

RESOLUTION TO EXTEND A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS OR PROCESSING OF OR ISSUANCE OF DECISIONS REGARDING ANY NEW OR EXPANDED POULTRY HOUSE OPERATIONS

WHEREAS, the Board of commissioners of Taliaferro County, Georgia (Board) has determined evaluation is necessary to determine the effect of poultry house operations on the natural resources, environment, and citizens of Taliaferro County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, the concept of a commercial poultry house operation is not consistent with the family farm operations that have been common in Taliaferro County, Georgia; and

WHEREAS, waste disposal practices associated with poultry house operations can negatively impact water quality standards if not properly planned for; and

WHEREAS, the main water source for Taliaferro County, Georgia comes from groundwater; and

WHEREAS, the Board desires to reach a balance between the rights of poultry growers to use their land and the rights of neighbors to enjoy their own land without suffering odors, noise, dust, and other conditions caused by commercial poultry house operations; and


WHEREAS, in January 2025 a positive bird flu case in Elbert County was confirmed by the Georgia Department of Agriculture and the US Department of Agriculture, marking the first time bird flu has been confirmed in a commercial poultry operation in Georgia since the nationwide outbreak began in 2022; and

WHEREAS, the Board needs additional time to review County Ordinances pertaining to commercial poultry house operations, consider drafted changes, advertise and hold public hearings required by law, and adopt said changes.


THEREFORE, be it resolved that the Board of Commissioners of Taliaferro County, Georgia, hereby extends the moratorium for a period of 180 days, commencing upon the enactment of this Ordinance.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 20th day of February, 2025.

Taliaferro County Board of Commissioners

By: 
Shawanco Alexander, Chairman

Attest:


Ruby Randolph, Clerk