them by the "First Class Township Code" of Pennsylvania, as well as the laws of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, do enact and hereby ordain the following amendment to the Code of Ordinances of Pocono Township.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED AND ENACTED by the Board of Commissioners of the Township of Pocono, Monroe County, Pennsylvania, as follows:

SECTION I. Chapter 470 *Zoning;* Article II *Terminology*; § 470-8 *Definitions* is amended by adding the following:

"**FOWL**
A bird of the order *Galliformes* that is kept for its eggs and flesh; a rooster or hen. Fowl are included in the definition of Animal, Domestic.

RECREATION USE, PUBLIC/NON-PROFIT/NON-COMMERCIAL
A recreational use which is operated by a municipal, governmental or non-Profit organization and is open to the public for the purpose of recreation, including but not limited to, municipal, state, or federal parks, state game lands, open space, nature preserves, wildlife preserves, and other similar recreational uses as determined by the Zoning Officer."

SECTION II. Chapter 470 *Zoning*; Article V *Supplementary Regulations*; § 470-53 *Customary Accessory uses* is deleted in its entirety and replaced as follows:

"**§ 470-53 Customary accessory uses.**
Includes uses customarily accessory to the principal use of a lot permitted in the district and essential services provided by public utilities. Accessory uses which are customarily subordinate to the principal use of a lot or a building located on the same lot and which serve a purpose customarily incidental to the use of the principal dwelling or lot shall be permitted in each district. Such uses include home gardening, but not the keeping of livestock, unless the livestock, are accessory uses to a permitted or nonconforming agricultural use, private garages or parking areas, signs, off-street parking and loading, temporary tract offices, unoccupied travel trailers and buildings and other uses customarily appurtenant to other permitted, special exception or conditional uses. Keeping of fowl shall be permitted as an accessory use to single-family detached dwellings. Domestic animals kept as pets shall be permitted when such animals

are owned by the occupants of the property in which they are kept and the animals are kept in accordance with public health, safety, welfare and nuisance regulations based upon the types of animals and the manner in which they are kept."

SECTION III. Chapter 470 *Zoning*; Article V *Supplementary Regulations*; hereby amended by adding the following:

"**§ 470-88 Keeping of Fowl.**

A. Purposes

(1) To allow homeowners to responsibly keep fowl primarily for fresh eggs, in a regulated and controlled manner. To provide clear standards that residents can follow, improving compliance and neighborhood harmony.

B. Conditions and Requirements.

(1) The keeping of up to two fowl shall be permitted on lot with a minimum lot area of 10,000 square feet. One additional fowl may be kept for each additional lot area of 5,000 square feet. Fowl shall in all cases be confined to the property of the owner of the fowl.

(2) The keeping of roosters shall be permitted on a lot with a minimum lot area of 5 acres.

C. Sanitation and Nuisance Controls

(1) Property owners must maintain sanitary conditions and prevent noxious odors.

(2) Property owners must properly dispose of waste in accordance with an approved Manure Management Plan by the Pennsylvania Department of Environmental Protection in accord with the Commonwealth's Clean Streams Law.

(3) Feed must be securely stored to prevent rodent infestations."

§ 470-89 Recreation Use, Public/Non-Profit/Non-Commercial."

SECTION IV. Chapter 470 *Zoning*; *Attachment I – Use Schedule* is hereby amended by adding the following:

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Use	R-1	R-2	RD	C	I	CD	EP
Recreation Use, Public/Non-Profit/Non-Commercial	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU	CU
Keeping of Fowl (as an accessory use to single-family, detached dwellings)	P	P	P	P	P	P	P

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SECTION V. REPEALER

Any existing ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with this Ordinance, to the extent of such conflict and no further, are hereby repealed.

SECTION VI. SEVERABILITY

If any part, section, subsection, paragraph, subparagraph, sentence, phrase, clause, term, or word in this Ordinance is declared invalid, such invalidity shall not affect the validity or enforceability of the remaining portions of the Ordinance.

SECTION VII. ENACTMENT

This Ordinance shall be effective within five (5) days and shall remain in force until modified, amended or rescinded by Pocono Township, Monroe County, Pennsylvania.

ENACTED AND ADOPTED by the Board of Commissioners this 6 day of April, 2026.

ATTEST:

Krisann MacDougall
Township Asst. Secretary

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