



Animal Services Community Meeting

Fremont Police Department

September 8, 2022



TRI-CITY ANIMAL SHELTER



Meeting Overview

- **Introduction**
- **Current and Proposed Ordinance Amendments**
- **Questions and Answers**



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Current Chicken Ordinance

CURRENT			
Number of Chickens	Minimum Distance From Any Adjacent Property Line	Lot Square Footage	Permit Required
1-6		6,000+	No
7-9		6,001 - 9,999	Yes
up to 10		10,000 - 21,779	Yes
up to 15		21,780 or more	Yes



Proposed Chicken Ordinance – Enclosure and shelter.

- The enclosure where chickens are kept must be a minimum size of ten (10) square feet of permeable land per chicken.
- The enclosure where chickens are kept must be located at least a minimum distance away from any other person’s property line, as follows:

PROPOSED			
Number of Chickens	Minimum Distance From Any Property Line	Lot Square Footage	Permit Required
0		6,000 or less	
1-6	10 feet	6,001-9,999	No
7-10	35 feet	10,000-21,779	Yes
11-15	50 feet	21,780 +	Yes



Proposed Chicken Ordinance – Added shelter and shelter maintenance requirements

- The shelter for any animal must be:
 - Adequately lighted to provide regular diurnal lighting cycles of natural or artificial light uniformly diffused throughout the shelter, and sufficient illumination for routine inspections and maintenance of the animal.;
 - Situated to prevent exposing the animal to (1) unreasonably loud noise or (2) teasing, abuse, or injury by another animal or person;





Proposed Chicken Ordinance – Added shelter and shelter maintenance requirements

- The animal shall be able to defecate and urinate away from the shelter;
- Wherever animals are permitted to be kept or maintained in the City, no person, so keeping or maintaining such animals, shall fail at any time to keep the coops, pens or yards wherein such animals are enclosed in a clean and sanitary condition nor shall fail to remove the manure or other debris from such enclosures daily.
- All feed for any animal shall be stored in containers which offer protection against rodents and insects.
- No enclosure or shelter shall be located in the front yard of the property where the animals are kept.



Current and Proposed Goat Ordinance

CURRENT (as of 2018)			
Number of Goats	Minimum Distance From Any Adjacent Dwelling	Lot Square Footage	Permit Required
0			
PROPOSED			
Number of Goats	Minimum Distance From Any Property Line	Lot Square Footage	Permit Required
2	10 feet	10,000 +	Yes



Proposed Goat ordinance

- Exactly two (2) live goats may be kept only on a residential property with a lot size of 10,000 square feet or more within the City.
- All goats shall be microchipped.
- Food produced by live goats shall be for personal consumption only by members of permittee's household, and shall not be sold, donated or otherwise distributed to any other person.
- Male goats shall be neutered.
- No person shall keep or maintain any goat in the City within ten feet (10') of any other person's dwelling .
- The enclosure must be a minimum size of two hundred fifty (250) square feet of permeable land for the keeping of two (2) miniature goats (commonly known as pygmy and dwarf goats), or five hundred (500) square feet of permeable land for the keeping of any other combination of miniature and non-miniature goats.



Current and Proposed Beehive Ordinance

CURRENT			
Number of Beehives	Minimum Distance From Any Fence Line	Lot Square Footage	Permit Required
0	5 feet	5,999 or less	Yes
1	5 feet	6000 +	Yes
up to 2	5 feet	8000 +	Yes
up to 3	5 feet	10,000 +	Yes
no more than 5	5 feet	21,780 +	Yes
PROPOSED			
Number of Beehives	Minimum Distance From Any Fence Line	Lot Square Footage	Permit Required
4	5 feet	n/a	Yes



Proposed Beekeeping ordinance

- No more than four (4) beehives may be established or maintained on any residential property within the City.
- Any person intending to establish or maintain any beehive on any residential property within the City must first register with the County of Alameda and provide a copy of such registration to the Animal Services Manager.
- Beehive entrances shall face away from the nearest property line(s).
- Beehives must either be screened so that the bees must fly over a six-foot barrier, which may be vegetative, before leaving the property, or be placed at least eight feet (8') above the adjacent ground level.
- Beehives are not permitted on multi-family balconies or patios.
- A beehive shall be located a minimum of 25 feet from any dwelling on an adjacent property.



Other Proposed Animals Ordinance Amendments

- The animal services manager has discretion to waive these costs in cases of financial hardship if the fees would impose an economic hardship for the owner.
- The city may decide disposition of an impounded animal that is not retrieved by its owner within three (3) calendar days, not including the day of impoundment.
- Every person who owns, maintains or boards a dog, three months of age or older... must cause that dog... to be vaccinated and revaccinated with a state approved anti-rabies vaccine within the time periods prescribed by state law or regulation





Other Proposed Animals Ordinance Amendments

- Remedy an inconsistency between animal regulations regarding dog leash length in Title 6 Animals, and Chapter 12.20 regarding parks.
 - The dog owner or person with a right to control a dog must keep the dog under direct physical restraint by means of a leash not to exceed six feet in length when the dog is on any public street, public sidewalk, other public place, event on public property, or at any private place or property or common area of any planned development cluster, townhouse, or on any condominium project without the consent of the owner or person in control thereof.

~ Questions & Answers ~

