



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



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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

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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

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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

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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

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Staff Recommendation

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

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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.

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