



ANIMAL KEEPING ZONING CODE AMENDMENT P19-0056

**Community & Economic
Development Department**

City Council
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ANIMAL KEEPING AMENDMENTS Title 19 (Zoning Code) & Title 8 - Animals

1. Chapter 19.455 – Animal Keeping
2. Use Tables
 - a) Section 19.150.020.A – Permitted Uses Table
 - b) Section 19.150.020.B – Incidental Land Uses Table
 - c) Section 19.150.020.C – Temporary Land Uses Table
3. Chapter 19.740 – Temporary Land Uses
4. Chapter 19.910 – Definitions
5. Chapter 8.18.010 – Definitions



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BACKGROUND

1. City's Animal Keeping Regulations:
 - a) Title 19 – Zoning: Land use regulations under Community & Economic Development purview; and
 - b) Title 8 – Animals: Animal welfare under Public Works purview.
2. Discrepancies and lack of clarity;
3. Proposed amendments:
 - a) Resolve inconsistencies; and
 - b) Consider current land use trends.



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BACKGROUND

4. March 9, 2017 – Planning Commission Workshop:
 - a) Discussion on domestic and non-domestic animals; and
 - b) Commission input: Non-domestic animals appropriate for larger lots and agriculture areas.
5. May 8, 2017 – Land Use Committee (LUC) Workshop:
 - a) LUC Input similar to Planning Commission; and
 - b) Directed Staff to bring animals back to LUC/City Council.



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BACKGROUND

6. October, 2017 – AB 485 “Pet Rescue & Adoption Act”:

- a) Retail stores cannot sell dogs, cats or rabbits unless from a public animal control agency or shelter; and
- b) Because of Law – no need for retail sales restrictions or breeder licensing.

7. February 21, 2019 – Planning Commission recommended City Council approval and consideration of:

- a) Temporary fostering of animals; and
- b) Allow rabbits the same as pot-bellied pigs.



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DISCUSSION - AMENDMENTS

Modify Allowed Zones for Domestic Animals

- 1. Redefine non-domestic animals – adding rabbits, poultry, pigeons and turkeys; and
- 2. Allow domestic animals in all zones.



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DISCUSSION - AMENDMENTS

Eliminate Redundancies for Permitted Non-Domestic Animals in the RA-5 and RC Zones

1. Chapter 19.100.030 - permitted uses in RA-5 and RC zones:
 - a) Allows non-domestic animals & lists animal keeping standards;
 - b) Duplicates standards in Chapter 19.455 – Animal Keeping.
2. Proposed Amendments:
 - a) Chapter 19.100.030 eliminates redundancies.



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DISCUSSION – AMENDMENTS (Continued)

Clarify Definitions for Kennels and Catteries

1. Addressed in both (Title 19 & Title 8);
2. Proposed Amendments:
 - a) Defines “Kennel-Commercial”, “Kennel-Residential”, “Cattery-Commercial” and “Cattery-Residential”;
 - b) Title 8 Refers to Title 19; and
 - c) Definition for “Boarding of Animals” addressed in the Kennel definitions.



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DISCUSSION – AMENDMENTS (Continued)

Beekeeping

1. Limited to RR, RA-5 & RC zones:
 - a) Substantial setback requirements; and
 - b) Regulations mirror County Department of Environmental Health.
2. Proposed Amendments - No changes proposed to the current regulations.



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DISCUSSION – AMENDMENTS (Continued)

Homing Pigeons (aka, Racing Pigeons)

1. Pigeons - non-domestic animals allowed in RR, RA-5, & RC zones; and
2. Proposed Amendments:
 - a) Homing pigeons permitted in RR, RA-5, RC zones;
 - b) Homing pigeons require Minor CUP in R-1 and RE zones;
 - c) Min. lot size 20,000 sf;
 - d) Max. 25 on lots less than 1-acre and 50 on 1-acre or greater;
 - e) Hobby pigeons must be registered; and
 - f) Other requirements for coops/lofts, sealed feed containers.



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DISCUSSION – AMENDMENTS (Continued)

Poultry and Crowing Fowl

1. Currently only allowed in RR, RA-5 & RC zones:
 - a) Currently non-domestic animals; and
 - b) Pre-2007 Zoning Code; non-domestic animals allowed in R-1 zones.
2. Proposed Amendments:
 - a) Allow Non-Domestic Animals in R-1 & RE zones;
 - b) No more than five poultry (any combination of chickens, turkeys, ducks or geese) on lots 20,000 square feet or larger;
 - c) Turkeys specifically added to definition of "crowing fowl"; and
 - d) Poultry, ducks, geese & turkeys housed 50 feet away from any dwelling.



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DISCUSSION – AMENDMENTS (Continued)

Temporary Use of Grazing Goats for Weed Abatement

1. Weed Management – Eco-friendly & effective for fire hazard areas;
2. Proposed Amendments:
 - a) Allow in all zones subject to a Minor Temporary Use Permit;
 - b) Max. of 20 continuous days per TUP, per site;
 - c) Max. of 3 occurrences per calendar year (60 days total);
 - d) Min. one-acre undeveloped land area – Max. 75 goats per acre;
 - e) Goats in a secure enclosure (temporary fencing & shelter);
 - f) Constant supply of fresh water;
 - g) Goats managed & monitored 24 hrs./day; and
 - h) Required cleaning & maintenance of containment areas.



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DISCUSSION – AMENDMENTS (Continued)

Planning Commission Recommendation

1. Rabbits – Proposed amendment:
 - a) Allow max. two (2) rabbits in all Single-Family Residential zones; and
 - b) Rabbits housed 25 feet away from any dwelling.
2. Fostering (dogs, cats, rabbits, and birds):
 - a) Titles 8 & 19 do not define or address fostering;
 - b) Proposed Amendments:
 - i. Define Animal Foster and Animal Foster Organization;
 - ii. Allow fostering max. 6 months within 18 month period;
 - iii. Allow one foster animal in addition to max. number of animals; and
 - iv. Evidence of Animal foster agreement with animal foster organization.



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DISCUSSION – AMENDMENTS (Continued)

Virulent Newcastle Disease

1. Impacts birds and poultry;
2. Near 100% mortality;
3. Recent quarantine in Riverside County; and
4. Proposed Amendment allows poultry in all residential zones (development standards).



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RECOMMENDATIONS

That the City Council:

1. **DETERMINE** that Planning Case P19-0056 Riverside Municipal Code Amendment is exempt from the provisions of the CEQA per Section 15061(b)(3) (Common Sense Exemption);
2. **APPROVE** Planning Case P19-0056 Riverside Municipal Code Amendment based on the findings of the Planning Commission staff report; and
3. **INTRODUCE** and subsequently **ADOPT** an Ordinance amending the Animal Keeping provisions of Title 19 – Zoning Code and Title 8 – Animals, of the Riverside Municipal Code.



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