

Chapter 6-03: Animal Keeping Code Amendment

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Text Amendment Summary

Update City Code Title 6: Police Regulations, Chapter 6-03: Animal Keeping

1. Comply with state legislation (House Bill 2325)
2. Make the code easier to implement

Animal Keeping Code applies to livestock animals and bees within the City limits (does not apply to common domestic household pets, such as dogs, cats, etc.)

HB 2325: Required Updates

- “A municipality may not adopt any law, ordinance or other regulation that prohibits a resident of a single-family detached residence on a lot that is one-half acre or less in size from **keeping up to six fowl in the backyard of the property.**”
- “A municipality shall enact an ordinance that requires **an enclosure** located in a residential community on a lot less than one acre in size to be **shorter than the fence line of the property.**”



Updates to Comply with HB 2325

- 6-03-001-0002: Definitions
 - Create a new definition of ‘fowl’
 - Add fowl to the definition of ‘poultry’
 - Add ‘enclosure’ to the definition of ‘shelter’
 - Replace the word ‘chickens’ with ‘poultry’
- 6-03-001-0003: Keeping of Livestock
 - Increase the maximum number of fowl (chickens) allowed on parcels less than 19,999 square feet from 5 to 6 fowl
 - Limit the height of a shelter for fowl on lots less than 1 acre to 8 feet or no taller than the fence line of the property





Updates to Make the Code Easier to Implement



- 6-03-001-0002: Definitions
 - Minor updates
- 6-03-001-0003: Keeping of Livestock
 - Move, clarify, and consolidate text
 - Move Table 6-03-001-0003.A: Number of Livestock Animals Permitted by Zoning Designation to the beginning of this Section
 - Bring Animal Keeping Code in alignment with Zoning Code
 - Convert text to tables for large and small livestock standards
 - Move standards for beekeeping into this section
 - Move permitting requirements into their own section



Updates to Make the Code Easier to Implement



- **6-03-001-0004: Permitting Requirements**
 - Clarify when a Backyard Livestock Keeping Permit is required
 - Clarify that the Sustainability Director shall specify the form and content of the Backyard Livestock Keeping Permit application and may require supporting materials
 - Clarify that the Backyard Livestock Keeping Permit is reviewed for compliance with Chapter 6-03: Animal Keeping
 - Clarify that any reason(s) for permit denial must be provided in writing
 - Clarify that livestock shelters and any associated fencing or screen walls subject to Zoning Code Section 10-20.40.080 (Minor Improvement Permits) shall obtain an approved MIP prior to installation or construction



Options & Staff Recommended Action

1. Approve the amendment to the Animal Keeping Code as proposed—**Staff recommended action**
2. Approve the amendment to the Animal Keeping Code with only modifications to comply with state legislation