

TOWN OF CASTLE ROCK



ANIMAL CODE OPEN HOUSE

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ANY CODE AMENDMENT ALLOWING MINIATURE PIGS OR GOATS WOULD REQUIRE OWNERS:

- Microchip or collar their goats or pig with identification tags
- Appropriately vaccinate their goats or pig
- License their goats or pig with the Town
- Adhere to strict weight and size requirements
- Keep their goats or pig confined to their yards
- Be held responsible for any damage their goats or pig cause to the property of others

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MINIATURE POT-BELLIED PIGS

Miniature pot-bellied pigs means a pig registered with a bona fide miniature pot-bellied pig registry. Miniature pot-bellied pigs include a number of more specific breeds, such as Teacup, Toy, Royal Dandies, Micro Minis, Dandie Extremes, and Mini Julianas. Regardless of the specific breed, they cannot weigh more than 100 pounds, and cannot exceed more than 22 inches, in height, measured from the ground to the shoulder.

Things to consider

- They are intelligent, social and trainable.
- They can be good companions.
- They are hypoallergenic, and they do not shed.
- They can be excellent pet alternatives for those with allergies.
- If they escape their yard, they can damage landscaping and be difficult to catch.
- They can become easily bored, and possibly destructive and aggressive.
- They need space to exercise.
- Pigs are clean, they do not smell, and they can be trained to use a litter box.

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MINIATURE GOATS

Miniature Goats means a goat registered with a bona fide miniature goat registry. Miniature goats include several specific breeds such as Pygmy, Nigerian Dwarf and Pygora. Regardless of the specific breed, they cannot weigh more than 100 pounds and cannot exceed more than 24 inches, in height, measured from the ground to the shoulder.

Things to consider

- They are generally personable and affectionate.
- They are excellent weed and brush eaters.
- They produce manure for composting and gardens and can be a source of milk, cheese, soap and wool fiber.
- They can be noisy.
- They are herd animals, so goats must at least live with at least one other goat.
- They can be hard on fences, and they are escape artists. If they get out, they can do significant damage to property (particularly vegetable and flower gardens, shrubs, or other vegetation), and they can be difficult to catch.
- They need space to exercise and play.

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ADDITIONAL CONSIDERATIONS REGARDING MINIATURE PIGS AND MINIATURE GOATS

- Buyers might be misled by breeders, who could intentionally, or innocently, inaccurately misrepresent the breed and size of an animal.
- These types of animals could be an additional attraction for wild animals such as bobcats, mountain lions, coyotes, skunks, raccoons and foxes, which might have negative implications for people and their domesticated pets such as dogs, cats, chickens and rabbits.
- These types of animals can live well into their late teens. Therefore, making a commitment to give a home to a miniature pig, or miniature goats, should be made only after giving careful consideration — it is a lifetime commitment. Local shelters are not equipped, and cannot be expected, to take these animals in if the novelty wears off.
- It may be difficult to find veterinarian care.
- These types of animals may be difficult to integrate into neighborhoods.
- There will be added costs to the Town associated with training, enforcement, equipment, and capturing and housing these types of animals (so their owners can be located), in the event they get out or for some other reason need to be taken away from their owners.
- Pet waste and noise enforcement top the list of residents' complaints, and these types of animals may further contribute to a number of already pressing resident concerns.
- Most single-family homes have small yards and close neighbors, and the addition of these animals may have a negative impact on neighborhood tranquility.
- Castle Rock has a strong 4H presence, and allowing these types of animals may add to Castle Rock's unique character.

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DUCKS

Duck means a duck that is a member of the species *Platyrhynchos*.

Things to consider

- They produce eggs and tend to lay more eggs than chickens over the course of their lifetime.
- They need at least one other member of their own species.
- They need access to a clean body of water.
- They can be noisy.
- They can be messy.
- They can take care of pests in the garden.
- They need shelter and protection from predators and the elements.

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HOMEOWNERS' ASSOCIATIONS

- The Town sent an email to 45 community managers — representing 30 management companies and approximately 130 Castle Rock neighborhoods — to get feedback regarding the issue of miniature goats and pigs, and ducks.
- Insofar as HOAs are largely governed by covenants, conditions and restrictions that would prohibit goats and pigs, as well as chickens and ducks, such HOA restrictions would supersede the Town's Code.
- Concerns were generally voiced regarding:
 - Waste, noise, smell, health concerns and enforcement challenges
 - Responsible pet ownership and lack of enforcement of current rules
 - Property values and lot size
 - The prevailing notion that people who wish to have these types of animals should move to where they are permitted — namely to neighborhoods much more rural in character

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WHAT ARE OTHER MUNICIPALITIES DOING RELATED TO GOATS AND PIGS?

■ Lone Tree

Allows goats and pigs in certain zone districts.

■ Parker

Allows pot-bellied pigs, and allows goats in certain zone districts.

■ Centennial

Allows goats and pigs in certain zone districts.

■ Douglas County

Allows pigs and goats in certain zone districts.

■ Westminster

Allows pot-bellied pigs, but not goats.

■ Montrose

Allows pot-bellied pigs and goats.

■ Englewood

Does not allow pigs nor goats.

■ Craig

Allows pot-bellied pigs, but not goats.

■ Fort Collins

Allows goats, but not pigs.

■ Loveland

Is exploring allowing goats and pot-bellied pigs.

■ Brighton

Allows pot-bellied pigs, but not goats.

■ Broomfield

Allows pigs and goats in certain zone districts.

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