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Thank you for giving me the opportunity to look over my files. I sent you the same one twice it seems. Here are the 4 docs I meant to send. And yes you can use this email.

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April 29, 2019
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I have spoke in the past about the benefits of having miniature/ dwarf goats reside within city limits and I am here once again to speak on this subject.

The City of Denver has allowed miniature goats since 2011.
The City of Colorado Springs allows 2 small goats as pets since 2014.
Their ordinances are included in the packet.

In my previous speech, I gave many benefits of owning goats.

This is a brief overview of the information I spoke about in February of 2017.

- Learn to become more self-sufficient
 - o Fresh Goat Milk
 - o Homemade cheese
 - o Homemade soap and lotion
- Clear land and control shrubs
 - o Weed whackers
 - o Clear leaves
 - o Decreased use in herbicides
 - o Reduce fire risk
 - o Natural, low-impact cool manure
- Grow fiber
 - o Spin yarn
 - o Sell yarn
- Pack animals
 - o Pull small carts
 - o Hiking partners
 - o Carry their own water and your lunch
- Douglas County 4-H project
 - o County Fair
 - o Kids learn responsibility
- Business Opportunity
 - Selling Fiber
 - Selling Milk / Cheese
 - Selling Soaps/Lotions
 - Breed goats for sale
- Companionship
 - o Gentle and entertaining pets
 - o Affectionate
 - o Loyal
 - o Curious
 - o Loving
 - o Playful
 - o Kid- friendly

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There are many benefits of goat ownership, as you can see. But, just as in other pets, responsibility is part of the package.

Goats love weeds, leaves and tall brush – but they need other sustenance as in alfalfa or mixed -grass hay and grain. Goats also love healthy fruits and vegetables

Not only will goats eat the garden debris we want to get rid of, they also will eat the garden stuff we want to keep. They are not too picky on that front. Vegetable gardens, flowers, nice bushes are all the same to them, responsible fencing is a must.

Miniature goats do okay with about 200 sq ft of land, when not feeding on pasture. Double that for 2 goats. That is appx 20x20ft area.

Goats come in all sizes. Miniature or dwarf breed are the easiest to manage on small property. Miniature goat breeds include, but are not limited to, Pygmy – appx 21", Nigerian Dwarf-appx 18", Kinder (Nigerian Dwarf/Nubian Doe – 100-125lbs – milkers – also known as Mini-Nubians, Pygoras, Nigoras appx 22" – 70 lbs – fiber and milk. Many other breeders are cross-breeding goats to produce small, happy animals. Maybe an appx height or weight limit would be beneficial.

Goats are no different than chickens and dogs, goats need protection from the elements and predators. A shed or dog house, some type of shelter, within the fenced area.

Everything poops, especially goats. Although not offensive, pens still need to be cleaned. Benefit here is that the manure is much like deer and is "cool" and ready to be used immediately in the vegetable garden or flower bed.

Does (female) and whethers (neutered males) only please. Bucks are wonderful for about the first 3 months of their lives, then they can become smelly and obnoxious. These bucks have one job, and one job only, and its best not to hang around them when they are ready to tackle that task. Breeding is necessary to start the milk flow in females, but many goat ranches offer buck services to get the job done. Take advantage of this service.

Just like Lays potato chips, "you can't have just one". Goats are herd animals. They can get along with dogs and chickens when introduced properly, but goats are herd animals. Two is the luckiest number for happiness.

If your neighbor has a dog, you probably heard them barking a time or two. Goats don't bark, but when they are hungry or lonely, their bleat will get your attention. Remember the item above.

As with all pets, goats have health management needs as well. Hoof trimming, disbudding (horn removal), deworming are all things a qualified veterinarian can help an owner manage.

A pet goat need attention and exercise, and like all pets, they can get bored if they don't receive enough of either. Pens with goat toys, things to climb on, people to cuddle with, someone to teach them to walk on a leash, pull a cart, or hike is important.

Goats are intelligent, full of personality, and very entertaining. Their small size makes them easy to handle and child-friendly. When given daily attention, they will bond with their humans and become good pets. Goats can produce milk, fiber, and fertilizer, and can be used to manage vegetation.

Castle Rock is a city that is growing by leaps and bounds but let's not forget where we came from. Anyone can see that the citizens are embracing sustainability with the popularity of raising chickens, seems to me that miniature goats fit right in.

Thank you for your time. – Julie Barrett

February 2017

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I am requesting that the zoning law be included to allow miniature and/or dwarf goats to dwell within city limits.

Urban goats are alternatives to dogs for some and milk-makers for others. Either way, the popularity of backyard goats -- legal in Denver -- is on the rise.

Denver has allowed goats to reside within city limits since 2011.

According to the Denver city zoning code 8-91 (b)¹:

A Food Producing Animal (Restricted Livestock or Fowl) Permit is required for the keeping of up to eight (8) ducks and or chickens combined, and up to two (2) dwarf goats (dwarf goats shall mean Nigerian Dwarf or African Pygmy breeds of goats). Keeping more than eight (8) ducks and/or chickens combined requires a Livestock Permit. Such license shall allow the keeping of the animals by the licensee on a specific property and shall be personal to the licensee and nontransferable. The license shall be valid indefinitely.

The following requirements must be met:

- (1) No intact male goats older than 6 weeks, roosters or drakes may be kept.
- (2) There must be at least sixteen (16) square feet of permeable land area available for each duck or chicken plus adequate enclosed shelter space for all ducks and chickens;
- (3) There must be at least one hundred and thirty (130) square feet of permeable land area available for each dwarf goat, plus adequate shelter space for each dwarf goat;
- (4) Adequate shelter must be provided to protect the ducks, chickens or dwarf goats from the elements and to prevent wildlife or other predators from gaining entry;
- (5) Adequate fencing shall be provided to prevent the ducks, chickens or dwarf goats from escaping when not in their shelters.

Urban homesteading, the practice of raising chickens, goats and ducks in the city, is becoming increasingly common as people across the nation decide that raising animals at home can help save money.. and assure that the animals are treated humanely².

There are many benefits to keep a goat in the household,

A supply of fresh, raw milk. Raw milk is [great for](#) healthy skin, immunity, bone health, brain health, allergy prevention, muscle building and weight loss. If you live in a place that prohibits the sale of raw milk, you can bypass this law by keeping your own goats.

And, goat milk is [nutritionally superior](#) to cow milk in terms of its calcium, magnesium, Vitamin C and Vitamin A content. It also has a gram more protein per cup and a little less sugar. **T Homemade Cheese.** How great is it that you can make your own cheese? And from your own supply of goats' milk. It doesn't get any more homemade. Those who are intolerant to cow milk may actually be [able to handle](#) goat milk. The big plus of goat-keeping: One Nigerian female dwarf goat produces about a quart of milk a day, and its high butterfat content makes it extra sweet and creamy and ideal for cheese-making, which helps explain why these animals have become part of Denver's urban agriculture scene. The downside is that these goats must be milked twice a day to keep producing. This commitment explains why some goat owners keep them not as milk producers, but merely loving pets.

Clear Land and Control Shrubs. Goats [clear land](#) like mini-bulldozers. If you have overgrown shrubs, weeds or thick brush, let your goats at it. Three or four goats are all you will need to clear an acre of land.

Organic & GMO-Free Food. Farmed goats are fed a diet of corn and soy. With 88% of US corn crops being genetically modified, you can be sure they're not saving the organic stuff for the animal feed! Soy is another massive GMO crop, and has been found to lock away some nutrients instead of passing them onto the goat milk, explaining why conventional milk is less nutritious than organic. By keeping your own goats, you can avoid feeding those GM crops, ensuring higher quality milk and all-round better health for both you and your new found pets.

Gentle & Entertaining Pets. Children will just love these clever and playful creatures. In fact, you all will. You'll be fascinated by their fun-loving nature as they chase and head butt each other. They're also known to be quite gentle with children. "They've got personalities,". "Just like a dog, actually. A lot of people who are allergic to dogs will get a baby goat."

Becoming more self-sufficient: Goats can give you milk to drink and food to eat, and even help you carry your belongings when backpacking.

Cutting your dairy bill: If you raise dairy goats, you might not have to buy cheese or milk ever again. Your goats need to have kids to give you milk, and then you can milk them throughout the year for up to three years without re-breeding.

Raising your own meat: Goat meat has always been popular in the developing world because goats are much more affordable and use fewer resources than animals such as cows. According to the U.S. Department of Agriculture, the demand for goat meat is expected to continue growing.

Growing your own fiber: Some of the finest fiber comes from goats: Angora and Pygora goats produce mohair, cashmere goats produce cashmere, and crosses between the two breeds produce a fiber called cashgora.

If you raise fiber goats, you can spin your own yarn and make hats, blankets, sweaters or other products. You can also sell the fiber to spinners or to companies that make these products.

Harnessing goats' power as living weed whackers: Goats are well-known for their ability to wipe out weeds. In fact, some people have made businesses out of renting out their goat herds to cities and other municipalities to clean up areas that are overgrown with weeds or blackberry bushes. These leased goats decrease the need to use herbicides, improve the soil's fertility, decrease the risk of fire, increase the diversity of plants in the area, and control weeds in hard-to-reach areas, such as steep hills.

Breeding and selling: Unless your goats are just pets or brush eaters, you probably want to breed them. If you have dairy goats, you need to breed them to keep a good supply of milk flowing. And you need to replace any goats you sell or slaughter.

Keeping goats as pets: You can leash train goats and take them on walks throughout the neighborhood or around your property, which provides exercise for all of you.

Using your goat for packing: Goats are social animals and, after you establish a relationship with them, they love to spend time with you. They enjoy going for hikes and can carry your belongings; they find plenty to eat right there in the wilderness.

Raising goats as a 4-H project: Getting children involved in raising goats is a good way to teach responsibility. Keeping goats requires twice-a-day chores. Children quickly learn that the goats depend on them. They also find out about the cycle of birth and death and get outdoors to get regular exercise.³

1. **Milk.** Producing your own milk for the family is healthy and nutritious, not to mention cost effective. Droughts throughout farming regions and lack of congressional support for farming initiatives have resulted in a rise in milk costs. If you get a goat for your home, it can provide you and your family with a regular supply of milk. Another advantage of raising a dairy goat is that they are smaller in size than cows and, hence, are less expensive to house and feed. Goat milk does have a different natural composition than the milk that comes from a cow. The taste is a bit tangier than cow's milk, but it is a taste that, once acquired, is just as delicious. Goat milk has also been shown to be often digested more easily by people who suffer from lactose intolerance or minor dairy allergies than cow's milk. If you or a member of your family is sensitive to cow dairy, goat milk just may be a wonderful alternative for you. Keep in mind that caring for and tending a dairy goat does take some know-how and a daily upkeep and care regimen, so be sure that you have the shelter, tools, and information necessary for tending to a dairy goat and its kids, especially during the winter season.

2. **Cheese.** Perhaps even more coveted than goat milk is goat cheese. As stated previously, those who suffer from an intolerance for cow's milk cheese can often stomach goat cheese much easier. Goat cheese or chevre has that distinct tangy goat milk flavor and is easily spreadable, accompanying toast and honey perfectly. It is also a delicious addition to quiches, frittatas, and salads. Learning how to make goat cheese from your goat's milk can not only be a delicious endeavor, but a profitable one as well. Goat cheeses in supermarkets and specialty grocery stores have become increasingly popular and often fetch a higher price than regular cow's cheddar or jack cheese.

3. **Function and Recreation.** Another reason to own a goat is the utility and recreation it can provide your home or farm. If you do farm or garden, whether it is as a hobby or a living, a goat can provide excellent help. Instead of a dairy goat, you can keep a wether – a castrated male goat. Wethers can be trained to pull small carts or carry packs and function well with a lot of human contact. Instead of regular milking, they require regular exercise, which is why putting them to work regularly for a reasonable amount is ideal. Wethers do require training from about 3 months old, but by the time they reach one year old, they should be able to, for example, accompany you on a hike while carrying a small soft pack containing about ten pounds of supplies. When the wether is two years old, it will be strong enough to pull a cart or carry a full sized pack. In general, a healthy fully grown goat can carry 25% of its body weight comfortably and pull a cart weighing about twice its weight. As you can imagine, a wether can provide a good deal of utility and help. Instead of having to strain yourself pushing around a wheelbarrow or making extra trips on foot to carry materials, a goat can help you carry supplies and equipment or haul a small harvest or crops from your garden.

4. **Security.** Everybody knows the efficacy and safety provided by a good, loyal watchdog. But what about a watchgoat? Goats will bleat at everything and everyone that passes by your house, so you will always be kept aware of when somebody is near your property. The surprise of hearing a goat bleating can startle off any potential intruder or solicitor.

5. **Companionship.** Though one might not immediately think of goats as a logical choice as a pet, these animals surprisingly exhibit many character traits that make them wonderful animal companions. The fact that they are not as traditional as dogs, cats, birds, or fish, goats can actually provide wonderful companionship, entertainment, and joviality to your home. Because most people associate goats as being only petting zoo or farm animals, they do not realize that they are actually very affectionate, loyal, intelligent, curious, and loving creatures. This is why more people are keeping goats as pets with great success! If you own a property with ample fenced-in outdoor space and an outdoor shelter, large goat breeds such as Nubians or Swiss Alpines are a great option. However, even those with more limited space – but still with a decent amount of land – can look into a smaller breed like pygmy goats. There are a few key things to be aware of if you are interested in keeping pet goats. First, keep in mind that goats are instinctively herd animals. This means that they naturally crave the presence of another of their own species. Because of this, it is ideal for you to keep at least two goats as pets. This way, you will not have to leave your one singular goat by itself if you are not at home and tending to it. Because they are intelligent and curious animals, boredom and loneliness may lead to destructive behaviors or attempts at escape. Do not let this warning deter you! The same holds true for the more intelligent dog breeds as well. A goat's intelligence and natural curiosity should be nurtured by you through a variety of rich stimuli and varied diets. Also, make sure that you have enough space on your property to prevent your goats from feeling restricted. Lastly, be sure to check with your city ordinances and find out the policy on animals and pets. Some municipalities do not consider goats as pets and, instead, only livestock. If this is the case, it may not be legal for you to keep goats in a residential area. It is worth check up on, however, as having goats as pets can be a truly enriching and wonderful endeavor.

6. **Wool fiber.** If you are especially crafty and have an interest in specialty fabric spinning or knitting, you can also consider owning a goat for the fibers and wools their coats produce. Keep in mind that not all goats are created equally in terms of fibers. The most common goat wool comes from the Angora goat breed. Their coats are a long, curly wool often referred to as mohair. The most coveted goat fiber, however, is the soft, fuzzy undercoat of wool that all goats produce in the cold winter months. They produce this extra coat of wool to help keep them warm and, when made into fine clothing fabric for human, is very valuable. This, of course, is cashmere. If you are considering getting a goat for the wool they produce, there are a few important things to keep in mind. First, the ideal goat to keep for fiber is either a female or a castrated male.

Second, because you want to collect or shear high quality and clean fiber, you will need to be extra vigilant about keeping your goat's coat clean all winter and harvest the fleece annually.

7. Business. Last but not least is the entrepreneurial side of goat ownership. All of the previously mentioned endeavors can be enjoyed by your family solely. However, you can also consider the profitability of goat ownership.

Depending on your community and the market for such items as fresh, organic goat milk, goat cheese, or goat mohair and cashmere, you can develop a business selling these products your goat or goats produce.

If you get a goat for dairy production, you can also consider breeding the goats and selling **the kids to other individuals or families who are looking to get a goat.**⁴

As someone who embraces a lifestyle that includes goats, you are likely well versed in the enjoyment as well as sustenance they can provide. Whether it is hours of entertainment as you watch them frolic and play or instead a refreshing glass of goat's milk with your breakfast, there is much good to come from a life filled with goats. Although owning and raising goats provides us with a special insight into their delightfulness, word of this is spreading fast throughout the rest of the world as well.⁵

¹Denver The Mile High City. Denver Animal Ordinances. Food Producing Animals.<https://www.denvergov.org/content/denvergov/en/denver-animal-shelter/animal-protection/denver-animal-ordinances.html>

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⁴7 Mikes Backyard Nursery. Reasons Why You Should Get a Goat Last updated : 19 June 2015<http://mikesbackyardnursery.com/2013/06/7-reasons-why-you-should-get-a-goat/>

⁵ Demand for Goat Interaction Results in Goatapalooza EventPosted Jan 14th 2016
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CITY REGULATIONS FOR ANIMALS

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Although most animals people keep as pets are allowed within the City, certain regulations apply to each kind of animal. The following sections describe the regulations that pertain to certain types of animals. The list of regulations is by no means complete; animal owners should investigate all regulations by calling either the Pikes Peak Humane Society or the Land Use Review Division (contact information follows).

DOGS AND CATS

The City of Colorado Springs allows up to four (4) dogs or cats over four (4) months of age per property. If a property exceeds the limitation it may be considered a kennel, which is not a permitted use within residential zones. Dogs and cats are required to be inoculated and to be licensed through the Pikes Peak Humane Society. For more information, visit the Pikes Peak Humane Society's website at www.hsppr.org(link is external) or telephone the group at (719) 473-1741.

RABBITS AND CHICKENS

Property owners are allowed to keep up to ten (10) rabbits or chickens aged six months or older. Roosters are, however, prohibited. Shelters for rabbits or chickens must contain at least four (4) square feet for each rabbit or chicken and must meet all other applicable zoning and building codes and regulations.

HOOFED ANIMALS

Hoofed animals include cattle, sheep, goats, horses, and mules. The City Code regulates sanitary requirements in Section 6.9.101 and requires that any area in which hoofed animals are kept is maintained in good condition.

Hoofed animals are further regulated by the Zoning Code. In residential zones, up to four (4) hoofed animals are allowed as long as the property on which they are kept is at least 37,000 square feet and any corral or building enclosure maintains proper setbacks. There is a Code provision that allows for a hoofed goat, up to a maximum of 100 pounds, to be kept as a pet at a residential



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property. Since the goat is classified as a pet, the minimum lot size standards do not apply. If you are considering keeping any type of hoofed animal, it is strongly encouraged that you contact the Land Use Review Division at (719) 385-5905 to make sure your property meets all requirements.

POTBELLIED PIGS

Although hogs and pigs are prohibited, up to two (2) potbellied pigs may be kept in any household or dwelling. Potbellied pigs cannot exceed one hundred (100) pounds, must be registered with the Pikes Peak Humane Society, and must be either spayed or neutered by four (4) months of age. All potbellied pigs must be tattooed or implanted with a microchip containing identifying information by four (4) months old. For other regulations pertaining to potbellied pigs, contact the Pikes Peak Humane Society.

EXOTIC ANIMALS

Exotic animals are those which are not commonly domesticated or which are not common to North America or which, irrespective of geographic origin, are of a wild or predatory nature. It is unlawful for anyone to own or keep an exotic animal within the City limits unless he or she has first obtained an Exotic Animal Permit. The application for a Permit must be made to the Pikes Peak Humane Society, along with all required fees

ADDITIONAL INFORMATION:

- [City Code\(link is external\)](#)

Zoning and Subdivision information is contained within Chapter 7. Regulations pertaining to animals can be found in Chapter 6.

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Food Producing Animals (FPA) Suggested Care Practices and Local Resources Chickens, Ducks, and Goats

Fowl

Backyard chickens and ducks can be wonderful pets, in addition to providing delicious healthy eggs for their owners. There are a couple of important things that future fowl owners should consider before getting their birds:

- Fowl need regular daily care. If you have a daytime/nighttime setup, they may need to be taken out of their coop every morning and put away every evening (see “Setup for a Flexible Schedule,” below). Their daily needs also include fresh food and water, plus coop/yard cleanup tasks. If you’re going on a vacation, fowl typically should not be brought to another fowl owner’s backyard to be cared for, since mixing flocks can create behavior problems. You will need to plan on finding someone to come by and care for your chickens while you’re away. Neighbors are often a great option for this, and you may also be able to find someone on a local homesteading message board (see “Resources” below).

- Fowl do not lay eggs regularly for the duration of their lives. Chickens only produce eggs consistently for 2-3 years; ducks for about 5 years. Fowl can live to be 8-10 years old. Therefore, fowl owners need to be prepared to either explore retirement options for older birds (see “Retirement Options,” below) or make allowances to keep their older birds as pets. If you’d like to keep your older birds until they pass away from natural causes, start with just 3-4 fowl. After 2-3 years, you can add 2 more young birds, and then 2-3 years later add 2 more. This will allow your older fowl to live out their lives and die of natural causes and you’ll still have consistent egg production within the 8-bird limit laid out in the FPA ordinance.

Permeable Space

The ordinance requires that FPA owners have at least 16 square feet of permeable space per bird. 16 square feet is certainly adequate, but it’s always a good idea to give the birds as much additional space as you can. The fowls’ permeable space (as well as the shelter) must be on the rear 50% of your zone lot.

“Permeable space” means ground or grass (i.e. not concrete). If you are keeping your fowl on bare ground, consider covering their entire living area with straw or pine shavings. This will provide mulch for fowl manure, which helps to reduce smells and keeps the birds from walking through wet manure.

Fencing

If the fowls’ permeable space is an open-air barnyard (as opposed to an enclosed chicken-wire run) then you need to provide adequate fencing. Fences that are 3’11” tall are typically adequate to keep fowl contained. Fencing can be made of chicken wire, stock wire, chain link, or any other durable material.

If your fence is not containing your birds, you have a few options. You can make your fence higher (be aware that construction of fences 4’ or higher require a zoning permit in Denver), keep your fowl in an enclosed run, or secure netting over the top of your barnyard. You also have the option of performing wing clipping on your fowl, though this leaves them unable to fly if confronted by a predator.

Be a good neighbor and do not make a common fence with your neighbor one side of your fowl/goat fencing.

Structures

The successful chicken shelter has the following features:

- Provides adequate space for the number of birds
- Is well ventilated
- Minimizes drafts
- Maintains a comfortable temperature
- Protects the chickens from wind and sun
- Keeps out rodents, wild birds, and predatory animals
- Offers plenty of light during the day
- Has adequate roosting space
- Includes clean nests for the hens to lay eggs
- Has sanitary feed and water stations
- Is easy to clean
- Is situated where drainage is good.

The structure should be predator-proof and provide protection from rain, snow and wind. Fowl-sized doors (called a pop hole) are recommended. It will be more convenient to clean the shelter if there is a way for humans to access the inside, either through a human sized door, or through hinges on the walls or roof. Be aware that construction of a structure requires a zoning permit and in Denver, except for portable structures not larger than a typical dog house. For more information contact Denver Zoning by email at zoningreview@denvergov.org or phone at 720-865-2984.

The floor of the enclosure may be: 1) solid wood, if the floor is at least 1 foot off the ground to protect from rodents, 2) concrete, or 3) permeable ground, if the soil and slope encourages adequate drainage to dry every time it gets damp from outside weather. If the floor is permeable ground, bury chicken wire or hardware cloth at least 12 inches around the perimeter of the enclosure, to prevent predators from digging in.

Nighttime enclosures should be large enough for fowl to rest comfortably and walk around each other. Plan on four square feet of coop space per bird. For Bantam sized chickens (less than two pounds) two square feet per bird is adequate. Fowl should not sleep on hard wood or concrete. Each coop should have perches and/or bedding of straw or pine shavings. Nest boxes (1 for every 4-5 hens), and automatic food and water stations should be provided.

The well constructed coop will be well ventilated, but also be insulated to guard against both hot and cold temperatures. Ventilation should be breezy enough to remove excess moisture and prevent respiratory diseases, to which chickens are especially prone, but not drafty during winter. Some chicken breeds are very susceptible to the cold weather, so the coop should not be drafty.

Setup for a Flexible Schedule

If you have a situation in which you can't reliably be around to let the chickens out of their coop every morning or secure them every evening, you can construct a setup that still allows your animals to be safe from predators. Attaching a large (at least 16 square feet per bird), predator-proof chicken run to a reasonably large predator-proof coop will allow your birds to roam freely inside and outside, while remaining safe. Fowl will wake up in the morning and venture into their run, where they will spend the day. At night they will go into their coop to sleep once the sun goes down. Stable food and water that cannot be knocked over is a critical part of this equation. A hanging feeder and waterer will accomplish this.

Winter Care

While fowl are generally well-equipped to deal with cold daytime temperatures during winter, they often need supplemental heating at night when the temperature drops below about 20°F. You can add a heating lamp or light bulb (the necessary strength depends on the size of the enclosure) to your enclosure during winter months. In addition, fowl with large combs and wattles (like Leghorns) may need to have petroleum jelly applied to their combs and wattles during very cold nights to prevent frostbite.

Food & Water

Chicks should be given a "chick starter" feed until 8 weeks old. Fowl should eat a "growing" feed (which contains extra protein) from 8 weeks until they start laying. At or immediately prior to laying, fowl should be eating a "laying" feed that contains supplemental calcium. Do not allow the drinking water to become dirty, particularly with bird feces, as it can cause diseases.

Fowl can eat most table scraps, but they should not be given green potato peels, dried or undercooked beans, avocado skin or pit, raw eggs or egg shell pieces, raw meat, rhubarb leaves, or nightshade (tomato, pepper, eggplant, potato) plant parts.

While ducks do enjoy having water to play in, providing bathing water is not required when keeping ducks. Be aware that bathing water that is not cleaned regularly can potentially introduce problems, as it may quickly become dirty and the animals might try to drink it.

Veterinary Care

Fowl in Colorado do not require preventative vaccinations in order to remain healthy. If your fowl experiences a minor injury or problem, help can often be found in books or online message boards. For more serious injuries or illnesses, contact a local veterinarian (see “Resources,” below.)

Retirement Options

While many people choose to keep their fowl as pets after they stop laying (see introductory paragraphs, above) some decide to retire non-productive hens. The sustainability groups in the “Online Resources” section below should be able to provide recommendations for places outside of Denver that are willing to take older fowl. Animal Care & Control can also give you the names of local animal sanctuaries. You can advertise your chicken as a pet on public web sites if it is important to you that the animal be kept as a pet and not used for meat. Be sure to specify that in your ad. Slaughtering is not allowed within most districts in the city of Denver, but it is allowed in many rural areas surrounding Denver. If you’d like more information about this option, contact the local sustainability groups.

Disposal of Dead Fowl

If one of your fowl dies, there are a few methods of disposal that are recommended:

- Dead animal pick-up can be requested by calling 3-1-1. The city will provide this service free of charge.
- You can take your animal to the veterinarian to be disposed of, as you might with a dog or cat.
- Fowl can be buried on your property if they are buried at least 24” down.

Chick Care Tips

Chicks should be provided with an indoor brooder which keeps them secure from predators and provides them with ample room to move around. The larger of a brooder you can provide, the happier and healthier your chicks will be. Many people choose to make a brooder out of large cardboard refrigerator boxes and chicken wire, rather than purchasing one. Your brooder should include an adjustable heat lamp or light bulb (250 watts is recommended for chicks) to maintain a temperature of up to 90 degrees.

Chicks should be given a “chick starter” feed and clean water. Do not feed produce or other table scraps to chicks. Chicks should have their vents (their bottoms) checked daily for pasting. Any dried feces should be removed so that the vent is clear. Chicks should be brooded inside for 6-8 weeks.

When ordering chicks, be sure to purchase females and not “straight run” (which is always a mix of males and females). Even if you order all females, there is still a small chance that you could end up with a rooster.

Dwarf Goats

Backyard dwarf goats can be wonderful pets, in addition to providing healthy milk for their owners. There are a few important things that future goat owners should consider before getting their goats:

- One suggestion is to have two dwarf goats for companionship. One goat raised alone may be stressed and become sick, and may be much louder than a goat with a companion. Dogs or other pets are not suitable companions for goats. If you prefer to own just one milking doe, the ordinance does allow the keeping of wethers (neutered male goats), which cost a fraction of the price of a doe.

- Doe goats must be bred in order to produce milk. A dwarf goat's lactation cycle is about 300 days long. Their gestation is 5 months, and the goat kids need to nurse for 6-8 weeks. Given these timeframes, if you are keeping two doe goats you would need to breed each one every 16 months (or one goat every 8 months) in order to have a steady supply of milk. Before you breed, check on the demand for dwarf goat kids both within and outside of Denver, but understand that you will be responsible for re-homing kids as part of milk production.

- Goat owners who plan to be away have different options, depending on whether or not their goats are currently being milked. Goats that are not being milked can be easily cared for by a neighbor. Goats that are being milked need a qualified pet sitter who is familiar with milking, or to stay with another goat owner who will be able to maintain their milking schedule. Some rural goat breeders outside of Denver will also allow you to board your goats with them, for a small fee.

Permeable Space

The ordinance requires that FPA owners have at least 130 square feet of permeable space per dwarf goat. 130 square feet is certainly adequate, but it's always a good idea to give the goats as much additional space as you can. The goats' permeable space (as well as the shelter) must be on the rear 50% of your zone lot.

"Permeable space" means ground or grass (i.e. not concrete). If you are keeping your goats on bare ground, cover their living area with straw. This will provide mulch for goat manure, which helps to reduce smells.

Goats enjoy climbing, so it's a good idea to provide them with straw bales or other safe, small things to climb on. Keep the climbing materials in the center of the barnyard, away from fences.

Fencing

You must provide fencing adequate to keep your goats contained. Chain link, stock wire, or other sturdy fencing materials would be appropriate. Chicken wire is generally not adequate fencing for goats. Wooden slat fences are not generally recommended, as goats can knock out one of the pieces and get their head caught between the slats. A 3'11" fence is typically adequate to keep dwarf goats contained, provided climbing materials are not set next to the fence.

Structure

The basic requirement for all goat structures is a dry shelter that minimizes drafts. It must be large enough for the dwarf goats to move around freely without coming into contact with another goat. Shelter must provide protection from precipitation, wind, and sun. Be aware that construction of a structure requires a zoning permit in Denver, except for portable structures not larger than a typical dog house. For more information contact Denver Zoning by email at zoningreview@denvergov.org or phone at 720-865-2984.

How you build your structure depends on what you will use it for – is it just shelter for the goats, or will you feed and water them there? Consider how you, the human, will maintain the structure. Is there enough room for you to move around and clean it easily? Do you need a light source if you will be feeding/tending them during the winter? Where will you store hay and grain? Where is the water source? A number of considerations for your goat shelter are for the benefit of the caretaker.

Some areas of Denver contain more large mammal predators than others. If you feel that your dwarf goats would be at risk from large predators, you can provide a predator-proof structure.

Winter Care

Dwarf goats grow a winter coat during winter months, provided they are outside during the fall months. They are generally well-equipped to handle cold weather provided they have a shelter to keep them out of precipitation and drafts. A heat lamp can be placed in the shelter during cold nights.

Food & Water

Goats should eat a diet that consists primarily of hay. Grain should be given sparingly. Be sure that grain is stored securely where the goats cannot reach it, because if they are allowed to gorge on grain it could be fatal. Do not allow the drinking water to become dirty, particularly with goat manure, as it can cause disease.

Goats are omnivores and can eat most plant-based table scraps. Do not feed goats fruit pits, green potato peels, bindweed, white clover, rhubarb leaves, or nightshade (tomato, pepper, eggplant, potato) plant parts. Goats that are milking should not eat onions or garlic.

Veterinary Care

Goats in Colorado benefit from an annual CD-T vaccination. This protects against enterotoxaemia and tetanus, which are problematic for goats but do not transfer to humans. In addition, goats should periodically be given a de-wormer, according to the product instructions. Both herbal and medical de-wormers are available for goat owners to purchase and administer.

See “Resources” below for a list of local goat veterinarians.

Other Goat Care

Goats need to have their hoofs trimmed periodically. The frequency varies, but is typically around once every couple of months (depending on the goat). When you purchase your goats, ask your breeder to show you how to trim their hoofs.

It is generally best for goats raised in the city to be disbudded (have their horns removed). Horns can get caught in fencing material, and horns raise the likelihood that goats will injure each other during play. The safest time for a goat to be disbudded is when it is 2-4 weeks old. If the horns have become established, surgery would be required to remove them. Purchasing a mature goat and getting the horns removed is not advisable; it is best to purchase goats that have already been disbudded.

Breeding

Denver's FPA ordinance does not allow unneutered male goats in the city, even for a brief visit. In order to breed your doe goat, you will need to contact a breeder outside the city and bring your goat there for mating.

Milking

Goats that are milking need to be milked once or twice every day on a fairly consistent schedule in order to maintain milk production. If a goat is not milked regularly, she will "dry up" and her milk production will stop until she has kids again.

Disposal of Dead Goats

If one of your goats dies, there are a few methods of disposal that are recommended:

- Dead animal pick-up can be requested by calling 3-1-1. The city will provide this service free of charge.
- You can take your animal to the veterinarian to be disposed of, as you might with a dog or cat.
- Goats can be buried on your property if they are buried at least 24" down.

Resources**Online Resources**

- 1) **Chicken keeping forum** - www.backyardchickens.com – community forum on chicken keeping; information
- 2) **Goat keeping forum** - www.thegoatspot.net – community forum on goat keeping
- 3) **Duck keeping** - <http://duckhobby.com/index.html> - information on keeping urban ducks
- 4) **Denver Urban Ag Center** - <http://www.denverurbanhomesteading.com/> - urban agricultural center with activities and information on chickens and goats, including a monthly chicken swap.
- 5) **Denver Poultry Meetup** - www.meetup.com/DenverBackyardPoultry -- local poultry group (with message board)
- 6) **Denver Homesteader Meetup** - www.meetup.com/Greater-Denver-Urban-Homesteaders -- local homesteading group (with message board)
- 7) **Chicken Care eBook** - <http://www.mypetchicken.com/backyard-chickens/chicken-care/guide-toc.aspx> - eBook on chicken care
- 8) **Backyard Animals** - www.sustainablefooddenver.org – information on backyard animals

Books

- Backyard Chickens for Dummies by Kimberly Willis and Rob Ludlow
- Building Chicken Coops by Gail Damerow
- Storey's Guide to Raising Chickens by Gail Damerow
- Storey's Guide to Raising Ducks by Dave Holderread
- Storey's Guide to Raising Goats by Jerome Belanger
- The Complete Idiot's Guide to Raising Goats by Ellie Winslow
- The Complete Idiot's Guide to Urban Homesteading by Sundari Kraft
- The Urban Homestead by Erik Knutzen and Kelly Coyne
- Urban Homesteading: Heirloom Skills for Sustainable Living, by Rachel Kaplan and Ruby Blume

Local Classes

- Denver Urban Homesteading – www.denverurbanhomesteading.com (chickens and goats)
- Front Range Community College Continuing Education – www.frontrange.edu (chickens and goats)
- Heirloom Gardens – www.eatwhereUlive.com (chickens and goats)

Local Veterinarians

Chickens or Ducks:

- Dr. Ted Cohen with University Hills Animal Hospital (Denver) – 303.757.56383
- Dr. William Guerrara with The Animal Hospital (Broomfield) – 303.466.8888

Goats:

- Dr. Leticia German with Front Range Equine and Livestock (Golden) – 970.420.5823
- Dr. Debra Mayo (Golden) – 303.271.9700

Feed and Farming Stores

Curve Feed & Supply 6750 West Mississippi Avenue, Lakewood, CO 80226 (303) 934-1249

Denver Urban Homesteading/Earthdog Denver, 370 Kalamath Street, Denver, CO 80204 303 534-8700

Golden Mill 1012 Ford Street, Golden, CO 80401-1130 (303) 279-1151

Murdoch's Ranch and Home Supply – 12154 N. Dumont Way, Littleton CO 80125 (303) 791-7800 OR 9150 Wadsworth Parkway, Westminster CO 80021 (303) 422-9100

Wardle Feed & Pet Supply, 7610 W 42nd Avenue, Wheat Ridge, CO 80033, (303) 424-6455

From: [Lauren Vaccaro](#)
To: [Heidi Hugdahl](#); [Margaret Kroeckel](#)
Subject: Animal Code Feedback
Date: Monday, April 8, 2019 1:00:39 PM

Hello,

We received the following message on Nextdoor from a resident and I wanted to pass it along. I told the resident I would share it with the team working on this.

“We are not in favor of keeping ducks, goats, and chickens in residential properties. Rod and Peggy Vernon 3572 Elk Run Dr. Castle Rock, Co, 80109 ”

Thank you,
Lauren Vaccaro
Community Relations Assistant
Town of Castle Rock

Margaret Kroeckel

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:00 PM
To: Margaret Kroeckel; CommunityRelations Mailbox
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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	Who's really going to micro chip their pig, goat or duck? A lot of people already don't micro chip their dogs or cats. You think they will do this?
Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Margaret Kroeckel

From: Heidi Hugdahl
Sent: Monday, April 1, 2019 12:09 PM
To: Margaret Kroeckel
Subject: FW: against possession of pigs, goats, and ducks

From: **casey westbrook** <
Date: Sun, Mar 31, 2019 at 7:14 PM
Subject: against possession of pigs, goats, and ducks
To: <jtownsend@cr.gov>

Dear Councilman Townsend,

I live at 6361 Blue Water Cir. in Cobblestone Ranch. I am writing on behalf of my wife and myself to encourage you to please **vote against** any amendments to the Town Animal Code that would allow possession of pigs, goats, or ducks by residents in Town.

Changes to the Town code to allow these animals will be detrimental and costly to the Town and our community. I will attempt to briefly support this statement in this email.

1. Negative impact to Town services

Castle Rock has abundant wildlife including Bears, Mtn Lion, Deer, Bobcat, Coyote, Fox, Raccoon, Skunk, etc... all of which live within Town boundaries and all of which currently raise nuisance and safety concerns. The Town (especially the Police Dept) expends resources responding to these issues. Pigs, goats, and ducks and their feed will add additional attractants for wildlife and increasing conflict calls and impacting Town resources.

2. Negatively affect local wildlife.

Colorado Parks and Wildlife does not remove/ relocate animals as a result of nuisance issues as most species (except Bear, Lion, Deer and other big game) are allowed to be lethally removed by the landowner experiencing the issue. The long and short is allowing the possession of pigs, goats, and ducks will draw in wildlife and the primary solution for those wildlife perceived to be causing issues is the killing of that wildlife... not an environmentally conscious result.

Specific to pigs there is a nationwide fight with feral pigs. Colorado is one of the few states that has not had major issues with these animals up to now. Pigs (including the popular pot belied pets) can become feral within 2 generations and pigs can have 3-6 litters per year. The escape of one or a few of these animals is a serious risk to native wildlife, public safety and local economies. Rather than write a dissertation here you can look at Texas, Hawaii, or North Carolina, among others regarding the impacts escape swine have had.

3. Community Dis-unity

Pigs, goats and ducks require care and husbandry practices that differ from traditional pets or "residential" animals. Certainly some of those interested in possessing these animals would house and care for them appropriately but certainly some will not. Allowing these animals under the Town code has great potential to pit neighbors against each other on small lots (the majority of Town residential development).

I urge you and the Council not to act under the assumption that HOA's will further restrict the possession of these animals based upon their HOA member concerns. This would be unduly circumventing the Town's responsibilities. HOA's are not governments and are only able to enforce civil contracts which is not the same as the rule of law afforded the Town. HOA enforcement also is generally initiated by complaints of neighbors against one another for covenant violations (i.e. community dis-unity). My wife and I would have an issue if a neighbor attempted to raise a pig, a goat or ducks on their property because there is no way in which this could be accomplished on our small lots without impacting either my enjoyment of my property or its value. Additionally, this activity would likely counter act measures that I take to live with wildlife by mitigating attractants.

I can go on with arguments against this proposal but I don't want to take more of your time. I am against allowing the possession of pigs, goats, and ducks in Town, IF a compromise is necessary I would suggest a minimum acreage limit like 10 acres and wording specific for care and caging of these animals.

Thank you for your time and service to the community,
Casey and Amy Westbrook

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James K. Townsend

As a Town Council Representative, I remain completely independent on all quasi-judicial matters. I will not make any decisions on such matters prior to the public hearing. If you have an opinion on such matters, please do not contact me outside of the public forum; instead please come to the scheduled meeting and voice your opinion on the public record.

Margaret Kroeckel

From: Heidi Hugdahl
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 2:56 PM
To: Margaret Kroeckel
Subject:

From: Melanie Kaknes - DNR <
Date: April 9, 2019 at 1:44:50 PM MDT
To: <DHutchings@crgov.com>, <JBorcherding@crgov.com>
Subject: Meeting tonight

Dave and Justin,

My hope was to attend the meeting tonight regarding goats, pigs, and ducks in town limits. Unfortunately I am in Brush and I do not think I will make it back to Castle Rock on time.

My reason for attending the meeting was not to support or object to the town allowing these animals, but to inform the public and decision makers they can expect to see an increase in wildlife conflicts.

Possession of goats, pigs, and ducks will attract bears, lions, coyotes, fox, raccoons, and skunks to the area. Bears and lions commonly kill livestock and the other species may kill ducks and will certainly be attracted to any feed or water left outdoors. Additionally, deer may also be attracted to the feed and linger in the neighborhoods. The unnatural concentration of deer leads to the transmission of disease, including Chronic Wasting Disease or CWD, a fatal neurological disease currently of great concern in Colorado. The increased presence of deer may also attract mountain lions to the area, as deer are their primary food source.

Should the town decide to move forward with allowing goats, pigs, and ducks, we strongly recommend the use of electric fencing to help mitigate some of these issues. We are happy to provide more information on fencing, however, please keep in mind the mere presence of goats, pigs, and ducks may still create an increase in conflicts in those wildlife species listed (and likely more).

Please let me know if you have any questions or if we can provide any additional information. Thank you.

Melanie Kaknes
District Wildlife Manager - Castle Rock North/Sedalia District
Colorado Parks and Wildlife

Margaret Kroeckel

From: Jennifer King
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:29 AM
To: Margaret Kroeckel
Subject: FW: Online Form Submittal: Animal Ordinance Form

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, March 12, 2019 7:28:56 AM (UTC-07:00) Mountain Time (US & Canada)
To: cfrizell@CRgov.com; TownAttorney Mailbox
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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to animals.

Are you people crazy? We deal with enough noise and nuisances from barking, escaped and "lost" dogs, and owners that refuse to clean up after their animals now you want to force pigs, cows, sheep, turkeys and chickens on us? We have "open" fencing here in Windflower, how are these stupid animals going to be kept in their own yards not to mention the smells, noise caused by farm animals being housed in a neighborhood. Our property values will go in the toilet immediately!!! If someone wants to raise farm animals they can move to a farm; please for once use your brain (assuming that you actually have one) and vote this down!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Are you a resident of Castle Rock?

Yes

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Margaret Kroeckel

From: Heidi Hugdahl
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 5:34 PM
To: Rick Podorski
Cc: Margaret Kroeckel
Subject: RE: Animals

From: Rick Podorski
Sent: Wednesday, March 27, 2019 2:54 PM
To: Heidi Hugdahl <HHugdahl@crgov.com>
Subject: Animals

Consider this a no to goats, ducks, pigs.

Sent from my iPad

Margaret Kroeckel

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 9:01 PM
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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	Why? Just why? NO!
Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	Will people really license these animals they don't even license their dogs and cats.
Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	No ducks, pigs or goats!
Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	We should not allow them!
Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Margaret Kroeckel

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Sent: Tuesday, April 9, 2019 3:20 PM
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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.

Yes, to more animals! I want a mini pig!!

Are you a resident of Castle Rock?

Yes

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Margaret Kroeckel

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.

We live in red hawk subdivision where we are required by his to have spit rail fences. We already have issues with Dogs and cats including Barking. I think this would cause a lot of issues between neighbors. The added noise, smell and view is totally unacceptable to us.

Are you a resident of Castle Rock?

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	I don't want to have to worry about ducks, mini goats or mini pigs roaming out streets, the prairie dogs are enough!
Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Margaret Kroeckel

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	This will be a pain for the HOA's!
Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Margaret Kroeckel

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Thursday, April 11, 2019 7:49 PM
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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.

Our current thoughts on this would be: 1. Would be a possible attraction for mountain lions and or coyotes. A possible increase in those animals traffic in neighborhoods. Potentially causing dangers to humans as well as livestock and pets. 2. The possible smell that these particular animals could create within someone's yard causing neighbors downwind or next to the animals to have to smell this daily. 3. Possible noise associated with any of these could be unwanted or unpleasant or bothersome for some. Michael and Leticia Morrison

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Margaret Kroeckel

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Saturday, April 6, 2019 9:14 AM
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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.

I am totally against having any farm animals incur residential community. Unfortunately, the community members are not faithful, nor committed, to keeping dogs leashed, nor picking up dog feces. We know from public ponds and such, that ducks leave considerable droppings, chickens smell badly, and I can only imagine the mess that goats and pigs leave. We are slipping into unsanitary, disease-threatening conditions with unregulated animals. The Meadows supposedly has standards to which the residents agree, yet dogs run freely and owners refuse to pick up excrement. Don't let Castle Rock become a pigpen!

Are you a resident of Castle Rock?

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	Yes to this! This would be great and a real improvement for castle rock. Goats ducks and pigs are a great addition to other animal companionship. This should definitely be passed and these animals should be allowed.
Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Margaret Kroeckel

From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Friday, April 5, 2019 5:09 PM
To: Margaret Kroeckel; CommunityRelations Mailbox
Subject: Online Form Submittal: Animal Ordinance Form

Animal Ordinance Form

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	Ridiculous. Would this apply to covenant controlled communities? Please advise. Mary at Thanks
Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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From: noreply@civicplus.com
Sent: Wednesday, April 10, 2019 1:26 PM
To: Margaret Kroeckel; CommunityRelations Mailbox
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From: noreply@civicplus.com
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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	I think people who want these types of animals should live in rural Douglas County versus town neighborhoods.
Are you a resident of Castle Rock?	Yes

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Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.

Ducks, goats, pigs, even chickens should not be allowed in Castle Rock, in my opinion. Most back yards in our neighborhoods are not large enough to house livestock, without offending neighbors. These animals are smelly, dirty, and noisy. If you want to raise farm animals, a person should by a farm, enough area to sustain these animals. WE CHOOSE TO LIVE IN THE CITY FOR A REASON!!!! JM (a meadows resident).

Are you a resident of Castle Rock?

Yes

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Provide us with your questions or feedback:

We want to answer your questions and receive your feedback!

Thank you for attending this Town-sponsored Open House. Please leave us any feedback, on any of the issues addressed.

Please write clearly.

Name: _____

Resident or non-resident? _____

Email: _____

How do you hear about Town news? (Check all that apply.)

☐ Online at CRgov.com

☒ Social media (Facebook/Twitter, etc.)

☐ Roadway sign

☒ Email

☐ Local newspaper article

☐ A neighbor

☐ By mail

Ask questions or tell us your thoughts: _____

*As an animal rights advocate I think
any animal should be in their more natural
environment. Goats need a herd larger
than two + pigs need room to roam + root around.*



ATTACHMENT D

Submission Date	Please tell us your thoughts on Town Code related to ducks, mini goats and mini pigs.	Are you a resident of Castle Rock?
4/5/2019 15:43	I would not want a loud or smelly animal nearby because our lots are small. I think that there could be exceptions if someone had a larger lot, where your neighbors would not be bothered.	Yes
4/5/2019 17:08	Ridiculous. Would this apply to covenant controlled communities? Please advise. Mary, Thanks.	Yes
4/6/2019 8:21	Yes to this! This would be great and a real improvement for castle rock. Goats ducks and pigs are a great addition to other animal companionship. This should definitely be passed and these animals should be allowed.	Yes
4/6/2019 9:14	I am totally against having any farm animals incur residential community. Unfortunately, the community members are not faithful, nor committed, to keeping dogs leashed, nor picking up dog feces. We know from public ponds and such, that ducks leave considerable droppings, chickens smell badly, and I can only imagine the mess that goats and pigs leave. We are slipping into unsanitary, disease-threatening conditions with unregulated animals. The Meadows supposedly has standards to which the residents agree, yet dogs run freely and owners refuse to pick up excrement. Don't let Castle Rock become a pigpen!	Yes
4/8/2019 17:30	We live in red hawk subdivision where we are required by his to have spit rail fences. We already have issues with Dogs and cats including Barking. I think this would cause a lot of issues between neighbors. The added noise, smell and view is totally unacceptable to us.	Yes
4/9/2019 15:19	Yes, to more animals! I want a mini pig!!	Yes
4/9/2019 20:48	We should not allow them!	Yes
4/9/2019 20:49	No ducks, pigs or goats!	Yes
4/9/2019 20:51	This will be a pain for the HOAs!	Yes
4/9/2019 20:54	I dont want to have to worry about ducks, mini goats or mini pigs roaming out streets, the prairie dogs are enough!	Yes
4/9/2019 20:56	Will people really license these animals they dont even license their dogs and cats.	Yes
4/9/2019 20:59	Who is really going to micro chip their pig, goat or duck? A lot of people already dont micro chip their dogs or cats. You think they will do this?	Yes
4/9/2019 21:01	Why? Just why? NO!	Yes
4/9/2019 21:14	What education will you have for potential residents and existing residents with regard to HOA controlled areas???	Yes

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4/11/2019 19:49	Our current thoughts on this would be: 1. Would be a possible attraction for mountain lions and or coyotes. A possible increase in those animals traffic in neighborhoods. Potentially causing dangers to humans as well as livestock and pets. 2. The possible smell that these particular animals could create within someone's yard causing neighbors downwind or next to the animals to have to smell this daily. 3. Possible noise associated with any of these could be unwanted or unpleasant or bothersome for some. Michael and Leticia Morrison	Yes
4/12/2019 20:09	I think people who want these types of animals should live in rural Douglas County versus town neighborhoods.	Yes
4/13/2019 13:13	Ducks, goats, pigs, even chickens should not be allowed in Castle Rock, in my opinion. Most back yards in our neighborhoods are not large enough to house livestock, without offending neighbors. These animals are smelly, dirty, and noisy. If you want to raise farm animals, a person should by a farm, enough area to sustain these animals. WE CHOOSE TO LIVE IN THE CITY FOR A REASON!!!! JM (a meadows resident).	Yes