



## Legislation Text

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Ordinance No. 23-08 amending section 106 (animals kept on premises; sanitary requirements) and 110 (specific animals prohibited; exception) of article 7 (regulation of animals - general provisions) and section 102 (hoofed animals kept on premises; zoning requirements) of article 9 (regulation of animals - hoofed animals) of Chapter 6 (neighborhood vitality / community health) of the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to regulation of animals.

**Presenter:**

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**Summary:**

Current City Code allows residents to keep two hoofed pets (miniature goats) per dwelling. This ordinance would create standards to allow residents to keep up to four miniature goats as part of an urban agriculture practice. New standards include a requirement for housing for the goats and setbacks from dwellings. Additional changes would allow residents to keep up to fifteen chickens or rabbits, depending on lot size, and remove provisions for a variance.

**Background:**

N/A

**Previous Council Action:**

On December 13, 2022 City Council approved a limited moratorium on enforcement of certain Chapter 6 standards so that residents could keep three or four miniature goats. The moratorium expires on March 25, 2023.

**Financial Implications:**

N/A

**City Council Appointed Board/Commission/Committee Recommendation:**

N/A

**Stakeholder Process:**

N/A

**Alternatives:**

Council could allow the moratorium to expire and take no action.

**Proposed Motion:**

Motion to approve an ordinance amending Chapter 6 (neighborhood vitality / community health) of

the Code of the City of Colorado Springs 2001, as amended, pertaining to regulation of animals.

An ordinance amending the Unified Development Code standards for urban agriculture to allow keeping up to four miniature goats and up to fifteen chickens or rabbits.