

ORDINANCE 02-25

**ORDINANCE AMENDING THE TOWN OF TROUTMAN CODE OF ORDINANCES
CHAPTER 90.15 & 90.16-LIVESTOCK – ADDING LANGUAGE THAT PROVIDES
FOR GOAT GRAZING AND ALLOWING HENS IN THE TOWN LIMIT**

***BE IT ORDAINED BY THE TOWN OF TROUTMAN TOWN COUNCIL THAT THE
TOWN OF TROUTMAN CODE OF ORDINANCES BE AMENDED AS FOLLOWS:***

LIVESTOCK

Sec. 90.15. - Livestock.

A. Livestock (such as fowl (Hens only), cows, sheep, ~~hogs, pigs, swine~~, goats, horses, donkeys, and mules) may be kept within the corporate limits of the Town of Troutman with the following provisions. Property utilized for commercial agricultural uses as defined and regulated in the Troutman Unified Development Ordinance shall continue to be subject to and regulated by the Troutman Unified Development Ordinance and not this Ordinance.

1. Such animals shall be kept at a minimum of 150 feet from any public street, residential structure, or business structure (except the establishment of the owner of such animals).
2. Every stable place where animals are kept shall always be maintained in a clean, healthy, and humane condition.
3. Properties upon which animals are to be retained shall be fenced and fully enclosed in such a manner that prevents the animals from leaving the property.
4. In addition to the foregoing, animals will only be permitted on acreage that is sufficient for the welfare of the animals, as specified in the table below:

Animal	Minimum acreage per animal
Horse	2 acres
Cow	2 acres
Sheep	0.25 acre
Hogs, pigs, swine	0.25 acre
Goats	0.25 acre
Mules & donkeys	2 acres
Fowl (Hens Only)	0.25 acre*

*maximum 4 birds per property

Source: Cooperative Extension Service at NC State University

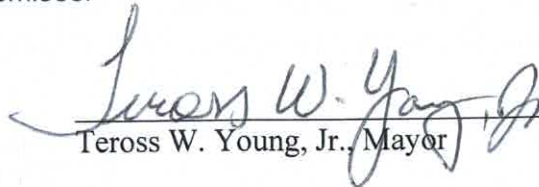
5. The slaughter of livestock shall not be permitted anywhere in the town.

B. Exceptions to prohibitions.

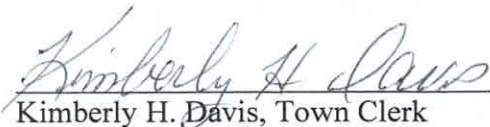
- 1) The provisions contained within this Article shall not apply to livestock and premises where the premises have been used for keeping of livestock before January 1, 2025. If livestock were kept on premises before that date ~~that~~ it would be prohibited by this Article, the livestock may continue to be kept on those premises, subject to the following:
 - i. The number and type of livestock on the premises as of that date do not change or increase, and
 - ii. The physical dimensions or extent of the "premises" are not increased.
- 2) If the keeping of livestock on said premises is discontinued for 180 consecutive days or more, the premises will lose the right to keep livestock and will be required to conform to the provisions of this Article.
- 3) The use of goat grazing to control invasive vegetation species shall be permitted on a temporary basis under specifically prescribed conditions, as listed below, and shall be permitted conditioned upon the issuance of a Temporary Use Permit by the Town's Zoning Administrator.
 - Maximum frequency of grazing
 - March 1 through November 30
 - Property fully enclosed with fencing
 - Well-being of goats
 - Maximum duration of grazing time

Sec. 90.16. - Proximity of animal enclosures to public streets.

No person shall erect or keep any stable or other enclosures for livestock nearer than 150 feet to any street of the town. The town council may, in writing, permit to erect or keep any such enclosure, not offensive in its nature, and at a nearer distance than that above-prescribed whenever the enforcement of this provision would create a hardship upon such persons, and such permission would not be injurious or offensive to adjacent property owners, or injurious or harmful to the animal being kept on the premises.


Teross W. Young, Jr., Mayor

ATTEST:


Kimberly H. Davis, Town Clerk

