

ORDINANCE #05-22-23-01
AMENDING THE MUSCATINE COUNTY ZONING ORDINANCE RELATING TO
LOCAL MEAT LOCKERS AND/OR BUTCHER SHOPS

BE IT HEREBY ORDAINED by the Muscatine County Board of Supervisors:

Section 1. Amendment. The Muscatine County Code of Ordinances, Title III, Chapter II, is amend by the adoption of the following new subsections:

Article I, Section 3, Definitions: add Local Meat Locker and/or Butcher Shop: A facility or premises that by nature of size and scope is intended to serve a local or regional customer base, in the slaughter, processing and packaging of livestock, fowl, or wild game for human consumption.

Article III, Section 3: 3.32 Local Meat Lockers and/or Butcher Shops

Permitted in the A-1 Agricultural District with a Special Use Permit approved by the Board of Adjustment, if **all** of the following conditions are met:

- (a) Shall maintain a recommended separation distance of 1,250' from any occupied structure not owned or operated by the facility operator. Separation distances of less than 750' shall be denied.
- (b) May be allowed, provided the proposed location has frontage and adequate access to fully paved County or State roadways.
- (c) Are limited to the slaughter and processing of no more than thirty (30) animal unit per week, where cattle or bison equal 1.0 animal units, one head of swine equals .4 animal units, one head of sheep or goats equals .1 animal units and one head of fowl or poultry equals .018 animal units. No limits are placed on the processing of wild game that is not being slaughtered on site.
- (d) Shall maintain and display on premises, proof of applicable licensure and inspection by the Iowa Department of Land Stewardship or the U.S. Department of Agriculture.
- (e) All solid waste, wastewater and animal by-products shall be contained and disposed of in accordance with applicable Federal, State and Local regulations. Solid waste, wastewater and animal by-products shall be stored in sealed containers or within the building, so as to contain objectionable sights and smells, and to prevent the attraction of vermin and scavengers.
- (f) Adequate parking and vehicle turn around area shall be provided so that no stopping, parking or backing off of or on to public roadways is required. A proposed site plan shall be submitted with the Special Use Permit application that identifies vehicular parking and truck turn around areas.

(g) Animal staging areas shall be constructed or shielded in a manner that does not allow for the viewing of animals being staged or slaughtered from the public roadway. Staging areas shall be constructed in a manner and with materials that completely contains all manure.

Section 2. Severability. If any section, provision, or part of this ordinance shall be adjudged invalid or unconstitutional, such adjudication shall not affect the validity of the regulations as a whole or any section, provision, or part thereof not adjudged invalid or unconstitutional.

Section 3. Effective Date. This ordinance shall take effect upon its publication as required by law.

Section 4. Conflict with Provisions. All ordinances or parts of ordinances in conflict with the provisions of this ordinance are hereby repealed.

PASSED, APPROVED AND ORDAINED this 22nd day of May, 2023.

ATTEST:

Tibe Vander Linden
County Auditor

Scott Sauer, Chairperson
Muscatine County Board of Supervisors