

**ORDINANCE NO. 2025 –**

**AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, AMENDING SECTION 8.32.015 RELATED TO THE KEEPING OF CERTAIN ANIMALS, BIRDS, AND REPTILES) OF THE NATIONAL CITY MUNICIPAL CODE**

**WHEREAS**, the City of National City (the “City”), pursuant to the police powers delegated to it by the California Constitution, has the authority to enact or amend laws which promote the public health, safety, and general welfare of its residents; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to the terms and provisions of the Government Code of the State of California, proceedings were duly initiated for the amendment of the National City Municipal Code; and

**WHEREAS**, pursuant to published 10-day notices of the adoption of said ordinance, public hearings were held by the City Council on May 20, 2025 and August 19, 2025, and at said public hearings, all persons interested were given the opportunity to appear and be heard before the City Council; and

**NOW, THEREFORE, THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE CITY OF NATIONAL CITY, CALIFORNIA, DOES ORDAIN AS FOLLOWS:**

**Section 1.** All protests, if any, against said amendment to the Municipal Code and each of them be and hereby are denied and overruled.

**Section 2.** Section 8.32.015 A. 2. is hereby amended to read as follows:

8.32.015 - Restrictions on keeping certain animals, birds and reptiles.

A. It is unlawful to keep, possess or maintain any animal, bird or reptile not prohibited by Section 8.32.010, except as follows:

2. Any combination of the following classes of animals, not to exceed a total of twenty, with each class limited by a maximum of four adult rabbits, four chinchillas, four turkeys, four ducks, four geese or twenty pigeons may be kept on any property zoned for single-family residential use that is greater than twenty thousand square feet in area. One hen chicken per one thousand square feet of lot area, not to exceed twelve in total, may be kept on any property zoned for single-family residential use.

**Section 3.** Severability. If any section, sentence, clause or phrase of this Ordinance is for any reason held to be invalid or unconstitutional by a decision of any court of competent jurisdiction, such decision shall not affect the validity of the remaining portions of this Ordinance. The City Council hereby declares that it would have passed this Ordinance and adopted this Ordinance and each section, sentence, clause or phrase thereof, irrespective of the fact that any one or more section, subsections, sentences, clauses, or phrases be declared invalid or unconstitutional.

**Section 4.** This Ordinance shall take effect and be in force thirty (30) days from the date of its passage, and before the expiration of fifteen (15) days after its passage, it or a summary of it, shall be published once, with the names of the members of the City Council voting for and against the same in the Star News, a newspaper of general circulation published in the County of San Diego, California.

**INTRODUCED on this 19<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2025.**

PASSED and ADOPTED this \_\_\_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 2025.

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Ron Morrison, Mayor

**ATTEST:**

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Shelley Chapel, MMC, City Clerk

**APPROVED AS TO FORM:**

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Barry J. Schultz, City Attorney