

ROSEVILLE
REQUEST FOR COUNCIL ACTION

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Department Approval



Kari Collins, Community Development Director

City Manager Approval



Item Description: Discuss 407.02.G of City Code Regulating Pigs and Goats

1 **BACKGROUND**

2 During the March 27, 2017 Council discussion of proposed nuisance code amendments, the City
3 Council directed staff to research how other communities regulate pigs and goats.

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5 Staff performed research and found four cities which currently allow for the keeping of pigs and
6 goats. Those cities were Shoreview, Fridley (on one acre and larger parcels), Duluth and St. Paul.
7 Please note the following research findings:

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- 9 • The City of Shoreview Code Enforcement Officer indicated that Shoreview allows these
10 animals by ordinance, however, no such animals to his knowledge are being kept
11 currently, or have for a number of years.
- 12 • The City of St. Paul Animal Control suggested proceeding with caution and that
13 preparation should occur prior to the ordinance change including what specific licensing,
14 enclosure and enforcement requirements would be implemented. Also, it was suggested
15 that the City of Roseville consider how Animal Control would deal with these animals. It
16 was stated that current staff may need additional training in how to deal with these
17 animals and how to transport any strays. St. Paul also suggested that the current contract
18 with a veterinary hospital be researched to identify if these animals can be brought to
19 their location for impound.
- 20 • Staff also contacted the Animal Humane Society, as well as, the Animal Board of Health
21 for comments regarding the allowing of pigs and goats in an urban area. The Animal
22 Humane Society raised concerns about these animals being kept in an urban environment.
23 It was the Society's opinion that these animals do not thrive in the urban environment and
24 they were concerned if this would lead to circumstances that would require these animals
25 being brought to their shelters or similar animal rescue shelters.
- 26 • Dr. Thompson, State Veterinarian Animal Board of Health, raised similar concerns. Dr.
27 Thompson suggested that Roseville should research the specific vaccination requirements
28 and enclosure requirements these animals need for their safety and the safety of the
29 public. She stated these two groups of animals are very difficult to regulate regarding
30 specific species or weight (as Duluth and Shoreview do). She further stated that the so-
31 called "tea-cup" and potbellied pigs can grow well in excess of two hundred pounds.
32 Also, she stated that goats, of any size, can be extremely destructive to structures,
33 plantings and landscapes.
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35 It is the opinion of staff that removing the restriction on the keeping of pigs and goats may be
36 problematic to enforce due to the following:

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- An extraordinary amount of staff time will be required to craft any licensing ordinances specific to these animals.
 - Research related to the required vaccinations and enclosure requirements will need to be compiled well in advance of amending this section of current code.
 - Discussions will need to occur amongst various City Departments regarding oversight and enforcement if these animals are allowed to be kept within the City.
 - Further staff time will need to be allocated to the training of designated staff in the securing and transportation of any stray animals that are located.

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