

DISCUSSION/DIRECTION

MUNICIPAL CODE TITLE 6 ANIMALS CONCERNING DUCKS, MINIATURE GOATS AND MINIATURE POT-BELLIED PIGS

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OUTREACH REGARDING POSSIBLE AMENDMENTS TO THE CODE

Residents – Social media, email, Facebook, Town Talk and Town LED sign.

Feedback (2017-2018)

13 responses from residents, 3 from non-residents and 5 unknown related to ducks, miniature goats and miniature pot-bellied pigs – all input was positive and in favor of amending the code to add these animals.

Feedback (2019)

26 responses from residents, 1 from non-resident and 2 unknown related to ducks, miniature goats and miniature pot-bellied pigs – most of the responses in this instance were against allowing miniature goats, miniature pot-bellied pigs or ducks.

HOAs – Emails were sent to community managers representing approximately 130 Castle Rock neighborhoods.

Feedback (2019)

Concerns were voiced regarding: waste, noise, enforcement challenges, property values, lot size and responsible pet ownership.

Other Municipalities

A number of municipalities allow miniature goats and miniature pot-bellied pigs in certain zone districts.

CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING AMENDING THE CODE TO INCLUDE DUCKS, MINIATURE GOATS AND MINIATURE POT-BELLIED PIGS

Ducks

- Can be messy and noisy; and
- Lay more eggs than chickens and some people prefer duck eggs over chicken eggs.

Miniature Goats

- Produce milk, cheese, soap and wool/fiber;
- Need space and are escape artists; and
- Can be noisy and destructive.

Miniature Pot-Bellied Pigs

- Are intelligent, social, and trainable;
- Are hypoallergenic (pet alternative for those with allergies); and
- Can become bored, and possibly destructive and aggressive.

PROVISIONS THAT COULD BE INCORPORATED INTO THE TOWN'S MUNICIPAL CODE REGARDING DUCKS, MINIATURE GOATS AND MINIATURE POT-BELLIED PIGS

Ducks can be fairly easily integrated into the existing code provisions regarding chickens.

- Limits on number of combined ducks and chickens, (8-12 depending on the lot size only in a singular coop).

Miniature Goats and Miniature Pot-Bellied Pigs more difficult to incorporate into the code given the attendant challenges related to enforcement and other considerations.

- Limitations on the number (no more or less than 2 miniature goats per household and no more than 1 miniature pot-bellied pig).
- A registration process that would require proper identification (microchip or tags), assurances of all necessary vaccines, and certification regarding appropriate breed.
- Spaying/Neutering.
- Height and Weight Limitations.
- Owners would be responsible for any damage caused to public or private property.
- A requirement of being harnessed or leashed when off owner's property.



THANK YOU