

ORDINANCE NO.

AN ORDINANCE OF THE CITY COUNCIL OF THE
CITY OF LONG BEACH AMENDING THE LONG BEACH
MUNICIPAL CODE BY AMENDING SECTION 6.16.010,
CHAPTER 6.20, AND SECTION 6.24.010, ALL RELATING
TO LIVESTOCK AND OTHER ANIMALS

The City Council of the City of Long Beach ordains as follows:

Section 1. Section 6.16.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is
amended to read as follows:

No person responsible for any ox, steer, bull, cow, calf, horse, mare,
stallion, colt, jack, mule, sheep or hog, shall permit the same, of any thereof,
to run at large or pasture, herd, stake, tie or stable any thereof in any of the
streets, avenues, places, lanes, alleys, parks or other public places in the
City, or tie, stake, pasture, stable, or otherwise keep any thereof upon any
private property in the City so as to permit any thereof to approach nearer
than one hundred feet (100') to any building used or occupied or designed
for use and occupancy as a residence for human habitation other than such
building so occupied by the person responsible for any such animal, and
other than such building, the occupant of which continues his or her consent
to the closer approach of any such animal.

///

///

///

///

///

Section 2. Chapter 6.20 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is amended to read as follows:

Chapter 6.20

FOWL, RABBITS AND GOATS

6.20.010 Definitions.

The following words, as used in this Chapter, shall have the signification attached to them in this Section, unless otherwise clearly apparent from the context:

- A. "Coop" means and includes any pen, coop or enclosure wherein live fowl are kept and maintained.
- B. "Crowing fowl" means and includes any male fowl capable of making a sound peculiar to its species or type.
- C. "Dwelling" means and includes any place of human habitation.
- D. "Fowl" means and includes male and female chicken, duck, goose, seafowl, peacock, turkey and pheasant.

6.20.020 Fowl - Number restricted.

No person shall keep or maintain more than a total of twenty (20) live fowl or any combination of such animals on any lot or parcel of land within the City.

6.20.030 Fowl - Distance from dwelling.

- A. Except as provided in Subsection 6.20.030.B and subject to Section 6.20.140 for the keeping of live chickens, no person shall keep or maintain any live fowl within the City less than fifty feet (50') from any other person's single-family or two-family dwelling or less than one hundred feet (100') from any hotel or dwelling occupied by, or designed for the

1 occupancy of three (3) or more families.

2 B. One (1) live fowl may be kept or maintained as a pet on any
3 lot or parcel of land within the City, provided that the pen, coop or other
4 such enclosure for any such pet fowl shall be no less than twenty feet (20')
5 from any other person's structure designed or used as a dwelling.

6
7 6.20.040 Crowing fowl prohibited.

8 No person shall keep or maintain or cause to be kept or maintained
9 any crowing fowl.

10
11 6.20.050 Fowl - Dealers exempt.

12 Nothing contained in this Chapter shall be deemed to prohibit the
13 keeping of fowl by regularly licensed dealers for the purpose of sale at their
14 respective places of business. Such animals shall be kept and maintained
15 in a clean and sanitary condition and such dealers shall conform to and
16 abide by the rules and regulations of the Health Department with reference
17 to the keeping of such animals on the premises of such dealers.

18
19 6.20.060 Fowl - Enclosure sanitation.

20 Wherever live fowl are permitted to be kept or maintained in the City,
21 no person, so keeping or maintaining such fowl, shall fail at any time to keep
22 the coops, pens or yards wherein such fowl are enclosed in a clean and
23 sanitary condition nor shall fail to remove the manure or other debris from
24 such enclosures daily. No person shall fail to conform to and abide by the
25 rules and regulations of the Health Department with reference to the
26 keeping of such fowl in such enclosures.

1 6.20.070 Fowl - Running at large and keeping in front yard prohibited.

2 A. No person shall allow any fowl owned or controlled by such
3 person to run at large.

4 B. No person shall allow any fowl, enclosure or related structure
5 owned or controlled by such person to be placed or kept in the front yard of
6 the property.

7
8 6.20.080 Fowl - Impoundment-Food and water.

9 No person shall impound any live fowl unless provision is made by
10 such person for the proper feeding and the furnishing of water to such fowl
11 at intervals not longer than twelve (12) hours apart.

12
13 6.20.090 Fowl - Impoundment-Coop size.

14 No person shall impound any live fowl in a coop which is less than
15 twice as large in floor space or standing room as the total size of all live fowl
16 which may be impounded therein, and which is not sufficiently high as to
17 permit each fowl impounded therein to stand in a natural erect position.

18
19 6.20.100 Fowl - Wing locking prohibited.

20 No person handling live fowl shall lock the wings of such fowl.

21
22 6.20.110 Fowl and rabbits - Artificial coloring prohibited.

23 A. No person, by means of any application to or upon the
24 exterior portion thereof or in any other manner, shall dye, artificially color or
25 alter or otherwise change the natural color of any live rabbit or fowl.

26 B. No person shall sell, offer or display for sale, barter or give to
27 any person any live rabbit or live fowl, the natural color of which animal has
28 been changed by dyeing, coloring, or any other artificial manner.

1 C. No person shall sell, offer for sale, barter or give away any
2 chick, duckling, or other fowl under four (4) weeks of age, or rabbit under
3 two (2) months of age, as pets, toys, premiums or novelties.

4 D. This Section shall not be construed to prohibit the display or
5 sale of rabbits, chicks, ducklings or other fowl in proper facilities by dealers,
6 hatcheries or stores engaged in the business of selling the same to be
7 raised for food purposes.

8
9 6.20.120 Chickens - Permit required.

10 A. No person shall have, keep, maintain, or have in possession
11 or under control, on residential property within the City, five (5) or more live
12 chickens without first applying to and receiving from the Animal Care
13 Services Bureau a permit to do so. Permits issued under this Section shall
14 be subject to a pre-inspection requirement.

15 B. The Director is invested with the authority to issue permits for
16 the keeping or maintaining of live chickens to any person when, in the
17 opinion of the Director, such chickens may be kept or maintained without
18 menacing the safety of any person or property; provided, however, that the
19 Director may issue additional rules and regulations regulating the keeping
20 or maintaining of such chickens, and may deny, suspend, revoke or deny
21 renewal thereof, any such permit for the violation of this Chapter, or any
22 other provisions of the Long Beach Municipal Code, or any of the rules and
23 regulations issued by the Director, or when, in his or her opinion, the safety
24 of any person or property is menaced by the keeping of any such chickens.

25 C. All permits issued under this Section shall be for a period not
26 to exceed one (1) year in duration. The Director shall automatically renew
27 such permits every year if the Director determines that the permit holder
28 complied with the provisions of this Chapter and applicable laws during the

preceding permit term, and if the permit holder pays the annual fee as prescribed by City Council resolution.

6.20.130 Chickens - Enclosure and shelter.

A. Adequate enclosure or fencing must be provided to contain live chickens on the property to prevent escape. The enclosure must be a minimum size of ten (10) square feet of permeable land per chicken.

B. Adequate shelter must be provided to protect the chickens from the elements, and to prevent wildlife or other predators from gaining entry.

6.20.140 Chickens - Distance from dwelling.

Live chickens may be kept or maintained on residential property within the City, provided that the chickens must be kept at least a minimum distance away from any other person's dwelling, as follows:

Number of Chickens	Minimum Distance From Any Adjacent Dwelling
1 – 4	10 feet
5 – 10	35 feet
11 – 20	50 feet

6.20.150 Goats - Permit and microchip required.

A. No person shall have, keep, maintain, or have in possession or under control, on residential property within the City, any live goat without first applying to and receiving from the Animal Care Services Bureau a permit to do so.

B. The Director is invested with the authority to issue permits subject to an identifiable microchip requirement for the keeping or maintaining of live goats to any person when, in the opinion of the Director,

1 such goats may be kept or maintained without menacing the safety of any
2 person or property; provided, however, that the Director may issue
3 additional rules and regulations regulating the keeping or maintaining of
4 such goats, and may deny, suspend, revoke or deny renewal thereof, any
5 such permit for the violation of this Chapter, or any other provisions of the
6 Long Beach Municipal Code, or any of the rules and regulations issued by
7 the Director, or when, in his or her opinion, the safety of any person or
8 property is menaced by the keeping of any such goats.

9 C. All permits issued under this Section shall be for a period not
10 to exceed one (1) year in duration. The Director shall automatically renew
11 such permits every year if the Director determines that the permit holder
12 complied with the provisions of this Chapter and applicable laws during the
13 preceding permit term, and if the permit holder pays the annual fee as
14 prescribed by City Council resolution.

15
16 6.20.160 Goats - Personal consumption only.

17 Food produced by live goats shall be for personal consumption only
18 by members of permittee's household, and shall not be sold, donated or
19 otherwise distributed to any other person.

20
21 6.20.170 Goats - Number.

22 Exactly (no more and no less than) two (2) live goats may be kept on
23 residential property within the City, except that offspring may be kept on the
24 property for up to six (6) months from birth.

25
26 6.20.180 Goats - Neutered males.

27 Male goats shall be neutered.
28

1 6.20.190 Goats - Distance from dwelling.

2 No person shall keep or maintain any live goat in the City within ten
3 feet (10') of any other person's dwelling.

4
5 6.20.200 Goats - Enclosure and shelter.

6 A. Adequate enclosure or fencing must be provided to contain
7 live goats on the property to prevent escape. The enclosure must be a
8 minimum size of two hundred and fifty (250) square feet of permeable land
9 for the keeping of two (2) miniature goats (commonly known as pygmy and
10 dwarf goats), or five hundred (500) square feet of permeable land for the
11 keeping of any other combination of miniature and non-miniature goats.

12 B. Adequate shelter must be provided to protect the goats from
13 the elements, and to prevent wildlife or other predators from gaining entry.

14
15 6.20.210 Rabbits or goats - Enclosure sanitation.

16 Wherever live rabbits or goats are permitted to be kept or maintained
17 in the City, no person so keeping or maintaining such rabbits or goats shall
18 fail at any time to keep the pens, hutches, spaces or other enclosures
19 wherein such rabbits or goats are enclosed in a clean and sanitary condition
20 or fail to remove the manure or other debris from such enclosures daily. No
21 person shall fail to conform to and abide by the rules and regulations of the
22 Health Department with reference to the keeping of such rabbits or goats in
23 such enclosures.

24
25 6.20.220 Rabbits and goats - Running at large and keeping in front yard
26 prohibited.

27 A. No person shall allow any rabbits or goats owned or controlled
28 by such person to run at large.

1 B. No person shall allow any rabbits or goats, enclosure or
2 related structure owned or controlled by such person to be placed or kept in
3 the front yard of the property.
4

5 Section 3. Section 6.24.010 of the Long Beach Municipal Code is
6 amended to read as follows:

7 6.24.010 Beehives.

8 A. No more than four (4) beehives may be established or
9 maintained on any residential property within the City.

10 B. Any person-intending to establish or maintain any beehive on
11 any residential property within the City must first register with the County of
12 Los Angeles and provide a copy of such registration to the Director of the
13 Animal Care Services Bureau.

14 C. No person shall establish or maintain a beehive in the front
15 yard of the property.

16 D. No person shall establish or maintain a beehive at a distance
17 less than ten feet (10') from all property lines.

18 E. Beehive entrances shall face away from or be parallel to the
19 nearest property line(s).

20 F. Beehives must either be screened so that the bees must fly
21 over a six-foot barrier, which may be vegetative, before leaving the
22 property, or be placed at least eight feet (8') above the adjacent ground
23 level.

24 G. A water source for bees shall be provided at all times on the
25 property where the bees are kept to discourage bee visitation at swimming
26 pools, hose bibs and other water sources on adjacent public or private
27 property.

28 H. For the purposes of this Section, a "beehive" means any box,

1 container, structure, chamber or shelter within which bees are kept or of
2 which bees have taken possession.

3 I. For the purposes of this Section, the term "dwelling" means
4 any place of human habitation.

5
6 Section 4. The City Clerk shall certify to the passage of this ordinance by
7 the City Council and cause it to be posted in three (3) conspicuous places in the City of
8 Long Beach, and it shall take effect on the thirty-first (31st) day after it is approved by the
9 Mayor.

10 I hereby certify that the foregoing ordinance was adopted by the City
11 Council of the City of Long Beach at its meeting of _____, 2015,
12 by the following vote:

13
14 Ayes: Councilmembers: _____

15 _____

16 _____

17 _____

18 Noes: Councilmembers: _____

19 _____

20 Absent: Councilmembers: _____

21 _____

22
23
24 _____
City Clerk

25
26
27 Approved: _____
(Date)

28 _____
Mayor