

Animal Keeping Code Revisions

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Discussion

1. Clarify goals for this round of revisions
 - Animal Keeping Code revisions is an iterative process
2. 4-H considerations
3. Existing data on animal keeping activity
4. Options for Council consideration:
 - Permitting requirements
 - Setback requirements
 - Goat restrictions





An Iterative Process

The Animal Keeping Code was overhauled 3 years ago:

- Previous code was antiquated
- Reduce nuisances
- Increase food security and self-reliance
- Improve animal welfare standards

Goals for this round of revisions:

- Improve data tracking and program evaluation
- Shift from reactive to proactive management
- Increase flexibility for locating chicken coops within backyards
- Reduce nuisances
- Maintain food security and self-reliance
- Maintain animal welfare standards

4-H Considerations



4-H Considerations

How do proposed revisions affect 4-H participants?

- Existing code:
 - In zones other than Estate and Rural Residential, only chickens, rabbits, ducks, and pygmy/miniature goats are allowed
 - Large livestock (goats, cattle, pigs, horses, etc.) only allowed in Estate and rural residential
 - No exemption for 4-H participants
- Proposed revisions prohibit pygmy/miniature goats in zones other than Estate and Residential



4-H Considerations

| 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 | Estate Residential and Rural Residential | 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 |

*Table reflects the proposed revisions that prohibit goats in zones other than Estate and Rural Residential



4-H Considerations

Exemption for 4-H participants?

- If so, what lot sizes would qualify for an exemption?
- What animals would qualify for an exemption?
- Exemptions included in this round of revisions?

Existing Data on Animal Keeping



Existing Animal Data Tracking

Existing data is limited and inconsistent

- No record of animal keeping unless a property receives a complaint
- Need to improve data tracking

Since previous code update (Feb. 2016) to present:

- Code Compliance received 27 complaints
- Violations include:
 - Smell, noise , seepage to other property, rodents, flies, excessive number of animals, and structure to close to property line

Options for City Council Consideration

Permitting, Setbacks, Goats

Options for Consideration:

Permitting

Option A – As currently proposed permitting process:

1. Fee for permit (\$80 for 100% cost recovery)
2. Short questionnaire
3. Acknowledgment of code requirements
4. Plot drawing with location of shelter
5. Site inspection

Pros: Improved data tracking, up-front education, verification of plot drawing

Cons: Significant financial and time investment for applicants



Options for Consideration:

Permitting



Option B - Proposed permitting process above with reduced permit fee:

1. Fee for permit (TBD)
2. Short questionnaire
3. Acknowledgment of code requirements
4. Plot drawing with location of shelter
5. Site inspection

Pros: Improved data tracking, up-front education, verification of plot drawing

Cons: Financial and time investment for applicants

Options for Consideration:

Permitting

Option C – Free and streamlined permitting system:

1. No Fee
2. Short questionnaire
3. Acknowledgment of code requirements
4. Plot drawing with location of shelter
5. City could reserve the right to inspect in the case of neighbor complaints

Pros: Improved data tracking and evaluation, reduced processing costs, low barrier of entry for residents, up-front education

Cons: Cannot verify plot drawing and compliance at the start



Options for Consideration:

Permitting

Option D – No permit:

Continue with existing policy and enforce the code through complaints

Pros: Low barrier to entry for residents keeping backyard animals

Cons: No data tracking, no opportunity for up-front education



Options for Consideration:

Setbacks



Option A – As currently proposed setbacks:

Shelters for small livestock must meet the following requirements:

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

Options for Consideration:

Setbacks

Option B – Reduced setbacks:

Shelters for small livestock must meet the following requirements:

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



Options for Consideration:

Goats

Option A – As currently proposed revisions:

Prohibit miniature and pygmy goats from residential zones other than Estate and Rural Residential

- These are lot sizes larger than 40,000 square feet



Options for Consideration:

Goats

Option B – Regulate by lot size:
Prohibit goat keeping activity by lot size

Example: Prohibit miniature and pygmy goats on lot sizes smaller than 20,000 square feet



Options for Consideration:

Goats

Option C – Increase setbacks for goats:

Increase setback requirements for shelters meant for goats

***Example:** Animal shelters for miniature and pygmy goats must be located at least 15 feet from property lines abutting a residential lot and 30 feet from neighboring dwelling*



Discussion

