



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 and clarify the setback requirements.

Strategic Focus Area

- Recognizable and Well-Planned Community



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Language Approved at First Reading

- Paragraph (3) f. (iii)
 - All shelters and enclosures shall be located in the rear 50% of the lot, at least ten (10) feet from a side or rear property line, unless a larger setback is required by Chapter 17, Land Use and Development Code of this Code, as may be amended, or the PUD adopted for the site. All shelters and enclosures shall be maintained in accordance with the regulations for accessory structures and fencing for the applicable zone district in which the property is located. The construction, expansion or maintenance of structures and fencing and the installation of any heating or lighting elements shall be approved through the applicable building permit process.

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Proposed Clarifications for Consistent Interpretation

- Setback for pens and shelters would not apply abutting an alley or right-of-way
- Existing structures closer to a shared property line than 10' could be utilized as a goat shelter if meeting these specific requirements:
 - The wall height is at least 8'; and
 - The roof has an overhang at least 1' wide; and
 - A barrier is installed to prevent goats from damaging the structure

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Pilot Program Terms

- All other provisions in the ordinance approved at first reading remain unchanged

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Staff Recommendation

- Approval of the proposed amendments to the Brighton Municipal Code with the amended language that removes the setback requirement when adjacent to an alley or right-of-way and allows existing structures that do not meet the setback requirement to be used if meeting specific criteria.

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Options for City Council

The City Council has five (5) options when reviewing this code amendment Ordinance. City Council may:

- Approve the Ordinance in the form approved at first reading;
- Approve the Ordinance as recommended in the revised draft Ordinance;
- Approve the Ordinance with specific changes;
- Deny the Ordinance as drafted; or
- Continue the item to be heard at a later, specified date if the Council feels it needs more information to make a decision.