

RESOLUTION TO ENACT A TEMPORARY MORATORIUM ON THE ACCEPTANCE OF APPLICATIONS OR PROCESSING OF OR ISSUANCE OF DECISIONS REGARDING NEW LARGE-SCALE COMMERCIAL POULTRY HOUSE OPERATIONS OR THE CONSIDERABLE EXPANSION OF EXISTING CONFINED FEEDING/COMMERCIAL POULTRY HOUSE OPERATIONS

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

WHEREAS, the concept of a large-scale 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 large-scale commercial 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 large-scale commercial poultry house operations; and

WHEREAS, the Board needs time to review County Ordinances pertaining to large-scale 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 enacts a temporary moratorium that is established as follows:

1. This moratorium is enacted for temporary purposes only, and shall be in effect through and including 180 days from its adoption, or until it is repealed, whichever occurs first.
2. This moratorium applies to all applications for any permit approval or issuance required for the construction, expansion, or operation of a new or expanded Large-scale Commercial Poultry House Operation. For the purpose of this moratorium, "Large-scale Commercial Poultry House Operation" shall mean any grouping of five or more structures designed to house or process chickens or turkeys.

3. Neither the County nor any of its staff shall accept any applications or process or issue any decisions on any such applications regarding facilities or structures for a new or expanded Large-scale Commercial Poultry House Operation.
4. No action taken by any person or entity during this temporary moratorium shall serve to vest rights to develop or operate any Large-scale Commercial Poultry House Operation.

IT IS SO RESOLVED AND ADOPTED this 6th day of March, 2024.

Taliaferro County Board of Commissioners

By: 
Shawanco Alexander, Chairman

Attest:


Ruby Randolph, Clerk