

Animal Keeping Code Revisions

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Recap of Previous Discussion

1. Introduce a streamlined permitting system
2. Adjust setback requirements
 - Keep animals out of side and front yards
 - Shelters 20 feet away from neighboring dwelling
3. Do not require animals be kept in animal runs
 - Consider other mechanisms for reducing nuisances
4. Prohibit goats in zones other than Estate and Rural Residential
 - Allow a grace period to relocate existing goats

Timeline

November 2019: Council approval of Code revisions

Winter 2020: Council approval of permit fee

May 2020: Per code update revisions

November 2019 to November 2020: Grace period for existing goats to be relocated



Animal Keeping Permit Process

Mirror Minor Improvement Permit Process:

1. Fee for permit
2. Short questionnaire
3. Plot drawing with location of shelter
4. Site inspection
5. Shelters for small livestock would be exempt from Minor Improvement Permit requirement

Permit Cost:

1. 100% cost recovery for Community Development necessitates an \$80 fee
2. For a lower fee, Sustainability staff could manage the review process, the impact on existing workload is unknown at this time



Example of a Plot Drawing



- Rear yard outlined in **yellow**
- Chicken coop location outlined in **red**

Note:

- Coop is twenty feet from nearest neighboring dwelling
- Coop is at least five feet from all property lines other than the one abutting an alley



Adjust Setback Requirements

Existing requirements: “Shelters and fenced enclosures for housing, keeping or caring for small livestock must meet be located no less than ten feet from any property line”

Revise to: “Shelters for small livestock must meet the following requirements:

- a. Be located no less than five feet from property lines abutting another lot or parcel
- b. May extend up to any property line abutting a public alley right-of-way or private alley tract
- c. Be located at least twenty feet from the nearest neighboring dwelling”

Additional Revisions

1. Feed and watering troughs must be 20 feet from neighboring dwelling residence
 - This should aid in keeping animal waste away from property line
2. Require that wings be clipped to ensure containment
 - In lieu of covered animal run requirement
3. Require that yards be maintained to prevent odor from being detected beyond the property line





Prohibit Goats on Small Lots

- Pygmy and miniature goats will no longer be allowed on lots other than those zoned as Estate and Rural Residential (40,000+ sq. ft.)
- Those keeping goats in prohibited zones will be given a 6-month grace period following the effective date of the code revisions (effective date: May 2020) to relocate animals safely and humanely



Prohibit Goats on Small Lots

Type of Animal	Zones in which Specific Animals are Permitted	Maximum Number of Animals Permitted per Lot Size						
		≤19,999 sq ft	20,000 – 29,999 sq ft	30,000 – 39,999 sq ft	40,000 – 79,999 sq ft	80,000 – 119,999 sq ft	120,000 – 159,999 sq ft	≥160,000 sq ft
Large Livestock								
Equine, Cattle, Swine, Llamas, Alpacas, Goats, Sheep	ER and RR	0	0	0	4	5	6	7
Small Livestock								
Goats (miniature, pygmy, dwarf)	All zones*	20	20	20	4	4	4	4
Ducks, Rabbits, Chickens	All zones*	5	10	15	20	25	25	25
Bees								
Bee Colonies	All zones*	2	4	6	8	8	8	8



Education and Outreach

Staff will begin developing outreach materials following code adoption

- Direct and digital outreach
 - Postcards
 - Doorhangers
 - Social media
 - Newsletters
- Partner with relevant organizations to offer workshops



Internal Process

Community Outreach

- Sustainability

Permit Processing & Initial Inspection

- Sustainability or Code Compliance (depending upon permit fee)

Respond to questions, complaints, document violations/nuisances

- Code Compliance and Animal Control

Revoke/Suspend Permits

- Sustainability (based on documentation collected by Code Compliance and Animal Control)

Discussion on Permit Fee

Considerations:

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Questions?

