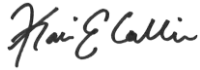


ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

Date: 6-5-2017
Item No.: 7.c

Department Approval



Kari Collins, Community Development Director

City Manager Approval



Item Description: Discuss City Code Chapter 407.02.E, Keeping of Non-Domestic Animals

1 **BACKGROUND**

2 During the March 27, 2017 City Council discussion of proposed nuisance code amendments,
3 Council directed staff to research the keeping of pigs and goats.

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5 Staff was able to locate four cities which currently allow for the keeping of pigs and goats. Those
6 cities are Shoreview, Fridley (on one acre and larger parcels), Duluth and St. Paul.

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8 The Code Enforcement Officer from Shoreview indicated that Shoreview allows these animals
9 by ordinance, however, no such animals to his knowledge are being kept currently or have for a
10 number of years. Animal Control from the City of St. Paul reported that caution and preparation
11 should occur prior to the ordinance change. They suggested specific licensing, enclosure and
12 enforcement requirements be implemented. Also, it was suggested that the City of Roseville
13 consider how animal control would deal with these animals. It was stated that current staff may
14 need additional training in how to deal with these animals and how to transport any strays. St.
15 Paul also suggested that the current contract with a veterinary hospital be researched to identify
16 if these animals can be brought to their location for impound.

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18 Staff also contacted the Animal Humane Society, as well as, the Animal Board of Health for
19 comments regarding the allowing of pigs and goats in an urban area. The Animal Humane
20 Society raised concerns about these animals being kept in an urban environment. It was the
21 Society's opinion that these animals do not thrive in the urban environment and they were
22 concerned if this would lead to circumstances that would require these animals being brought to
23 their shelters or similar animal rescue shelters. The State Veterinarian (Dr. Thompson), with the
24 Animal Board of Health raised similar concerns, along with suggesting Roseville should research
25 the specific vaccination requirements and enclosure requirements these animals need for their
26 safety and the safety of the public. Dr. Thompson further stated these two groups of animals are
27 very difficult to regulate regarding specific species or weight (as Duluth and Shoreview do). She
28 further stated that the so-called "tea-cup" and potbellied pigs can grow to anywhere from sixty
29 pounds, to in excess of two hundred pounds. She further stated that goats, of any size, can be
30 extremely destructive to structures, plantings and landscapes.

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32 It is the opinion of staff that removing the restriction on the keeping of pigs and goats may be
33 problematic to enforce. An extraordinary amount of staff time will be required to craft any
34 licensing ordinances specific to these animals. Research related to the required vaccinations and
35 enclosure requirements will need to be compiled well in advance of amending this section of
36 current code. Discussions will need to occur amongst various City Departments regarding

37 oversight and enforcement if these animals are allowed to be kept within the City. Further staff
38 time will need to be allocated to the training of designated staff in the securing and transportation
39 of any stray animals that are located.

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41 If Council wishes to move forward in allowing the keeping of these animals, amendments to
42 407.01 and 407.02.E will be necessary. Also, direction to staff will be required for necessary
43 revisions to Chapter 501 Animal Control.

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45 Prepared by: Dave Englund, Codes Coordinator

46 Attachments: A: Farm Animal Regulations

1 5/15/17 - Farm Animal regulations (Roe suggestions to start the conversation):

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4 **CURRENT:**

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6 407.02: NUISANCES AFFECTING HEALTH, SAFETY, COMFORT OR REPOSE:

7 The following are hereby declared to be public nuisances affecting health, safety, comfort
8 or repose:

9 G. Keeping of Farm Animals: The keeping of cows, horses, sheep, goats or any four
10 legged animal commonly known as farm animals, other than those commonly called
11 poultry, in any pasture, stable or any enclosure within 300 feet or less of any other lot in
12 any residence district. (Ord. 629, 9-28-70)

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15 501.21: RIDING HORSES:

16 A. Definition: As used in this Section, "riding horse" means any horse which is used
17 primarily for riding. (Ord. 349, 12-1-1961)

18 B. License Required: No person shall keep any riding horse within the City for over 30
19 days unless a license for such animal has been first secured.

20 C. Condition of License: A license shall be granted to any applicant for a riding horse on
21 the following conditions:

22 1. Said riding horse shall be used in such a manner so as not to annoy or disturb residents
23 of the City.

24 2. Said riding horse will be kept in an inconspicuous place and not allowed to run at
25 large.

26 D. Application for License: The application for a license shall be made to the City
27 Manager and granted by the City Council for the license of each particular horse. The
28 license shall be suspended or revoked by the City Council upon any breach of the
29 conditions of license set forth in this Section. (Ord. 349, 12-1-1961)

30 E. Minimum Area and Fencing: No license shall be issued for any riding horse unless the
31 horse shall be kept in an adequately fenced pasture of a minimum size of three acres, but
32 no more than three horses can be kept in such three acre pasture at any one time. For each
33 horse in excess of three, an additional one acre of fenced pasture shall be provided. (Ord.
34 734, 9-9-1974)

35 F. License Fee: The license fee for each riding horse is as established by the City Fee
36 Schedule in Section 314.05. (Ord. 1379A, 11-17-2008)

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39 H. Issuing and Affixing Tags: Upon the granting of a license by the City Council, the
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- 59 a. The keeping of up to X chicken hens and Y roosters on Low Density
60 Residential properties to provide eggs for non-commercial purposes,
61 provided that any coops or other related structures meet Accessory
62 Building requirements in Title 10 of this Code;
- 63 b. The keeping of no more than 2 of what are known as “pygmy” goats or
64 “pot-bellied” pigs, weighing less than 100 pounds each, as pets on
65 Low Density or Medium Density Residential properties;
- 66 c. The keeping of bees on Low Density Residential properties, provided
67 that any hives or other related structures meet Accessory Building
68 requirements in Title 10 of this Code;
- 69 d. The use of sheep or goats for turf, plant, or weed control during
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- 72 e. Riding Horses licensed under Chapter 501 of this Code.

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104 **(or repeal this entire section?)**