

**CITY OF ELEPHANT BUTTE
ORDINANCE NO. 207**

**AN ORDINANCE AMENDING ORDINANCE 154 TO ALLOW A MAXIMUM OF
TWELVE HENS IN SPECIFIC ZONING DISTRICTS.**

WHEREAS, Chapter 91, 154, 155 of the City of Elephant Butte Municipal Code provides for limited keeping of chicken hens; and

WHEREAS, the keeping of hens in a controlled and sanitary environment can offer various health benefits without nuisance to the community at-large; and

WHEREAS, the keeping of hens can be an additional food source with the production of eggs and is an important component to the agriculture community that is within Sierra County; and

WHEREAS, the public was afforded an opportunity to provide input at a duly noticed meeting and hearing of the Governing Body of the City of Elephant Butte on March 15, 2023.

NOW THEREFORE, BE IT ORDAINED by the Governing Body of the City of Elephant Butte as follows:

Finds that increase in the maximum number of hens is in the best interest of the City and its residents and, therefore, Ordinance 154 is amended to increase the number of permissible hens from five to twelve.

BE IT ALSO ORDAINED Zoning Districts R-1-A 155.026, R-1-B 155.027, R-1-C 155.028, and Commercial C-2 155.033 to be amended to increase the number of permissible hens from five to twelve.

PASSED, APPROVED, AND ADOPTED by the Governing Body of the City of Elephant Butte, New Mexico, this 15th day of March, 2023.

Phillip Mortensen
Mayor

ATTEST:

Lindsey Cobleigh, City Clerk