

Goat Ordinance

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What

- Permitting more than 2 and less than (or equal to) 4 goats for purposes of 'Urban Agriculture'. Separate from domestic pets in Chapter 6.
- "Hoofed Pet" references miniature or dwarf species.

Who

- Anyone utilizing property that permits 'Urban Agriculture' who has 3 or 4 goats.

Where

- Any property that permits 'Urban Agriculture' in the UDC (new use) which is any zone district except for PK Park.

When

- Would go into effect upon adoption, prior to the UDC effective date (June 5, 2023).

Why

- Discussed further in next slide (Timeline).

How

- Researched several CO jurisdictions for "best practices".
- Coordinated with Councilmembers Henjum and Helms, City Attorney's Office, Council Staff, and Humane Society.

Timeline



2014

- City Council adopted current goat ordinance
- Chapter 6 language limits to no more than 2 per property

October 25, 2022

- City Council Regular Meeting
- Enforcement Moratorium voted upon which intent of providing time to staff for drafting new regulations (9-0 vote)
- Moratorium set to expire March 25, 2023

November 10, 2022

- Mayor vetoes moratorium

November 22, 2022

- City Council Regular Meeting
- 4 residents spoke in support of overriding veto
- Mayor's veto overridden by the Council (7-1 vote)

February 8, 2023

- City Planning Commission discussion and recommendation vote
- Unanimous approval recommendation (9-0)

February 27, 2023

- City Council Work Session discussion

February 28, 2023

- City Council Regular Meeting

Proposed Language



Definitions – UDC Draft Section 7.6.301

Hoofed Pet

Any goat weighing less than one hundred (100) pounds at maturity.

Urban Agriculture

The use of a parcel of land not exceeding five (5) acres in size for the cultivation of food and horticultural crops, composting, aquaponics, aquaculture, hydroponics, **and animals limited to Fowl, Ducks, and Hoofed Pets**. This use may include the production or sale of food products from food grown on the premises and accessory keeping of bees subject to City regulations but does not include cultivation of marijuana.

Housing Structures – UDC Draft Section 7.3.303.A.2

2. Urban Agriculture

a) Structures

(1) Horticulture

- (a) Cold frames are limited to a maximum height of three (3) feet and shall be located at least ten (10) feet from any lot line adjacent to a lot that has an occupied residential use or is within a residential zone district.
- (b) Accessory greenhouse and hoop house structures are limited to a maximum height of ten (10) feet, shall be located at least ten (10) feet from any lot line adjacent to a lot that has an occupied residential use or is within a residential zone district, and may not cover more than twenty-five (25) percent of the rear lot.

(2) Animals

- (a) Dwarf or Pygmy Goats. Up to four (4) dwarf or pygmy goats may be kept on a property. If three (3) or more dwarf or pygmy goats are kept on the same property, a housing structure that meets the following standards shall be required:
 - (i) The housing structure shall be located within the rear fifty percent (50%) of the lot.
 - (ii) The housing structure shall be at least twenty (20) feet from any abutting property line and any primary residential structure.
 - (iii) The housing structure shall provide adequate shelter for the Hoofed Pets.
 - (iv) Each goat shall have access to at least one-hundred and thirty (130) square feet of permeable area in the rear fifty (50) percent of the lot.
- (b) Fowl. Standards for coops and other accessory structures shall comply with Subsection 7.3.304.A.

Proposed Language



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Summary –

EACH goat must be provided 130 sf of permeable space and “adequate shelter”.

3 goats = minimum 390 sf of permeable space (anywhere in rear 50% of lot).

Planning Commission Discussion



- **Chapter 6 Questions**
 - How many pets are currently allowed? (4)
 - Prevention of breeding? (yes, written in language)
- **Chapter 7 (UDC) Questions**
 - Does this language apply to agricultural stands? (no)
 - Are pigs included in this ordinance? (no)
- **Unanimous recommendation vote (9-0) for approval to the City Council at February 8, 2023 public hearing.**