

Goat Keeping Pilot Program

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City Council

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Purpose

- To propose terms for an adoption of a pilot program for keeping miniature goats on residential properties.

Strategic Focus Area

- Recognizable and Well-Planned Community



Pilot Program Terms

- 2 year program duration
- 10 permits offered through a lottery
- City Council action required to extend the program
- To address citizen concerns:
 - Minimum lot size of 7,500 square feet required
 - Pen and shelter located on rear 50% of lot, at least 10 feet from side or rear property lines

Pilot Program Terms

- Disbudded female miniature goats only (24.5" tall at withers)
- No more or less than 2 goats per property
- Goats would be considered household pets and count toward the maximum of 4 allowed per property
- Rabies vaccination would be required
- No on-site breeding or slaughter
- Only allowed on single-family detached properties with landowner permission

Pilot Program Terms

- Permit required
 - Inspections (pen, shelter, goats)
 - Test on goat care
 - Waste management plan approved
 - Fee of \$100 to cover the permit review, test, and 2 inspections
 - Periodic inspections by CSOs to monitor program impacts

Anticipated Impact on CSO Division

- CSO Division will enforce the pilot program
- Increase in animal calls anticipated, which takes away from proactive work (code and parking enforcement)

Type of Call or Action	Hours Spent
Property Inspection for Goat (monthly)	0.5 – 1.5 hours
Noise and Odor Complaint	0.5 – 1 hour
Animal at Large or Confined Stray	0.5 – 1.5 hours
Animal Cruelty or Hoarding	0.75 – 4 hours (depends on severity)

- \$1,000 needed initially for supplies for CSOs; \$48,488.75 is base salary for an additional CSO should one be needed

Staff Recommendation

- Approval of the proposed amendments to the Brighton Municipal Code as set forth in the draft Ordinance.

Options for City Council

The City Council has four (4) options when reviewing this code amendment Ordinance. City Council may:

- Approve the Ordinance as drafted;
- Approve the Ordinance with specific changes;
- Deny the Ordinance with specific reasons for the denial; or
- Continue the item to be heard at a later, specified date if the Council feels it needs more information to make a decision.